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Thought for the Week: Everything is connected ... no one thing can change by itself. Paul Hawken

LAST CHANCE

Continuing a long standing tradition, the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce will once again be selling memorial bows to be placed on the Town of Warren Christmas Tree located at Town Hall. At the tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 27th, the bows serve as the only decoration other than lights. When purchased, the person(s) name or the name of the group being honored is written on each of the bows before being added to the tree.

White bows are placed in honor of those deceased, red bows in honor of those living, and yellow bows for those who are serving or have served in the military. The bows, this year donated by The Flower Pot, may be purchased at Town Hall or at The Flower Pot. They may also be ordered through the mail.

The cost is \$2 each with the proceeds going toward maintaining and upgrading the Christmas Lighting displays in the Town. Orders may be remitted to Town of Warren, PO Box 477, Warren IN with checks made payable to the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

All ribbon memorials will be listed in next week's Warren Weekly.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Heritage Pointe is hosting a Christmaseve EVE program, on Wednesday night, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel. It will be a program of "Specials" in music, Congregational singing of familiar Christmas songs, Scripture readings from all Chaplains and a very special Candle Light Service at the conclusion. We are having this program on the EVE of Christmas eve so that folks can attend other actual Christmas eve services (December 24) in the area. We hope you can join us for this special time of worship as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

ASSESSMENT CHANGES

The Huntington County Assessor's Office would like to notify the public of several key changes for the 2016 assessment year:

1. The assessment date is now January 1; it was previously March 1. Therefore, Real Estate Assessed Values will be as of January 1 and Personal Property will be ownership as of January 1. For Real Estate - December 31st is now the

deadline for removal of structures for the assessment year; it is the deadline for splits and combinations to a property.

Example: If a barn is removed on your property on December 3, 2015, the taxpayer needs to inform the Assessor's Office no later than December 31, 2015 for the structure to be taken off of the assessment for 2016 pay 2017 taxes. Likewise, a split or combination will need to be approved and filed before December 31st, 2015 for it to be effective for the 2016 pay 2017 taxes. If it is filed later than December 31st, 2015, it will be effective for 2017 pay 2018 taxes.

2. Form 136, Application for Property Tax Exemptions, is due this year on or before April 1, 2016. Please keep in mind this is for property owned as of January 1, 2016; therefore, if you have previously filed, and been approved for the exemption, there is no need to file. If property was purchased, or the exemption is not 100%, please file the Form 136. The Huntington County Assessor's Office will now begin to require a Form 136 be filed with every

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GLANCY AWARDED

The Glancy Funeral Homes of Warren, Geneva, Van Buren, and Montpelier, announced last week that they were the proud recipients of a national award given by the Wearly Monument Co., Muncie, for monument and mausoleum sales.

The award was presented to Shannon Ralston-Glancy and David Harriett a Funeral Home staff member on Nov. 13 at Minnetrista, Muncie, during the Wearly annual sales meeting.

This is a huge achievement for us being the top funeral home in sales in the Wearly organization. We feel very honored about this award, said Jeff Glancy, along with daughter Shannon. Mr. Harriett has been with the funeral home since 2000 and helps with families and monument sales. The Glancy's operate funeral homes in Warren, Geneva, Van Buren and Montpelier and represent Wearly monuments in those communities.

The Wearly monument Co. was founded in Montpelier in 1899 by Sam Wearly, whose home was located just west of their Montpelier funeral home, and the original monument workshop of Wearly's stood behind the Wearly-Glancy monument today in Montpelier. Wearly monuments have over 50 retail offices throughout of United States and have grown to be one of the largest monument and mausoleum companies in the country.

The company was passed on to Sam's three sons, Joseph, Robert, and Paul. graduates of Montpelier High School. The third generation was Sam, Jr. and the company is now headed by Brian Whittaker, who worked for a long time as an employee of the company. He is assisted by his sons, Ian and Tyler," Glancy recounted.

The company uses only top- quality granite. "Their granite is purchased within the U.S., from quarries in the Dakotas, to Vermont, to Georgia. Wearly's advertisements years ago said they

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FREE LUNCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is hosting a FREE community lunch on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at noon. All ages are welcome! Come enjoy a hot meal with us!



It's getting to be that time of year.

