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Thought for the Week: **The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary.** Vidal Sassoon

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

The Warren Boy Scout Troop 122 will be having a fundraiser at Moe's Southwest Grill in Marion on Wednesday, January 30th from 5pm-9pm. We will receive a portion of the profits from sales that night. These funds will be used to help send a few boys to camp that financially can not afford to go otherwise. Moe's is located at 816 North Baldwin Avenue in Marion (across from what used to be the old Raintree Plaza and the North Pizza Hut).

If you aren't able to go, but would still like to donate, please call Tammy Jackson at 765-251-3919 or you may drop off donations to Christy McCarver at Blue Flame in Warren. Thank you so much for the continued support for this troop and the Cub Scout Pack 3122. We are very thankful for all the donations we have received over the last year to keep this program running.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Applications are now available at the Huntington North High School office for the Salamonie School (PROS) Scholarship. To be eligible, one must be a senior at HNHS, must have attended Salamonie Elementary (K-5) for at least 4 years, and must be planning a course of post-secondary study. Application deadline is April 15, 2013.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers at Van Buren's SwitchUp. The SwitchUp is an after school place for 6th through 12th graders, from 2:30-6 p.m., opened every day that Eastbrook school is in

session. It is a place where kids can come, have fun, and be safe.

The SU needs people 18 years old or older to volunteer for a variety of activities. You may limit your time from a few hours to a few days per month to fit your schedule. Volunteers interact with the kids - playing games, serving snacks, or just talking with them. Our kids are a lot of fun and enjoy volunteers. Come have fun with us!

Snacks are happy times at the SU! Therefore, signing up to prepare a snack such as sliced apples and dip or hotdogs or sandwiches - just to name a few examples - would be welcome treats for the kids.

Celebrating Birthdays is something we also do. The kids are always thrilled when someone bakes a cake on their special day. If you are able to bake a cake, that would be a great way to volunteer as well.

Tutoring with homework is another way to volunteer and to help our kids be successful in school. Should you have skills to assist junior high or high school level, please consider contacting us.

If you would rather just stop by and see what we are all about before volunteering, that is fine, too. Visitors are always welcome!

FISH FRY

Don't Miss Out on the Annual All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Supper at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on Friday, February 8. This supper put on by the Huntington County Council on Aging/Senior Center will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Meat will be prepared by Dan's Fish Fry Services. Tickets are

available at the Senior Center, from Board Members or at the door the day of the dinner.

Ticket prices are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (age 6-12), and free for children 5 & under.

All proceeds go to the Huntington County Council on Aging.

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring its annual Winter Used Books Sale from February 12-16 at the Wells County Public Library's main library in Bluffton. Browse through used books, movies, audio books, art prints, electronic equipment, and more. Need to get rid of some books to make room for more? The library will also be taking book or movie donations from now until the sale. Just drop them off at the circulation desk at the main library and let the staff know they are for the book sale.

Book Sale Hours:

- Tuesday, Feb. 12: 5-8 pm (Friends Only Preview)
- Wednesday, Feb. 13: 9 am-8 pm
- Thursday, Feb. 14: 9 am-8 pm
- Friday, Feb. 15: 9 am-6 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 16: 9 am-5 pm

The Friends Only Preview night on Feb. 12th will be open to all Friends of the Library members. If you are interested in being a Friend, just stop by the library or get an application at www.wellscolibrary.org/Friends.html. Memberships will also be available at the door that evening.

Proceeds from the sale help support library programs such as: the Summer Reading Program, author visits, guest speakers, book baskets for

waiting rooms, and much more.

For more information about this event and other programs, please visit the Wells County Public Library's website at www.wellscolibrary.org.

COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, January 16, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. The meeting opened at 7 p.m. President Marvin Surber led the Pledge to the American Flag.

A representative of Wabash Valley Landfill was in attendance. He reported that the company would be in Van Buren on Friday, January 18 to distribute carts to local customers. A letter was attached with each cart explaining proper use and care of the carts. Included with the letter was a calendar for 2013 and 2014, showing pick-up days each week.

Officer Pat Collins had presented a written report from the Police Department. No officers were in attendance at the meeting due to training at Wabash.

Collins reported he had started a new list of junk and abandoned vehicles not meeting town codes.

Superintendent Rob Reeder reported the generator has been repaired.

At a location on Second Street where a house had been torn down and the grounds cleaned up, there is a serious problem. Apparently someone has deliberately driven through the yard causing considerable damage. A number of precautions have been posted at the site. If the person responsible for the damage is

caught they will be facing serious charges.

The next Council meeting will be February 6.

HONOR ROLL

Students achieving Second Quarter Honor Roll status at Salamonie School include the following:

5th Grade - All A's - Hailey Alford, William Castillo, Logan Christian, Zoe Erickson, Sydney Smekens, Paige Starr, Lauren Trickle. A's/B's - Grace Asher, Brody Brown, Hannah Burnworth, Natalie Danals, Reuben Davis, Eliza Francka, Alivia Harmon, Kolson Herstad, Michael Kelly, Kate Leichty, Jaylin Loftis, Olivia Markley, Kaitlyn Martin, Jacob Miller, Zeck Myers, Jagger Nine, Erin Small, Corbin Snow, Carly Spangler.

4th Grade - All A's - Grace Barlow, Kourtney Chaney, Adalyn Harvey, Felicity Henline, Gary Ingram, Joseph Kibellus, Anna Manry, Lacey Nightenhelser, Clayton Shively, Alexa Spahr, Logan Surfus, Kloe Vickrey, Hannah Warpup, Hudson Winters, Zach Zehner. A's/B's - Lillian Clanin, Elijah Cook, Bryce Davis, Jonah Ellis, Thain Kelly, Ashton Mattucci, Kael Maul, Connor Miller, Valerie Miller, Chase Moriarity, Aidan Raab, Damon Rains, Ganon Speed, Miranda Spitler, Gage Tomlinson, Alyzabeth Womack, Lane Wright.

