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Thought for the Week: **The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.** Disraeli

### SR 3 RAILROAD CROSSING

#### OPEN TO TRAFFIC

Huntington County, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Wabash Central Railroad recently partnered to try a new technique that can extend the life cycle of a railroad crossing in Huntington County on SR 3. The new technique was highlighted at an INDOT sponsored workshop last spring, and it should minimize long-term track bed settlement at railroad crossings.

It has been reported that railroad crossings can sink

approximately a quarter inch each year, which is why some motorists experience that jarring sensation when crossing railroad tracks destined for repair.

The technique involves the placement of an asphalt foundation, which is typically absent from railroad crossing repair work. A layer of ballast, also known as crushed stone, is then placed on the compacted asphalt pad followed by the track and rail system. The combination of the two, asphalt pad and ballast strengthens and waterproofs the underlying roadbed providing a stronger

foundation.

Although sinking cannot be totally prevented, the asphalt foundation reduces the amount of settling. "This new system sinks a quarter inch every 5 years, so you get 5 times the life," said Charles Carson, INDOT Railroad Engineer.

"We had been receiving complaints about the SR 3 crossing in Huntington County east of Warren for a number of years. This seemed like a good location to try out the new technique," said Carson. Asset Manager Joseph Caruso of Wabash Central Railroad attended the workshop and wanted to try this technique on their crossing.

From there, Carson and Caruso partnered to test the process.

The new technique can be completed in less than a week, and in some cases up to 16 hours, but that is only when all aspects of the project have been properly pre-planned. Prior to the closure of the tracks in Warren, the railroad company had the panel of tracks built off-site and then delivered to the location. For this project, the railroad had to coordinate the purchase and placement of asphalt with INDOT. Coordination also had to occur with the Bluffton Sub District as its crew constructed the asphalt pad and smoothed out the approaches at the crossing.

It cannot be stressed enough that each element of the project must be intensely coordinated, as the absence



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Photo: (Back row L-R) Rita Hecht, Randy Neuman & Bart Willard. (Front Row L-R) Audrey Dean, Danny Larsen & Linda Willard.

of one item means the delay of work and an extended closure.

The old process requires approximately a week to rebuild the tracks. That translates to a week of down time for the tracks. As for motorists, the road is closed and a detour is required for the same amount of time. With the old system, the new tracks are rebuilt at the location during the closure.

Although coordination is important to both processes,

the asphalt pad requires additional planning.

Carson explained, "Due to the weather, this project took about eight days to complete."

"It rides great," says Matt Witt, INDOT Utility representative. "Previously the rails bounced up and down and the concrete panels were disintegrating as they rocked back and forth. Now you cannot even feel it when a semi drives over the rails."

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### SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Salamonie School held its annual Spelling Bee on November 23rd. After 15 very competitive rounds, 5th grader Alysha McPhearson (left) won the bee by correctly spelling "perturb" and "delved". This year's runner-up was Brock Eltzoeth (right).



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**KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS**

**Time Past...**  
*by Mary Jane Marvo*

The east end kids were about twenty plus on our streets, so we always had some one to play with.

Our games consisted of kick-the-can, and many of our knees took man kicks. Red rover was a favorite too, and always a game with balls. You name it, we did it all, even a little football scrimmage now and then.

Our neighborhood was great and we never lacked a dull moment. In the summer months, we found time to go to the library. We would get as many books to take out that was allowed and then we would spread a blanket under a tree and read for hours. After a couple of days we were returning the books for more. Not sure, but we might have had a teacher who wanted us to do summer reading.

We had clamp on the show roller skates. We would have really been in trouble if our parents had known this. We had a look out at the top of State Road 5, to yell if any cars were coming. We would go to the top of hill and zoom down the highway a long way to what was then Beavan's Gas Station. We literally had wings and we flew down with the wind in our faces, oh what fun it was. We were careful but with today's traffic you could never opt to do something like that.

Of course, we ended up with skinned knees during our skating, but up and at it again and again, so much fun in Time Past.

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

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 8294S 900W 35  
 Brad Kelly, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.  
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.