Contact the Warren Weekly today to get your

Christmas Greeting

ordered for the December 25 issue of the Warren Weekly!

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THIS IS THE DAY 53

by Johnny A. Phillips

December 18, 2015

Few people would recognize a papal encyclical if they saw one; even fewer have ever read one. But sixty-eight years ago on this day (December 18, 1947) Pope Pius XII shared with the world his Encyclical Pax, a plea, a prayer, a hope for the world which largely has received only an apathetic ear.

In it Pius observed that various nations' economies in the wake of World War II had been left in shambles not to mention the lives of billions of people and families. Furthermore, its aftermath had increased the tension between the haves and the have-nots, the workers and the owners of industries, the poor and the wealthy, a chasm that was growing exponentially but not being addressed by world leaders.

Pius XII also was concerned that the proportion of the nations' wealth being channeled toward armaments and war preparation was growing, that the influential persons who could guide the world, while voicing a disdain for military employment, in reality were committing little of themselves, their energies and their tactics toward avoiding conflict. Included in the Encyclical Pax the pope also pleaded that the world's natural resources be used in means that were not destructive to God's gift of the earth to His children.

The pontiff's plea is now over a half century old, and, while given much lip service, like Mark Twain's observation of the weather, "Everyone talks about but no one does anything about it."

It is Christmas time. Supposedly this is when we celebrate God's love for the humankind being so great that His Son came to live among us and demonstrate God's desire for our lifestyles to be selfless and noble. In the midst of this season of avarice vaguely disguised as a season of giving, it would be a wonderful experience for the Christian community to set aside our collective covetous mentality and actually embrace Pope Pius' prayer for human dignity to be prized over sensory profusion and the feeding the hungry instead of amassing unnecessary affluence.

Might I add one more reflection of this papal encyclical? In it Pope Pius XII asked particularly for the prayers of children. It was His personal feeling that God listened to their prayers more closely than those of others. While I cannot find any specific scriptural basis for that as a theological proposition, my personal faith tends to agree. The One who loved the world so much to give His life for it and who asked particularly for the parents to allow the children to "Come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," I believe has a special place in His great heart for the little ones.

During this season while the world is busy brainwashing our children to accept the beliefs that "bigger is better," "it is better to get than to give" and "the one who dies with the most wins," parents would prove themselves more responsible by teaching their children to pray for children around the world who do not

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**ASBURY CHAPEL
 UNITED METHODIST**
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones

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

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517

Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

**HILLCREST
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 375-2510

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 Bus Service 375-2510
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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
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873

Paul Burris, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622

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

**LIBERTY CENTER
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.

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PLUM TREE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor

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

**SALAMONIE
 CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor

Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431

Pastor Cindy Osgood
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
 www.vanburenmc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022

Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -
 Secretaries

www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)

K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Youth Directors

Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p
 Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.

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

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609

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

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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new purchase of property to be eligible for Exemption of Taxes.

3. Beginning in 2016, Business Personal Property and Farmer's Personal Property with an acquisition cost of less than \$20,000 COUNTYWIDE will be automatically exempt from taxation; however, per Indiana Code 6-1.1-3-7.2, the taxpayer MUST file an annual certification with the County Assessor's Office. The Assessor's Office will have this certification available in the office. This new certification will need to be filed annually. Like all other Personal Property forms, the certification is due on or before May 15, 2016. The taxpayer will receive a \$25 penalty for not filing the certification per IC 6-1.1-37-7(f). Please note that the new certification also applies to NEW businesses.

4. Any Personal Property form with an assessed value over \$150,000 is no longer needed in duplicate.

5. The Agricultural base rate will be calculated differently for 2016. The base rate per acre will be \$2,050 multiplied by a growth quotient determined by the DLGF. This base rate will be sent to the Counties by memo and will be made available through the Assessor's Website.

As of Dec. 7, 2015, we do not have this new rate.

DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Huntington County Leadership Board of Directors and Purdue Extension are hosting the 2016 Huntington County Leadership Academy. The classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 12, 2016. Applications for the 2016 academy are available online at www.huntingtoncountyleadership.org. Note that the

application deadline is December 29, 2015.

Classes will meet bi-weekly until May 31, 2016. All class sessions will be from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Purdue Extension Office located at 1340 South Jefferson St. in Huntington.