3rd Grade - All A's - Jillian Bieber, Craig Ingram, Isaac Justice, Aurora Maul, Cam McCarver, Kennedy Mitchem, Megan Ormiston, Evan Reynolds. A's/B's - Gabrielle Alford, Angela Arnett, Zane Bodkins, Austin Brown, Justin Brown, Grace

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE CAUTION OF OVERCAUTION

by V Neil Wyrick

I just read where a company from Italy is going to start importing bulletproof vest for children and it got me to thinking what would the unbrave new of tomorrow could be like.

A parent calling out to a departing child, "Do you have your backpack? Do you have your lunch money? Did you remember to put on your bulletproof vest...?"

I wear a seatbelt but I haven't purchased a tank recently. I try to eat a balanced diet but I don't want to become unbalanced about it. There is a risk in being born but I am glad my parents didn't decide the risk was too great.

There are articles galore on how to improve one's health by getting rid of a certain collection of named and numbered stress factors. And to a point it makes sense; but there does come a time when we just have to settle down and learn to live with life.

A philosopher named Kierkegaard suggested three ways to deal with our mortality and finitude.

The first was not so much to deal with a problem as to inoculate against it. Surround ourselves with material possessions to the degree anxiety is muted by pleasure. Whether it is something as small as a banana split or as large as a new car the idea is to build bigger better layers of insulation.

Because, yes, just the act of acquisition does ease anxiety...TEMPORARILY!

The second panacea is an escape into the anxieties of others through drama; written to be read or acted in a film to be watched. It engages anxiety but then one can walk away from it...or even discuss it...but the point is that in this world of unreality we are basically in control.

The final option is faith. The world cannot be controlled but God is in control. And at that moment of commitment to God and the ultimate goodness of the universe a purpose to life arises...and that turns horizons into sunrises rather than sunsets.

Whether the reader of this column has a faith or not the point to be underlined is that to wrap ourselves in COPIOUS AMOUNTS of cocoons of various shapes, sizes and concoctions is to wed cynicism and debase the truth that the world is composed more of great chunks of love and beauty and deserves something better than 24 hours a day worry-warting.

I know there are bad people but I refuse to see them in every shadow and around every corner. I know there are garbage dumps but I am not about to turn my life into a garbage dump life by constantly being on the overly alert for every possibility of a stink...be it real or imagined.

I cannot protect myself from every ill wherever it may come from. I can protect myself from the foolishness of constantly courting fear.

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 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.

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2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
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1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
THE NEW BEGINNING
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Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
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 Aaron Westfall, Pastor

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

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 Pastor Devin Cook

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Youth 6:30 p.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 Pastor Scott Nedberg

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 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
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 Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
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Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00p.m.
FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm

Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

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Clabaugh, Engelbert Dickson, Grace Fairchild, Tyler Forst, Alexander Gallegos, Bradley Gardner, Madison Herstad, Jayce Hosler, Grayson Jacobe, John Markley, Paige McCutcheon, Rachel McGuin, Aaron Miller, Abigail Miller, Nicholas Neuenschwander, James Ormiston, Malik Robinson, Mason Scalf, Cheyne Slone, Kayla Spangler, Tyler Stanley, Chandler Starr, Austin Sullivan, Madison Voland.

2nd Grade - All A's - Ashton Antoine, Blaine Brown, Ahlivia Calhoun, Cadence Crouse, Erica Dickson, Zoe Erickson, Cassandra Imel, Summer Jackson, Savanah Johnson, Joshua Justice, Emily Manry, Matthew Martin, Cole McCarver, Alexandria Raab, Lucas Trickle, Abagayle Wright, Charlie Zehner. A's/B's - Isaac Bodkins, Saranda Dials, Corian Johnson, Taylor Jordan, Keaden Justice, Hadleigh Phelps, Hailey Rains, Kiera Searles, Jayna Tackett, Kora Vickrey.

Congratulations to all on your hardwork!

SW HONOR ROLL

Southern Wells Elementary is proud to announce the following students achieved honor roll status.

2nd Grade - All A's - Kimber Elizabeth Cobbs, Katelyn Michelle McMillan, Brooklyn Nikkole Moore, Zoe Elizabeth Needler, Taylor Ann Phillips, Emily Paige Scott, Zoey Elaine Solga, Brooke Marie Tonner, Gregory Michael Wayman, Cy Edgar Westfall, Jady Grace Yencer. A's/B's - Keegan James Anderson, Cole Byron Banter, McKenzie Lynn Bercot, Makayla Rose Capper, Makennah Ann Clouse, Hannah Nichole Duncan, Eliza Raine Eltzroth, Izabella Athena Filbert, Michelle Leeann Gibbs, Ancil Colin Green, Lena

Kay Holcomb, Kayleigh MaryAnn Jones, Nicholas Scott Lozoya, Cassidy Breeann McClain, Eve Margaret McElhaney, Grace Josephine Meeks, Kailey Ann Reed, Gage Alan Roberts, Ella Amanda Rockwell, Brayden Michael Spath, Madison Mackenzie Speece, Tucker Blake Stetzel, Caleb Wayne Stevens, Honesty Marie Tappy, Justin Cole Thomas, Brooklyn Marie Ann Williams