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 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.

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 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA**  
 Pastor Richard Evans  
 260/224-3376  
 Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Dick Case, Pastor  
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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

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

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES**  
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana  
 Jim Graham, Pastor  
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456  
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 Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

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 Rev Mark Davis  
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873  
 Kathy Newton, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 David Thrift, 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 Interim Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Devin Cook  
 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148  
 Tony Johnson - Pastor  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.

**MOUNTETNA WESLEYAN**  
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Mid-Week (Wed) ..... 6:00 p.m.

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

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbun, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Wass, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed)..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Blake J. Neff  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
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 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)  
 K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Thursday ..... 6-8pm

**WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher  
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino  
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
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 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
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 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.  
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**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Youth Group ..... 6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm



# AREA NEWS

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Caruso added, "Our hope is that this method will prove its viability long term, reducing life cycle costs for railroad crossings and keep motorists safe and comfortable."

## SUNDAY LUNCH

Sigma Phi Gamma is doing the Sunday Luncheon this coming Sunday, December 4th. 11am-1pm at the Knight Bergman Center, Warren. Menu includes Baked Steak, Ham, Baked Potato, Assorted Vegetables, Salads, Desserts & Drinks. Price \$8.00 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, children 5 & under FREE. Carry Outs will be available. Proceeds from this meal will go to benefit Community Projects.

## NEW NAIL TECH

Chrissie Linker has recently graduated from Huntington Beauty College after three months of training to become a Nail Tech.

Chrissie will be working at "At The Corner Salon" 202 Wayne St, Warren. She is currently taking appointments for December! There will be a special in December for the holidays, all new clients will receive \$5.00 their first service! Chrissie will be offering Natural Manicures and Pedicures, Acrylics, Shellac, and Nail Art.

She will be in the salon on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 12p-5p and Saturdays 8a-12p. She also has other times available, call for more details! You can call the salon at 375-3959 or Chrissie at 403-4792 to schedule an

appointment.

## QPR TRAINING

Question, Persuade, Refer. Suicide Prevention Take Action to Make a Difference!

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Common myths and facts association with suicide.

Warning signs and risk factors of suicide.

Tips for asking the suicide question.

Methods for persuading suicidal individuals to receive help.

Ways of referring at-risk people to local resources.

And time for questions and answers.

This training is brought to you at no cost as a service by the Teen Suicide Prevention Task Force and will be held December 10, 2011. Training will be 9-11 a.m. at Solid Rock, UMC, 227 N Main St, Warren IN.

If you would like to sign up for the training or have further questions, please contact the church at 260.375.3873 or the Youth Services Bureau of

Huntington County 260.356.9681.

In partnership with Huntington County Community Foundation and Parkview Huntington Hospital, Cares, and Youth Services Bureau.

This QPR Training is being offered through grant number SM58392 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The views, policies and opinions expressed are those of QPR Institute along with the Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County and do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or HHS.

## AT THE LIBRARY

New items added to the collection recently at Warren Public Library:

ADULT FICTION: Devil's Gate-Cussler; V is for Vengeance-Grafton; Explosive Eighteen-Evanovich; Prince of Ravenscar-Coulter; Out of Oz-Maguire; Kill Alex Cross-Patterson; Longing-Kingsbury; Plain Proposal-Wiseman; The Next Always-Roberts; Zero Day-Baldacci; The Wedding Quilt-Chiaverini; Lonestar Angel-Coble; The Best of Me-Sparks; Come a Little Closer-Garlock

ADULT CHRISTMAS FICTION: Lost December-Evans; The Christmas Wedding-Patterson; The Snow Angel-Beck; The Christmas Note-Van Liere; Naomi's Gift-Clipston;

Christmas in Sugar Creek-Gray; An Angel for Christmas-Graham; Christmas Treasures-Kinkade; Bring Me Home for Christmas-Carr; The Christmas Singing-Woodsma; Christmas at Timberwoods-Michaels; 1225 Christmas Tree Lane-Macomber