The purpose and goal of this class is to help the participants enhance their leadership skills and use those skills to maintain and improve the quality of life in Huntington County. Students will learn to identify their own leadership style, to lead through interpersonal communication, to manage conflict, to serve on non-profit board, to build a healthy community and many other topics. The tuition fee is \$300 per student. For details about the class or scholarship opportunities, contact Tabitha Brown at Tabitha.brown@bendix.com or 260-224-8328.

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Purdue Master Gardener intern training will be held at the Huntington County Courthouse Annex on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting February 22 and ending April 11. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. The deadline for submitting applications is February 1.

There are many projects in which individuals can volunteer in the area once they have completed the Master Gardener intern coursework. Some examples are providing gardening education at community events, teaching

youth, and speaking to local clubs and organizations. Huntington County Master Gardeners also spend many hours working at display gardens at the Salamonie Interpretative Center and the Forks of the Wabash. Many more possibilities for volunteer service exist for those willing to help teach others through their knowledge of taking the class.

If you'd like an application for the 2016 class or if you have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 S Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826 or by e-mail: emfarris@purdue.edu. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$110 per participant.

FARMING WORKSHOPS

Farm families can learn about succession, retirement, and estate planning for the future of their business operations by attending the "Planning for Retirement and Estate Management" workshop of Purdue Extension's Farming Together series.

On January 26-27, the workshop will take place at the REMC Building in Wabash located at 350 Wedcor Ave. Day 1 (Jan.26) begins at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. Lunch is included. Day 2 (Jan. 27) is a complimentary one-hour farm family meeting with the Farm Succession Planning Team.



DONKEY DONATION

Historic Warren presented WAMA with a \$100.00 donation from proceeds from the Donkey Basketball Game. Pictured left to right, from Historic Warren is Jeff Souder. Representing WAMA is Paul Burris, pastor at Solid Rock Church and Ethan Stivers, pastor at Church of Christ.

The Jan. 26 session is highlighted by the following presentations:

- Ready, Set, Retire... Wait! How Do I Do That? - Like the rest of America, Indiana farmers are graying. Farm families face challenges related to retirement planning and implementation. Find out your options for retirement today.
- What's it Worth if You Stay on the Farm? - Equal is not always fair. An equitable division needs to address on-farm heir compensation and the ability of the on-farm heir to maintain the farm family business.
- Crafting Your Estate Plan - Estate planning is an important piece of your farm's overall succession plan. In this session,

participants will walk through the roadmap for crafting an estate plan for your family and farm: exploring estate planning goals, assessing your current estate, considering risks and then understanding what estate planning tools could work best for you.

- Taking the Dys out of Dysfunctional: Developing Functional Farm Meetings - Farm meetings can be quite dysfunctional given the added pressure of working with family. Learn ways to adjust to different communication methods and generational differences while focusing on the ultimate goal of avoiding a dysfunctional farm meeting through this interactive session on developing a functional farm meeting.

Registration is due Tuesday January 12. A program packet will be mailed to each family participating. Cost is \$150 for the first four family members; each additional member costs \$15. A registration form can be downloaded at the Purdue Women in Ag website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/Extension/wia/>. This workshop will also be held at four other locations in Indiana in January-March 2016 as noted on the Purdue Women in Ag website.

The North Central Risk Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture provided funding for the workshops. Program partners include the Purdue Women in

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Dec.16 7p V - Town Council meeting
Dec.21 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Dec.24 Christmas Eve
Dec.25 Christmas
Dec.31 New Year's Eve
Jan.01 New Year's Day
Jan.06 Noon W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall

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
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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Agriculture team and the Purdue Farm Succession Planning Team.
For more information, call Denise Schroeder, Purdue Extension Educator, at (219) 984-5115 or email schroedd@purdue.edu.

BMV HOLIDAY HOURS
Kent Abernathy, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced today that license branches will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. All license branches resume normal business hours on Saturday, Dec. 26.

In addition, license branches will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. All license branches resume normal hours of operation on Saturday, Jan. 2.

POULTRY WORKSHOP
The Indiana 4-H Poultry Workshop will be held Saturday, January 9th, 2016 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbus, Indiana. The fairgrounds are located on Hwy 11 South, 3 miles from exit #68, I-65. Go to www.bartholomewcountyfair.com for map and directions.