3rd Grade - All A's - Rachel Bree Baumgartner, Eli Jonathan Cook, Valiant Brooks Drennen, Olivia Carolyn Durham, Alexys Nicole Gibbs, Archer Leland Jones, Audrey Cierra Stoops. A's/B's - Reagan Elizabeth Bebout, Quentin Gorman Beeks, Shanda Jade Bookmiller, Sydney Marie Collins, Leah Marie Gartin, Elizabeth Kay Geisel, Evan Matthew Gifford, Carrianna Louise Hamilton, Austin Lee Harris, Donita Carnate Harris, Kara Brooke Hopkins, Layla Jo James, Kyra Breanne Kiel, Kirtlynn Jean Lemler, Poppi Ireland Lenwell, Grace Elizabeth Michael, Alexis Morgan Neireiter, John Scott Pearson, Payton Layne Plank, Allison Taylor Price, Serenity Gabrielle Southard, Nathaniel Ryan Taylor, Canyon Adam Tucker, Owen Phillip Vickrey, Krista Jaylyn Westfall.

4th Grade - All A's - Trent Geisel, Georgia Hanauer, Tanner Johnson, Grace Kiel, Edwin Pluimer, Justin Price, Alexis Schmidt, Jadeyn Thomas. A's/B's - Rebekah Anderson, Clay Banter, Gideon Barcus, Brady Beck, Chase Blem, Katireana Bone, Cyrus Booher, Colton Bradt, Joshua Bulger, Brinna Catterson, Kyla Coffel, Storm Flowers, Breanna Glasgow, Cameron Grove, Danika Harris, Caileb Hoke, Jacelyn Kinsey, Sierra Kirtley, Kitana Klowetter, Breann Kratzer, Ashtyn Leas, Elley Leas, Matthew McMillan, Ethan Miller, Nick Monk, Jared

Moore, Alyssa Morris, Rayce Newman, Mason Price, Millie Price, Taylor Small, Destiny Tappy, Blaine Tonner, Isaiah Vetrone, Jase Warner, Landon Warner, Madison Watson.

5th Grade - All A's - Meah Bailey, Madison Bebout, Nicole Beeks, Grace Dunmoyer, William Fiechter, Ashley Johnson, Dylan Junk, Landon Lenwell, Abigail Mittlestedt, Michael Parks, William Pennington, Jed Perry, Jessica Runkle, Martina Stoops, Juniper Tucker. A's/B's - Kimberly Bailey, Rex Batten, Joshua Beeks, Xavier Booher, Mackenzie Bradler, Katie Downing, Vaughn Drennen, Jacob Duncan, Jenna Eltzroth, Abigail Enoch, Mark Geisel, Carson Harris, Natasha Hensley, Hunter Jones, Nathan Lozoya, Cole Meeks, Keturah Neuenschwander, McKenzie Poling, Hannah Roush, Colin Sackett, Jason Steiner, Mason Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Xavier Walden, Laurell Wygant, Louisiana Zent

6th Grade - All A's - Karissa Heiniger, Jordan Page. A's/B's - Mallory Aker, Gage Allen, Linden Barcus, Vada Barkell, Coleman Beeks, Nickole Billington, Sarah Bothast, Nathaniel Dalley, Adam Durham, Alexis Eckelbarger, Ashley Forehand, Megan Gearheart, Kellie Geisel, Kaitlyn Grover, Kevin Haigh, Mason Huffman, McKenzie Huffman, Megan Jones, Samuel Jones, Taylor Lee, Ashleigh Marcus, Joseph McElhaney, Caitlyn Mossburg, Jared Neireiter, Kirtlyn Noble, Madisen Oswald, Colton Paxson, Alexys Plummer, Carmen Poling, Reid Shaffer, Mikel Sutton, Jacob Tonner, Aubre Trollinger,

Dalaney Vickrey, Taylor Wells, Caleb Woodward.

11 Tips

Got Debt? Having trouble making ends meet? Tired of paying the minimum payments? FINANCIAL HOPE COUNSELING AND EDUCATION would like to make consumers aware of things to look for in a reputable credit counseling agency when trying to get out of debt.

Non-profit credit counseling agencies can assist families in getting their finances in order, figuring out a budget and managing debt. These agencies will work with families to develop a written spending plan for success. Some credit counseling agencies offer free or low cost services and others charge high fees and might not be trustworthy.

The following tips will assist you in choosing a reputable non-profit credit counseling agency.

1. Ask family members, friends and co-workers if they recommend an agency, and keep in mind it is best to pick one that has been around for several years.
2. Use credit counseling agencies that have been referred by banks, credit unions and universities.
3. Check with the Better Business Bureau in your area to find out if a credit agency has complaints and what their rating is.
4. Will you be signing a contract before getting counseling and if you are be sure to read the contract before signing it?
5. Ask if there are different fees for different services, and ask to see the fee schedule.

6. Ask if the agency has certified financial counselors?

7. Ask if the agency offers professional, one-on-one assistance with managing your money or debt?

8. Ask if the agency offers a free budget counseling session prior to enrolling into a debt management program?

9. Ask if the agency offers any free workshops and educational material?

10. Ask if the agency has a local board of directors?

11. Choose a credit counseling agency that has been approved and certified.

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Feb 1	Groundhog Day
Feb 6	Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Feb 6	7 p.m. Van Buren Town Council
Feb 11	6:30 p.m. Warren Council meeting, Assembly Hall
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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Q: I keep hearing that it may not be too late to get a flu shot. I'd like to get one, but I don't know if Medicare will pay.

A: According to the CDC, the Centers for Disease Control, "the first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year. If you haven't gotten vaccinated yet, you should still try to."

It is recommended that everyone six months of age and older should get an annual flu vaccine as soon as vaccines are available. There are few exceptions to this recommendation.