Workshop topics will include:
Dr. Pat Wakerel from the Purdue Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab will speak about poultry health and the role that the lab can play in determining diseases.
Chelsie Lawyer with the Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA) will share information about the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) and the state program. She will also share resources about backyard and exhibition flocks.
Dr. Kyle Shipman, Indiana Board of Animal Health, will share information about the role of the Board of Animal

Health (BOAH) along with information on biosecurity for small flocks.
Shania Ray, Indiana State Poultry Association Student Intern, will share information about the Purdue Poultry Science Club and the opportunities available in poultry science at Purdue.
There will also be a poultry showmanship clinic with hands-on activities for youth.
Food and drinks will be available at the event. Exhibition quality birds will be available for purchase.
For more information about the event, contact Matt John, 812-603-7722 or mjon2@ivytech.edu.

STORM SHELTER FUNDS
The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) has opened a program that will provide financial support to Indiana residents who wish to construct and install a severe weather safe room in their home.
Funds for the program will be made available for up to 53 applicants. Those interested must complete an online application at <http://bit.ly/1TijCt4>. Applicants must provide information about their home, including the year it was built, the parcel ID number and if it's located in a flood plain. Applications will be reviewed by IDHS Mitigation staff.

The program, which is voluntary, will reimburse homeowners for 75 percent of the eligible costs (up to \$4,500) to construct and install Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliant safe rooms in their homes. Funding for the program is provided through FEMA.
Those who participate will be required to obtain a building permit from a certified building department and have the safe room inspected during installation and/or after

installation completion. Participants will also be required to build their safe rooms to meet or exceed the standards dictated in FEMA 320 or 361 guidelines. These guidelines can be accessed at the following links:
<http://www.fema.gov/fema-p-320-taking-shelter-storm-building-safe-room-your-home-or-small-business>
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/3140>
IDHS Mitigation staff will randomly inspect some of the safe rooms following their installation. Any further maintenance or operation will be the responsibility of the owner.
Questions can be directed to the IDHS Mitigation staff at mitigation@dhs.in.gov.

ZOO SCHOLARSHIP
The Fort Wayne Zoological Society is accepting applications for the Lawrence A. Ackerman Scholarship, which bestows a one-time \$2,000 award to a college-bound high school senior pursuing an animal-related career.
The scholarship award is based on an applicant's character, commitment to the stewardship of animals, financial need, and scholastic achievement. Graduating high school seniors in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties in Indiana are eligible to apply.
The Fort Wayne Zoological Society established the Scholarship in 1992 to honor the distinguished career of the late Dr. Larry Ackerman, who served as the zoo's veterinarian for 25 years.

Interested students can download an application at

<http://kidszoo.org/employment-opportunities/>. Students may also request an application by calling the zoo office at 260-427-6800 or visiting their school guidance office. The application deadline is February 1.

ASSET RECOVERY FRAUD
Today Secretary of State Connie Lawson issued an advisory recommending victims of investment fraud use caution when approached by companies promising to help them recover their money or bring the perpetrator to justice – for a fee.
Many of these third-party asset recovery companies are not law firms, although they may advertise that they can provide legal assistance. Typically, the targeted investors have lost thousands of dollars, perhaps their entire life's savings, to fraudulent investment schemes.
"These companies give investors false hope that they will recover lost funds. In reality, the investment scheme is often so old that the company is either defunct or bankrupt, and recovery is very unlikely," said Secretary Lawson.
In an example spotlighted in the advisory, a third-party asset recovery company took a sizeable upfront fee from an elderly investor in exchange for filing a complaint with state and federal regulators in an attempt to recover losses on an oil and gas investment that occurred eight years prior. Little did the investor know, but the perpetrator of the investment scam was already serving time in prison for fraud and had been for several years. It was also discovered by state securities regulators that the asset

recovery company named the wrong perpetrator in the complaint; thereby taking a fee to file an erroneous claim.
Third-party asset recovery firms typically approach fraud victims through an unsolicited telephone call or email promising to recoup lost investment funds for an upfront fee. Once hired, the firm may send demand letters to the perpetrators of the initial investment scheme, then file a boilerplate complaint with state and federal regulators on behalf of the defrauded investor.
"Often, the information contained in these complaints relates to companies that are no longer in business, have filed for bankruptcy, or have already been subjected to previous regulatory action. Sometimes the complaints are based upon information that is too old for legal action," said Indiana Securities Commissioner Alex Glass. "In the end, the investor risks becoming victimized for a second time."
The advisory includes information to help investors understand how third-party asset recovery firms operate and areas to consider if approached by such a firm, including: its fees; how its investigation will be conducted; what legal services it provides; how it coordinates with securities regulators; and its discussion of recovery.
Both the advisory and contact information for the Secretary of State's office are available on the agency's website at http://www.in.gov/sos/indianamoneywise/files/Asset_Recovery_IN.pdf.



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GENEALOGY REPORT

GILBERT

John E. Gilbert, 86, of Warren (Wells Co.), IN, passed away at 1:52 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at his home with his family around him.

He was born on Wednesday, March 06, 1929, in Montpelier, IN. He married Kate Lee on Sunday, June 30, 1951 in Wells County, IN at her parents' home. John was a 1947 graduate of Jackson Center High School. He was a lifetime Wells County Farmer and a longtime member of the Montpelier Masonic Lodge. John and his wife Kate enjoyed spending their time together traveling and have been to 49 states, all but Hawaii. They spent their winters in Florida for several years and attended the McNatt United Methodist Church in Wells County. John enjoyed fishing and especially spending time with his family. Family was by far the most important aspect of his life. He would always put his family first and drop everything else to help them in any way he could. As the years passed by, John never seemed to grow any older but in the end it was his body that wore out and not his mind.

Loving survivors include: Wife - Kate (Lee) Gilbert, Warren, IN, Son - Steve (Vicki) Gilbert, Ft. Wayne, IN, Son - Doug Gilbert, Warren, IN, Daughter - Celinda (Dave) King, Bluffton, IN, 10 Grandchildren and 18 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his: Father - Claude Gilbert, Mother - Cecil (Burklo) Gilbert, Sister - Claudine Stroup and Son - Tom Gilbert.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A service to celebrate John's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 18, 2015 with Pastor Dick Frederick and Pastor Bill VanHaften officiating. Viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the I.O.O.F Cemetery in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials: Family Life Care 108 S. Jefferson St. Berne, IN 46711.



FINLEY

Freda Marie Finley, 91, of Warren, IN, passed away Thursday evening, December 10, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born on Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Miami County, IN to Grover & Edna (Rennaker) Poulson. She married William C. Finley on Sunday, January 21, 1951 in Huntington County. Freda was a 1942 graduate of Liberty Center High School. She formerly worked at Lime City Manufacturing in Huntington for 25 years. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and puzzles. Freda's favorite past time was to spend quality time with her family and especially having special get-togethers at her home.

Loving survivors include: Son - David (Debbie) Eltzroth, Fairmount, IN, Daughter - Beth Lehman, North Manchester, IN, Daughter - Barbara (Rocky) Hull, Estero, FL, Daughter - Billie Jean (Gary) Lewis, Huntington, IN, Sister - Mildred Gilbert, Warren, IN, Sister - Hazel Ruth Brooks, Warren, IN, Brother - Jim Poulson, Liberty Center, IN, Brother - Robert Poulson, Liberty Center, IN, Brother - Daniel Poulson, Watren, IN, 12 Grandchildren, 3 Step Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren, 16 Step Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Great Grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her: Father - Grover Poulson, Mother - Edna (Rennaker) Poulson, Husband - William C. Finley, Son - Ronald Eltzroth, Brother - Everett Poulson, Brother - Ralph Poulson, Brother - Harold D. Poulson, Brother - William Poulson, Sister - Lois Eltzroth, Sister - Margaret Knight and Grandson - Michael Eltzroth.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren



on Friday, December 18, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Freda's life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 19, 2015 with the Pastors Gerald Moreland and Scott Nedberg officiating. Viewing will be held one hour before the service. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials: Warren United Church of Christ PO Box 344 Warren, IN 46792.

WORSTER

Matilda Jane (Anders) Worster, 94, of Warren, IN, passed away at 10:46 AM on Monday, December 14, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born on Thursday, September 29, 1921, in Warren. She married Elbridge E. Worster on Sunday, April 06, 1941 in Van Wert, Ohio; Elbridge passed away on May 31, 2005. Matilda was a member of the Warren First Baptist Church. She had worked at Heritage Pointe in Warren for 16 years. Matilda was loved and cherished by her family.