The flu vaccine is especially important for people at high risk to decrease their likelihood of getting sick and possibly having serious illness. People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions (like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease), and people 65 years and older.

At this point, flu vaccine may be harder to find now than it was earlier in the season. You may need to contact more than one provider. Try calling ahead to your local pharmacies, the health department, and your doctor's office to find available vaccine.

It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu.

Medicare generally covers flu shots once per flu season in the fall or winter. You pay nothing for getting the flu shot if the doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts Medicare assignment for giving the shot.

If you have Medicare, you pay nothing for the flu shot and the Part B deductible doesn't apply.

If you do get sick with the flu, there are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating the seasonal flu called "antiviral drugs." These drugs can make you better faster and may also prevent serious complications. If you have Medicare prescription drug coverage, these antiviral drugs may be covered. Check with your specific Part D plan.

If you have questions about your Medicare coverage or anything else related to Medicare, contact SHIP for help. Call 1-800-452-4800, or visit www.medicare.in.gov.

REGISTER NOW FOR GUIDED, SPRING HIKES AT NATURE

PRESERVES

The DNR Division of Nature Preserves is offering guided hikes at nature preserves across the state on April 20, Earth Day, and May 11, which is Mother's Day weekend.

Registration is open now for the hikes and runs through April 6. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early.

The hikes are free and start at 10 a.m. local time. Participants will experience spring wildflowers in bloom and old-growth forests.

The hikes are at the following state nature preserves: Calli; Eagle's Crest, in Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis; Donaldson's Woods, in Spring Mill State Park; Dunes, in Indiana Dunes State Park; Olin Lake; Shrader-Weaver; Rocky Hollow-Falls Canyon, in Turkey Run State Park; and Warbler Woods, in Fort Harrison State Park.

Visiting these unique and beautiful nature preserves would be a great way to celebrate Earth Day and Mother's Day weekend.

For more information and to register online visit NaturePreserves.dnr.IN.gov.

CHRONIC PAIN SUFFERERS

URGED TO SEEK SAFE RELIEF

FROM PAIN PHYSICIANS

(BPT) - When a person is in pain, he or she will seek options to attempt to reduce or eliminate the pain. For minor pains like headaches, muscle aches and small wounds, often over-the-counter drugs can help reduce suffering. But people with chronic pain may have to search for other solutions.

More than 100 million Americans suffer from chronic pain, at a cost of \$600 billion a year in medical treatments and lost productivity, according to a 2011 Institute of Medicine report. As of Jan. 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) started paying providers without formal training in pain medicine to diagnose and treat chronic pain.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) advises against receiving care from providers without training in treating chronic pain because patient safety can be seriously compromised. In addition to jeopardizing patient safety, untrained providers lower the quality of health care and can increase the risk for fraud and prescription drug abuse. Untrained providers lack the sufficient education and training needed to properly prescribe opioids, according to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Clifton Phillips, 44, of Bowie, Md., has pain throughout his

body. He suffers from osteoarthritis, migraine headaches, a herniated disc and a pinched nerve in his lower back, which causes discomfort and burning in his foot. For three years Phillips worked through the pain before he sought help from an orthopedic doctor who prescribed opioid pain medications for him. However, Phillips soon became dependent upon the medication and suffered significant side effects.

Treatment of chronic pain is complex and can be associated with significant complications. This is due to the potential for severe side effects from some of the medications used to treat pain and the anatomy and delicate structure of the spine and nerves upon which many chronic pain interventions are performed. Knowing that he couldn't sustain a successful lifestyle while taking the highly addictive opioid meds, Phillips looked for alternative treatment options through his neurologist who referred him to a highly trained anesthesiologist pain medicine physician.

"I encourage others suffering from chronic pain to do your due diligence, research your options and don't be afraid to ask questions about treatments," Phillips says. "I feel safe knowing a physician who specializes in pain not only safely administers my pain treatments, but also is able to diagnose and work with me to develop a customized and effective pain treatment plan."

Specialized pain physicians have the education and training to accurately diagnose, evaluate and treat chronic pain patients using a comprehensive approach including medications and pain procedures. Treatments can range from medical management, physical therapy and psychological therapy, to interventional therapies and other alternative medical treatments. These therapies can be risky and require the skill of anesthesiologists or other physicians who possess the training and knowledge to provide safe, competent and appropriate care. These physicians complete a one-year multidisciplinary pain fellowship in addition to their post-doctoral training, according to ASA. A pain physician, like an anesthesiologist, is a patient's best solution to finding a well-trained provider to treat chronic

pain conditions, similar to what Phillips was experiencing.

Dr. John F. Dombrowski, an anesthesiologist pain medicine physician and executive director at the Washington Pain Center in Washington, D.C., began giving Phillips steroid injection therapy for a month. Today, Phillips is completely off opioid pain medications and reports the burning in his foot subsided, making him a happier person.

"I look forward to being more spontaneous and enjoying my life - I believe with these treatments, this could become a reality," he says.

To learn more about pain treatment, visit physician-paincare.com.

THINK BEYOND THE

ALLOWANCE TO TEACH KIDS

LASTING MONEY SKILLS

(BPT) - One of the most exciting parts of parenthood is watching your children learn as they grow. Of course, life's lessons can be tough just as often as they can be pleasant. And as you want to protect kids from falling off their bike or scraping a knee, you also want to set them up for a successful financial future, as free from worries as possible.

One of the best things you can do to prepare your kids for a lifetime of handling money is to get them started early. But it isn't only about timing-following through with lessons and providing plenty of explanation is essential.

Keep these tips in mind to give your kids a leg up in learning about finances.