Loving survivors include: Daughter - Jane A. (Robert) Richards, Wichita, KS, Brother - Robert Anders, Muncie, IN, Grandchild - Lisa A. Neumay, Wichita, KS, and Grandchild - Kirk J. Richards, Wichita, KS.

She was preceded in death by her: Father: Silbert Anders, Mother - Mary Jane (Steman) Anders, Daughter - Mary J. Sigler, Brother - Roscoe Anders, Husband - Elbridge E. Worster, Sister - Connie Smith, Brother - Charles Anders.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave. Warren on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. A service to celebrate Matilda's life will follow at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 with Chaplain Ginny Soultz

officiating. Interment will follow in the Taylor Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials: Donor's Favorite Charity.

FRAUHIGER

Marissa Lyn Frauhiger, 4 months, of rural Warren, went to be with Jesus Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Aug. 8, 2015, in Allen County to Travis W. and Jenna L. Steffen Frauhiger; they survive in Warren.

The family is thankful for all of the love and support and prayers throughout their daughter's struggles.

Survivors include grandparents, Keith and Kay Steffen of Bluffton, and Kris and Ann Frauhiger of Montpelier; two brothers, Jarin W. and Randy K. Frauhiger of Warren; one sister, Hallie A. Frauhiger of Warren; great-grandparents, Harry Steffen of Bluffton, William and Betty Frauhiger of Bluffton, Alvin and Bernice Fiechter of Bluffton, and Carl Fiechter of Berne; and numerous aunts and uncles.

There will be a private service with Steve Frauhiger officiating. Calling hours are from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Goodwin-Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Burial will be at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery.



60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr and Mrs Frank (Claudine) Slusher of 10938 W 900 S 90 Warren will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 24, 2015.

A family dinner is planned for that day. The couple has been engaged in farming their entire life.

They have two children, Rick (Karen) Slusher and Brenda (Doug) Sparks, both of Warren IN.

They also have five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

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PREVENT FLU

State health officials say Hoosiers shouldn't get complacent over a mild start to the flu season and should ensure that everyone in their families who is eligible is vaccinated against the flu and its potentially deadly complications.

"Getting the flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu and sometimes serious complications," said Indiana State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "This year's vaccine is a good match for the circulating viruses, and I encourage all Hoosiers to make sure they're protected."

This week is National Influenza Vaccination Week and highlights the importance of getting a flu vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Indiana State Department of Health recommend everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine annually. To find a location that provides flu shots in your community, check with your local health department or visit the flu shot locator at www.StateHealth.in.gov.

It can take up to two weeks for the flu vaccine to be fully effective, so getting vaccinated now is the best way to protect families over the holidays.

Influenza, or the "flu," is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. Influenza is spread by respiratory droplets from infected people or contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Infection can occur when influenza viruses contact the eyes, mouth or nose, and

possibly through inhaling droplets from a sneeze or cough. Sometimes people may become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose.

Symptoms of the flu include:

- * Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
- * Headache
- * Fatigue
- * Cough
- * Muscle aches
- * Sore throat

Although anyone can get the flu, some people are at higher risk of complications that could lead to hospitalization and even death. High-risk individuals include pregnant women, young children (especially those younger than 6 months who cannot be vaccinated), those with chronic illnesses and/or compromised immune systems and adults age 65 and older. Healthcare personnel are also encouraged to get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their patients during the flu season.

The CDC estimates that 5 percent to 20 percent of people nationwide contract the flu each year, and more than 200,000 people nationwide are hospitalized for illnesses related to influenza infection.

Additional steps that people can take to prevent the spread of influenza and other respiratory diseases include:

- * Clean - properly wash your hands frequently.
- * Cover - cover your cough and sneeze.
- * Contain - contain your germs by staying home (or keep children home) if sick.

For more information about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov.

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WILDLIFE WATCH

Join a guided hike in search of winter wildlife during Salamonie Second Saturday on Jan. 9, from 4 - 6 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center.

Second Saturday is a series of monthly educational programs at the interpretive center.

This month's theme is "Winter Wildlife Watch." Participants should dress for the weather.

Cost is \$2 per person. For more information and to register, call (260) 468-2127.

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

SNOW BLOWER SAFETY

With winter snows arriving, homeowners, contractors, and business owners will again rely on their snow blowers to clear driveways and walks. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) is offering tips for safe and correct use of snow blowers.

"Your indispensable winter friend, the snow blower is ready to be powered up and it's important to keep safety in mind," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Be sure to prepare and consider the following tips before you use your equipment:

PREPARE BEFORE IT SNOWS

* Review your owner's manual and check your equipment. Check your owner's manual for safe handling procedures from your manufacturer. If you forgot to drain the fuel last winter before storing your snow blower, drain the tank now. Adjust any cables. Check the auger (the snow blower should always be completely powered off when you are checking the equipment). Know how to operate the controls. You should be able to shut off your equipment quickly.

* Prepare your fuel and handle it properly. It's important to have the right fuel on hand for your snow blower - movement and fuel availability may be limited during a snowstorm. Be

sure to use the correct fuel, as recommended by your equipment's manufacturer (for more information on fueling properly see

www.LookBeforeYouPump.com). Fill up the fuel tank outside before you start the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

* Be sure to clean the area you intend to clear with your equipment. Snow can sometimes hide objects that if run over by a snow blower, may harm the machine or people. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from the areas you intend to clear.

* Dress appropriately. Wear safety glasses and footwear that can handle slippery surfaces.

OPERATE YOUR EQUIPMENT SAFELY

* **KEY SAFETY TIP:** Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool (or stick) to unclog snow or debris from your snow blower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute. Make sure the snow blower is in the off position before addressing any clogs.

* Turn OFF your snow blower if you need to clear a clog. If you need to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off your snow blower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris.

* Only use your snow blower in visible conditions. Never operate the snow blower without good visibility or light.

* Aim your snow blower with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Do not allow anyone to stand in front of your snow blower. Keep children or pets away from your snow blower when it is operating.

* Use extreme caution on slopes and hills. Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

* Know where your cord is. If you have an electric powered snow blower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping. Do not run over the power cord.

More safety tips and information are available at www.opei.org.

About OPEI
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power equipment, engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers. OPEI is the advocacy voice of the industry, and a recognized Standards Development Organization for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and active internationally through the International Standards Organization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in the development of safety and performance standards. OPEI is managing partner of GIE+EXPO, the industry's annual international trade show, and the creative force behind the environmental education program, TurfMutt.com. OPEI-Canada represents members on a host of issues, including recycling, emissions and other regulatory developments across the Canadian provinces. For more information, visit www.OPEI.org.

ALPHA ZETA

President Carol Winterholter called meeting of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to order on November 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Grace Lutheran Church at Columbia City, Indiana. Barbara Overdeer offered prayer and gave instruction for the breakfast. Pretty fall decorations were on each table.

The Hostess Committee was Linda Sutton, Chair and Mindy Bloomfield, Pat Reed, Kathaleen Resse and Karen Swineheart.

Alpha Zeta Chapter includes member from Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley Counties. Twenty-five members and two guests were present.

Two new members were initiated: Angie Grable (sponsored by Mindy Bloomfield)

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had built 1,000 mausoleums across the country, but who knows how many more have been built since then," he mused.

The company has been a major employer hereabouts over the years.

"Wearly has employed many local families and still does today. For example, three generations; Don White, to Terry White to Shad White, the Crisamores, Williams, Rogers, and Terhune families worked there, to name a few," Glancy said.

Harriett said that being able to pick out a monument gave family members of the deceased "peace of mind. It brings a form of closure, gives a tribute."

Shannon Glancy added that a monument gives the family "something to go back to." Choosing a monument's shape, color and design can be "a very time consuming process," although some families know exactly what they want. Either way, the employees help the families work through the decisions and get exactly what they desire, she said. Unfolding a sheet of paper, she mentioned that she had just received the instructions printed on it about designing a monument for a still born infant. The pink granite monument will include a heart shape with inscriptions inside, Shannon said.

Although Wearly is one of the largest companies of its kind in the U.S., it does have some competitors. However, Wearly's granite is superior, she noted, since, "They have access to granite quarries all over the world. Wearly still stands behind the quality of its products."

Any of Glancy's staff would be happy to discuss markers, monuments, or mausoleums with anyone in the surrounding communities.