* Start saving. The earlier you can get your kids into the habit of saving, the more they'll have to enjoy down the road. The concept doesn't need to be overly complex - and it shouldn't be, when you're dealing with very young children. Piggy banks are a perfect tool for starting saving habits; a simple glass jar works, too, and gives kids an exciting visual to associate with their savings. As your children grow, so should their ideas about saving money. Opening a real savings account in your child's name is not only an exciting event for her, it builds an early understanding of banking. Some schools and banks even have partnerships that allow students

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GENEALOGY REPORT

GRAF

J. Phillip Graf Jr., 66, of LaFontaine, IN, and having family members in Huntington, IN, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at his home.

Mr. Graf graduated from Van Buren High School and was employed by Dana for 32 years, retiring in 2001 as a millwright. He was a special deputy with the Grant County Sheriff's Department from 2001 until 2007. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was a member of LaFontaine Masonic Lodge 295 F.&A.M.

He was born June 17, 1946, in Kokomo to John Phillip Sr. and Betty Pierce Graf. He married Sandie Meyer on Dec. 17, 1986, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Tonya (Rob) Bedwell and Jill (Chris) Eastman, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Becky Diskey, of Huntington; and three grandchildren, Bryce Bedwell, Conner Bedwell and Haven Eastman.

Calling is Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion. A service will be held at the church on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Darrell Smith officiating. Entombment will be at Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Grant County Sheriff's Department Chaplaincy Program in care of Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

URSCHEL

Gloria Mae Urschel, age 78, of Tucson, AZ and formerly of Huntington, died on Monday, Jan. 21, at 4:36 p.m., at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Mrs. Urschel worked at Indiana Bell in Huntington as a telephone operator and retired in 1996 from AT&T in Tucson, AZ, after 45 years of service as a Communications Workers of America union telephone operator. She was a member of the Iris Theta Rho Girl's Club having served as State President of the club in 1952 and also a member of the Eastern Star of Tucson, AZ.

She was born April 13, 1934 in Huntington, to Maurice 'Mac' and Pauline Kelly McClure. She graduated in 1952 from Huntington High School. She married Charles 'Chuck' Urschel

on April 10, 1959 and in 1972 they relocated to Tucson, AZ. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Sheryl (Wayne) Johnson of Rico Rio, AZ; three sisters, Carolyn S. Tackett, Joan Tardy and Shirley (Wayne) Humphrey all of Huntington.

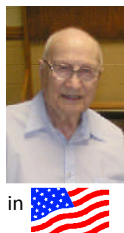
Additional survivors include nine nieces and nephews, Kevin (Linda) Tackett of Perrysburg, OH; Rick Tardy of Marion; Paula (Tim) Smith of Pierceton; Teresa (Ed) Plasterer of Warren; Scott (Tina) Humphrey, Lori Tellef, Chris (Mickie) Humphrey, Julie Salter and Jody (Dennis) Smith, all of Huntington; 19 great-nieces and nephews; and 11 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Calling is Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. A service will follow at 2 p.m., with Rev. Billy Smith officiating. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington County Historical Museum or Cancer Services of Huntington County in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

MICHAUD

Albert Eugene "Gene" Michaud, 92, of Warren, IN, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at 8:25 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.



Mr. Michaud graduated from Van Buren High School in 1938. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in France and Germany. He drove a milk truck and was a meat cutter at Gene's Market in Warren for 33 years before retiring. He had also worked at Anaconda Wire in Marion. He was a Master Mason member of the Warren-Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge, a 63-year member of Brown-Doyle American Legion Post 368 and a member of Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

Gene also enjoyed woodworking, he refinished and recaned many pieces of furniture for people in and around the Warren area in his spare time.

He was born July 25, 1920, in Van Buren Township, Grant County, to Walter C. and Lucille

Anderson Michaud. He married Eleanor "June" Long on Oct. 18, 1941, in Hartford City. His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Michael Gene (Jane) Michaud, of Warren; a daughter, Paula Sue Dyer, of Fort Wayne; a brother Dwight L. Michaud, of Fort Lauderdale, FL; three grandchildren, Nicki Zoda, Thomas Dyer and Joseph Dyer; and five great-grandchildren, Andy Michaud, Quaid Zoda, Aleigha Zoda, Emma Dyer and Anna Dyer.

Calling is Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. A service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Kathy Newton officiating. Interment will be at the Masonic Cemetery, Warren.

ELLENBERGER

Robert Ellenberger, 83, a long-time and well-known Auctioneer/Realtor in Bluffton, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Wells County, to Jesse and Mary Ellenberger.

He joined the company of Ellenberger Brothers in 1949 and became a partner with his uncle, Dale Ellenberger. They enjoyed this partnership for the next 30-plus years.

He was active in the Indiana Auctioneers Association. He served as president in 1976 and continued to serve on the board for 11 years. He was awarded the Auctioneer of the Year honor in 1974.

He was appointed by Gov. Robert Orr in 1982 to serve on the Indiana Auctioneers Commission, and was reappointed in 1985 and 1988. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award, presented by Gov. Orr in 1991. In 2009, Robert joined Coldwell Banker Holloway & Holloway Auction to continue working full-time selling real estate and serving as a consultant and mentor to the Holloway Auction Co.

He was the president of Adams, Jay, Wells Board of Realtors in 1964, the Realtor of the Year in 1979 and 2005, and in 2011 was inducted into the UPSTAR Alliance of Realtors Hall of Fame. The award is given as a lifetime achievement award that spans

Robert's career of more than 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne. He is also survived by two sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Calling hours are 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. A service celebrating Robert's life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Chad Ringger and Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating. Burial will be at the Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Arts, Commerce and Visitors Centre Maintenance Fund in care of the Wells County Animal Care Fund in care of the Wells County Foundation, First We Care, or to the First United Methodist Church.