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have clean drinking water or nutritious food or a roof under which they and their families can sleep.

And then, even more importantly, back it up with deeds of kindness.

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and Roxanne Thomas) and Kirsten Jines (Sponsored by Darlene Bocckelman); a contemporary ceremony was held and officiated by Carol Winterholter, Roxanne Thomas, Carol Herzog, Linda Sutton and Mary Catherine Palmer. To end the ceremony the Delta Kappa Gamma song was sung accompanied by Joyle Allen. A receiving line welcomed the new members.

During the business meeting, secretary and treasurer reports were accepted. Nominations, Personal Growth, Legislative, and Membership Committee reports were given. Discussion about membership was held and two resignations were accepted with regret.

Barb Buroker reported on the Fall Arts Retreat at Shiloh Park in Marion on November 6 and 7.

The chapter was reminded about Alpha Epsilon State Indiana State Conference will be held in Terre Haute April 23, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. and members walked or drove a block to the Thomas R. Marshall Historical Museum where Dani Tippmann gave at our of the home and told stories of Thomas R. Marshall that helped to make his come alive. Thomas R. Marshall was born a Hoosier in North Manchester, IN; he was a lawyer, 27th Governor of Indiana, 28th Vice President of the United States (under President Woodrow Wilson).

The house/museum has furniture such as a bed, a couch, and dining room set that had actually belonged to the

Marshalls. It was a worthwhile and interesting lesson in history, thanks to Dani's research and story-telling abilities.

The next chapter meeting will be January 16, 2016 at Evangelical United Methodist Grace Church in Huntington, beginning at 9 a.m. The program will be given by Sue Corbin about Autism.

Those members attending from Huntington County were Kathy Holst, Carol Herzog, Barbra Eickhoff, Barb Buroker, Joyle Allen, Karen Kinney, Ruth Moreland and Carol Winterholter.

CHRISTMAS INFLATION

by Pam Young

Are funds a little tight this holiday season? Would you like to save money, but still make happy memories your family will never forget? Just because money is tight, doesn't mean your creativity is in a recession. Now's the time to call on it to kick in and come to your rescue. Here's something I did one Christmas and it just might give you an idea or two.

This one particular year when I was a single parent and didn't have very much money to spend on Christmas, I got the idea to fill the living room with balloons to cover up the fact that there weren't many presents under the tree. The idea to make Christmas morning seem more spectacular than it really was cost me a package of 100 multi-colored balloons.

Christmas Eve

After the kids were fast asleep, I began my Christmas Eve blow-up. I blew until I'd get dizzy,

take a break and get some air and blow some more. The room began to look very festive and I was quite pleased that my idea was going to work! However, halfway into the project, I made the terrible mistake of letting Suki (our big white with black dots cat) in for the night.

Suki was a year old and had never seen balloons before. Much to my surprise when he came into the living room, he was fascinated by their floating action. He ran at a cluster of the hollow balls and the air from his rush sent them bobbing across the carpet like a flock of fat, flying pigs.

Like a lioness picking out the tastiest looking antelope in the herd, he singled out a plump pink specimen and went for its jugular. BANG! When it exploded, he jumped straight up in the air and I thought that the shock of the blast would cut short his new found sport! But when his feet hit the floor he had a new sense of resolve and took off toward another victim. This time he captured a purple casualty holding his hostage as far away from his face as possible, as he shut his eyes and instead of using his fangs to pop it, he slowly injected his deadly, retractable claws into its tight body. BANG! The plum flesh quivered and then went still.

Instantly he set his keen eye on another target. He crouched down, did the classic, wiggle-butt-before-pounce move and leaped onto an innocent yellow globe that was minding its own business in a chair. I watched in amazement as this feline mass murderer knocked off another balloon. If I hadn't arrested him

and put him in the laundry room for the night, he would've cleared the room of my blow-up Christmas.





With Suki safely put away for the night, I finished my project and went to bed. I was so excited for the next morning. When the kids came into the living room filled with almost a hundred colorful balloons, they were blown away by the spectacle, but I knew there was another surprise for them. I brought Suki in and we all watched with delight, the serial balloon killer as he decimated the room of the colorful filler.

To this day, my adult children don't remember how bleak that Christmas was. They just remember Suki and the balloons.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

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