REDDING

Margaret E. Redding, 92, of Liberty Center, passed away on Saturday morning, Jan. 19, 2013, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Margaret was born Feb. 1, 1920, in Rock Springs, Wyo., to Rue and Goldie (Feightner) Hunnicutt. She graduated from West Rock Creek High School in Huntington County and graduated in 1939 from the Wayne School of Cosmetology in Fort Wayne. She operated a beauty shop in her home for more than 50 years.

She was an active member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church and a member of United Methodist Women. She also arranged the flowers for the church for more than 40 years. She was also a member of the Homemakers Club of Wells County, where she was selected as Homemaker of the Year. She was also awarded Bluffton Business and Professional Women's "Working Woman of the Year" in 2005.

She married Dale W. Redding Oct. 6, 1940, in Huntington County. They shared 44 years together before he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1984.

She is survived by two sons, Dennis L. Redding of Peru and David (Barbara) R. Redding of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Dian (Dick) K. Mynatt of Liberty Center and Debra (Phil) S. Case of Springfield, Mo.; and six grandchildren, three great-

grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Margaret is also survived by her brother, Max (Manya) Hunnicutt of Lakeside, Calif.; and two sisters, Eva Schlisser of Marco Island, Fla., and Lou Ann (Clarence) Hewes of Marco Island, Fla.

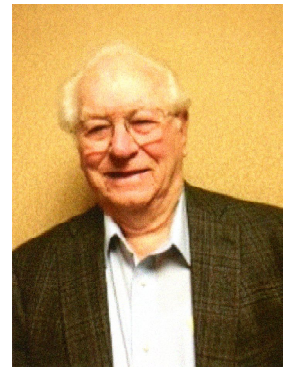
She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dale, and siblings, Jack Hunnicutt, Vaughn Hunnicutt, Ruby Bell, and Annabelle Elzey.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Devon Cook officiating. There will be calling for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Margaret's memory to the Liberty Center United Methodist Church Building Fund.



BIRTHDAY

Loren "Elwood" Karchner will be 90 years old on Thursday, January 24, 2013.

A reception in his honor will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fults Recreation Room, 2nd floor, at Heritage Pointe, Warren, IN.

Your presence will be his gift.



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to make deposits at school. If your school doesn't offer such a program, make trips to the bank with your kids and show them how to monitor their accounts.

* Have ongoing conversations about money. Making your children comfortable with discussing finances is a gift that, while not flashy, will serve them well throughout their lives. Start conversations about needs versus wants, budgeting and life's necessary expenditures. Encourage price comparison skills by going grocery shopping together and looking at different brands. Set an example by telling kids how you save up to buy an item that you want and ways that you cut costs - and what you can get from the savings. If there's something your child wants, provide guidance and ideas for how to save up the amount needed to make the purchase.

* Effectively use an allowance. An allowance is a tricky thing - it can be a good teaching tool, but you don't want your kids to view it as a handout. Whether or not you choose to associate chores with an allowance is up to you, but you should have discussions with your children about when allowances will be paid, and how they can be spent - or saved. Encourage savings by providing two bank envelopes - one for savings and one for spending. If your budget allows for it, consider a "match" program in which you contribute a percentage every time your child makes a savings deposit.

* Don't be afraid of mistakes. Some of the most powerful lessons lie in making mistakes, so don't be afraid to let your children make some less-than-perfect decisions. Whether they overspend their budgets or waste money on something frivolous and later regret it, it's important for them to learn the consequences of financial mismanagement early in life.

Teaching kids about money can be daunting, but doing so lays

the groundwork for a stable financial future. Whenever possible, make lessons about money fun, yet practical; emphasize that money doesn't have to be scary, and that good things come from using it wisely.

Visit the Equifax Finance Blog (blog.equifax.com) for more useful information and tips on managing family money matters.

STILL TEXTING WHILE DRIVING? QUITTING MIGHT BE EASIER THAN YOU THINK

(BPT) - Most Americans know texting and driving is dangerous but it continues to be a problem, especially for young drivers. While 97 percent of teens agree that texting and driving is dangerous, 43 percent still admitted to continuing to do it, according to a recent survey.

The 2012 AT&T survey of teen drivers also found 75 percent of teens say texting while driving is common among their friends and the majority of respondents said they have texted when stopped at a red light and often glance at their phones while driving. While teens might be the worst offenders when it comes to texting and driving, plenty of adults are guilty too. As the evidence continues to mount concerning the dangers of texting while driving, 39 states have made it illegal. Whether it's legal or not in your state, here are three good reasons to quit once and for all:

* Texting drivers are 23 times more likely to be in an accident, according to Virginia Tech Transportation Institute research.

* Texting while driving is distracted driving. Distracted driving is a factor in 15 to 25 percent of all crashes, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

* Each day, an average of more than 15 people are killed in crashes that result from distracted driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

How to stop texting while driving

To help people break the perilous habit of texting and driving, technology companies are coming up with unique and practical solutions for drivers. For instance, Xperia SmartTags by Sony give you the ability to turn off all distractions from your smartphone with just a simple touch. These small tags can be put on a dashboard or a set of car keys and allow you to change your phone's settings for driving by simply touching your NFC-enabled smartphone to the tag.

Smartphone applications can make this process even easier. When paired with AT&T's free Drive Mode app, you can automatically disable your phone's texting and calling capability. The app can also be programmed to include an automatic message that's sent to anyone who texts you while you're behind the wheel, letting that person know that you'll respond when you are finished driving. You can program this app to run when you tap your phone to your SmartTag, while also setting your phone up to automatically run GPS programs and engage your car's Bluetooth system for both safety and convenience.

While messages from your friends and family are important, nothing should take precedence over safely getting yourself and your passengers to your destination. To help make your driving experience safer, outfit your car with tools such as SmartTags, which you can learn more about at www.sonymobile.com, and don't forget to take the pledge to never text and drive again at www.itcanwait.com.

THE NEW YEAR WELCOMES A NEW GENERATION OF

INSPIRATION

(BPT) - In 2012, the world watched as women made historic gains in everything from Congress, with an all-time high

of 20 women in the U.S. Senate - to the field, where they've won 100 total gold medals at the Olympics.

In 2013, MAKERS.com moves us to reflect on the important advances made by women in years past to inspire the path forward. Presented by Simple facial skincare and created in partnership with AOL and PBS, MAKERS is a multi-platform video experience that celebrates trailblazing women by sharing their compelling stories. These stories, featured on MAKERS.com, showcase a unique variety of women - from high profile game-changers like Diane Von Furstenberg, Hillary Clinton and Condoleezza Rice - to six local heroes from across the country who have been recognized as Next MAKERS for their inspiring work across technology, education, mental health and more.

The Next MAKERS, including Reshma Saujani (New York), Emily May (New York), Anna Rodriguez (Tampa Bay, Fla.), Col. Jill Chambers (Washington, D.C.), Olivia Joy Stinson (Charlotte, N.C.) and Lydia Cincore-Templeton (Los Angeles), were selected from more than 1,200 nominations sent in during a six-week nationwide search for extraordinary women making an impact. Their stories are now featured on MAKERS.com alongside Supreme Court Justices, Secretaries of State, CEOs, athletes, activists and entertainers. In addition to sharing their stories, the women each received a \$10,000 grant from Simple facial skincare to further expand the important work they are doing in their communities.

"It was a huge, huge honor to be recognized as a Next MAKER, and in many ways, I accepted on behalf of all the girls in my program," says Reshma Saujani of New York, who is the founder of Girls Who Code, an organization working to educate, inspire and equip 13- to 17-year-old girls with the skills and

resources to pursue opportunities in technology and engineering. "There are incredible women doing incredible work in this country and changing the lives of women; it's an honor to be a part of that group - and it's now my challenge to pay it forward."

And pay it forward she will. Saujani plans to use the grant from Simple to increase the number of girls who know how to computer program and close the gender gap in technology, with a goal of teaching 1 million girls how to code by 2020.

Similarly, fellow Next MAKER Emily May of New York is using her grant money to expand her organization, Hollaback!, where she serves as the co-founder and executive director. Founded in 2005, Hollaback! is an organization that empowers women and the LGBTQ community with a response to street harassment, utilizing a network of local activists around the world to expose incidents and leverage online conversation. May wants to see the organization expand to an additional 25 sites over the next few months.

Next MAKERS is just one piece of the evolving collection of women's stories on MAKERS.com, which currently features more than 160 groundbreaking women. The initiative will continue to grow, adding new stories to the site on a weekly basis, and many of the women's stories, including those of Ellen DeGeneres, Barbara Walters and Hillary Clinton, will appear in a new three-hour

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documentary, "MAKERS: the Women Who Make America," premiering Feb. 26 on PBS.

"It is phenomenal how far women have advanced in America over just 50 years. We realized there was a need to recognize the dramatic progress women have made in all fields and in all aspects of life and document the inspiring stories in a living library format - something that hasn't been done before," says Dyllan McGee, founder and executive producer of MAKERS. "Our goal is to present inspiring stories online and on air in the hopes that they ignite dialogue and inspire continued change for women."

"From my experience, women - no matter how courageous or "together" they may seem - all have moments of weakness," says Anna Rodriguez, founder and director of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, an organization that has been helping victims of human trafficking, and will head to the professional football championship in New Orleans this year to educate the public on the issue. "It's important to find sources of inspiration and empowerment, like MAKERS. I'm humbled to be a part of the group because truthfully, if I rescue one person, I'm happy."

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS

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WINTER LONG

(BPT) - Dry skin, winter weight gain and the common cold - humans aren't the only ones to struggle with winter woes. Cold weather can affect our pets' health, too. While you can put in some extra time on the treadmill and layer up for the cold weather, pets rely on their human companions to help them stay healthy all year long.

As temperatures drop and snow starts to fall, keep these simple safety tips in mind to help keep your pets safe and healthy this winter:

Dress to impress ... and stay warm

With thick coats and hardy constitutions, some animal breeds are made to stand up to Old Man Winter. But most domestic dogs will feel the cold, so it makes sense to outfit them for the weather. Sweaters, booties and other winter essentials aren't just

fashionable, they're functional; they can help protect your four-legged friends from extreme cold, snow and ice.

So, be sure to dress your pet appropriately for the weather, and while you're at it, you can also enter your pet into the "Morton Best in Snow Pet Show" photo contest from Nov. 15 through Jan. 11, 2013. Entering is easy. Just submit a picture of your pet suited up for winter on the Morton Salt Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MortonSalt.

Keeping ID tags up-to-date and secure on your pet's collar is also a crucial part of any pet's winter wardrobe. Dogs especially can lose their way in snow-covered landscapes that mask familiar scents and scenery. It's best to keep your dog on a leash and ensure it is wearing an ID tag at all times to keep Fido safe and secure all season.

Avoid toxic temptations
Common products around your house can sometimes pose a threat to pets. For example, antifreeze can keep your vehicle running when temperatures drop, but it can stop your pet in its tracks if even a small amount is ingested. Be sure to keep all jugs of antifreeze, and other household chemicals, tightly sealed and stored on a high shelf away from pets. Clean up spills as soon as they happen to avoid accidental ingestion.

Always keep an eye on your pet's behavior. - If you notice anything out of the ordinary, consult a veterinarian immediately.

Get safer sidewalks and happy paws

Ice and snow can make winter walks anything but wonderful. - It's essential to keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow to prevent dangerous slip and fall accidents. - While salted sidewalks and streets are important for winter safety, they can irritate pets' paws. Using a pet-friendly ice melter can clear the way but still be safer for our furry friends.

Most pet owners consider their pets as part of the family, and the majority (70 percent) think about their pets when they prepare for winter, according to a recent survey commissioned by Morton Salt. But only about one in four pet owners use a pet-friendly ice melter during the winter.

Choosing an ice melter that is

both salt- and chloride-free, like Morton's Safe-T-Pet, is a great way to put your best paw forward. - Developed in cooperation with, and recommended by veterinarians, Morton Safe-T-Pet clears snow and ice but is safer for pets' paws and tummies than traditional melting salt. Visit www.mortonsalt.com to find a retailer near you.

Take a bite out of winter weight
Like people, pets are less active in winter and burn fewer calories. Keep up a regular schedule of outdoor excursions - weather permitting and assuming your pet is properly dressed for the cold. In addition, consult your veterinarian about proper diet during "hibernation" season and adjust your pet's diet accordingly to avoid winter weight gain.

Holiday treats help humans pack on the pounds, and can contribute to pets' winter weight gain too. But goodies like chocolate, macadamian nuts and alcohol can be even more harmful to pets. In large quantities, these treats can be very toxic for pets. Keep in mind common holiday decorations like mistletoe and poinsettias can also be dangerous if pets ingest them.

Winter can be a fun and festive time of year. - While the elements may not always be on your side, with some precautions and preparations, your pets can weather the winter season - and be happy and healthy heading into spring.

SIMPLE HOME FIX-UPS YOU

CAN COMPLETE IN A

WEEKEND OR LESS

(BPT) - While you may not know the term "nowism," you more than likely live it. With our fast-paced lives, this term, coined by www.trendwatching.com, a leading trendscouting website, describes the trend of the consumer's need for instant gratification. We want fast service, fast answers and fast results.

And, of course, this need for fast fixes extends into our homes. Luckily, no matter how pressed you are for time, you can spruce up your house by focusing on simple projects that can be completed quickly ... in a day or a weekend. Don't delay - check these easy and affordable projects off your to-do list today and soon your home will be

perfectly prepared and instantly updated.

Fancy fixtures

As the workhorse of the kitchen, we have dozens of daily interactions at the sink. So, give your kitchen a functionality facelift by upgrading your faucet. The innovative Moen Delaney or Haysfield kitchen faucets with MotionSense are an ideal choice to bring your kitchen into the digital decade. MotionSense allows you to accomplish a variety of routine tasks with speed and efficiency, offering you three ways to operate the faucet. In addition to the traditional handle, you can activate it by using the Wave Sensor - by waving your hand over the faucet to turn on and off - or the Ready Sensor - by placing your hands or an object under the spout. In addition, the eye-catching designs of the faucets, both featured in a Spot Resist Stainless finish which resists water spots and fingerprints, create an immediate aesthetic update.

Next, tie the finish of your new faucet throughout your room by updating the hinges, knobs and pulls on your cabinets for an uncomplicated and inexpensive way to add new dimension to your kitchen space.

Restore beauty in the bath

In a recent Gallup Poll, 80 percent of workers said they feel stress on the job, making it important to make your home - and specifically your bathroom - a relaxing retreat. Swap your old, boring showerhead with the new Moen Halo rain shower to create a serene sanctuary within minutes. Available at The Home Depot (approximately \$59), Halo features an innovative, pivoting double-ring design which provides 60 percent more coverage than traditional 9-inch rain showers. Three spray settings - full rain shower, deep massage and relaxing massage - create a spa-like experience, and with an easy two-step installation, you can upgrade your bathroom in no time.

Another fast fix for the bathroom is to simply get organized ... and stay that way. - Keep your hand towels tidy by installing a Retractable Towel Ring. The thoughtfully designed accessory offers the traditional benefit of a towel ring, with a retractable cord that extends from the base to allow the towel to be used - yet stay neatly in

place. Simply pull the towel toward you, dry hands and release. The unique accessory is the ideal solution for your bath, or even kitchen or laundry room, to keep your towels remaining securely on the towel ring. Within minutes you'll have a clean, up-to-date space you'll want to show off.

Refurbish the living room

As one of the gathering areas for your family or guests, the living room can get dirty quickly - especially the carpet. Footprints, pet odors or food and beverage spills could be detracting from the enjoyment of the room, so take a few hours to take back your carpet. Many grocers rent steam cleaners for as little as \$25 per day, making them an ideal solution to bring new life to your living space.

Living room lighting can also have a big impact on your room's decor and ambiance. Brighten your atmosphere - and your mood - by replacing your current incandescent light bulbs with high-efficiency LED lamps. These energy-efficient bulbs will have your home shining brightly all season long, while also saving on your electric bills.

Clean ceiling fans

The most neglected fixture in your home might be hanging right above your head - the ceiling fan. Luckily, by flipping a switch, you can improve the effectiveness of this overhead oversight. - Start with dusting the fan blades and housing, and then simply reverse the fan's usual summer rotation to a clockwise spin to push down warm air from the ceiling. This is easily done with a switch located on the side of the fan's motor.

Don't think that fix-ups can't fit into your fast-paced life. By following these helpful hints, you can quickly and easily renew your home now and make it an inviting retreat throughout the year.