ADULT NON-FICTION: Betty & Friends-White; I Didn't Ask to be Born-Cosby; No Higher Honor-Rice

ADULT CHRISTMAS NON-FICTION: Gooseberry Patch Christmas #13; Taste of Home Holiday & Celebrations 2011

CHILDREN'S FICTION: Thank You, Sarah-Anderson; Beauty and the Beeks-Auch; Gooney Bird and the Room Mother-Lowry; Dr. Garbles is Losing His Marbles-Gutman; Amelia Bedelia Talks Turkey-Parish; Death Cloud-Lane; Phantoms in the Snow-Duble; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever-Kinney

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Department Nineteen-Hill; Possessed-Cann; Consumed-Cann; Fallen Grace-Hooper

DVDs: Call Me Mrs. Miracle; Captain America; Cars 2; Green Lantern; Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer; Larry Crowne; Pirates of the Caribbean on Stranger Tides; Thomas & Friends: Merry Christmas Thomas; Veggie Tales: The Little Drummer Boy; Water for Elephants; Winnie the Pooh; X Men First Class; Zookeeper

## WINTER DAY CAMP

Salamonie Lake is holding a winter day camp for children ages 7 to 11, Dec. 27-29.

Each day provides a variety of activities during the 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. camp. Participants will enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, snacks, crafts and games.

Activities include: building a life-size replica of an Eastern Woodland wigwam, learning to shoot a bow and arrow, discovering how to track an animal through the woods, starting a campfire with a bow and drill, daily crafts, hikes and more. Participants should bring warm play clothes, an extra pair of shoes and gloves.

Activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment. A snack will be provided. Children need to bring a sack lunch with drink each day.

The camp requires a \$45 participation fee. Fees will be adjusted for families with multiple children attending. Parents will be asked to fill out a participation form.

Call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127 to register. Visit [www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis) for more information.

Salamonie Lake is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702

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## Community Calendar

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

Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 25	6:00 p.m. Winter WarrenLand with Santa appearing
Dec 7	Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Dec 7	7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council, Town Hall
Dec 9	10am-1pm Holiday Cookies & Candy Sale, Senior Ctr, Huntington Co. Courthouse Annex
Dec 12	6:30 p.m. Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
Dec 19	6:30 p.m. Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, at KBC
Dec 21	7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council, Town 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**

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Order an Annual Entrance Permit, which costs \$36 for state residents, by going to InnsGifts.com. The Golden Hoosier Permit is available at the same website to those over age 65 for \$18. Each permit allows entrance into any state park or reservoir for one vehicle with Indiana license plates throughout 2012.

Annual Entrance Permits are also available for purchase at state parks and reservoirs across Indiana.

For reservations at any of the state park inns, call 1.877.LODGES 1 (1.877.563.4371) or visit IndianInns.com.

### EHOME AMERICA

Pathfinder Community Connections has recently partnered with eHome America, the nation's premier online home ownership education program offering access to quality, accessible information and education for first-time home buyers.

"We are excited to be able to offer this dynamic educational tool to our residents in location," stated Natalie Fisher, Home Buyer Education Coordinator for Pathfinder Community Connections. "With eHome America, we will be able to reach our rural and metropolitan constituents alike. Now quality learning can be found anytime on the Internet."

In English and Spanish with over 50 video tutorials, eHome America is the most comprehensive online home buyer training course available throughout the nation. Home buyers learn at their own pace and are held accountable with integrated quizzes and tests.

eHome America is home buyer education that is leading the smart home buyer revolution. Home ownership counselors nationwide are embracing eHome America as the ideal solution to service more people on a tighter budget.

Launched in May 2009, over fifty housing counseling organizations in twenty-six states have seen the benefits to partnership with eHome America. Over 4000 potential homebuyers have successfully completed the course.

This structured web-based class is based on the NeighborWorks America curricula, 'Realizing the American Dream' with videos to assist learning. To improve the accessibility of the informative, interactive modules, the text was written to a sixth to eighth grade reading level. Unlike a classroom environment, eHome America Homebuyer Education course checks student's learning with frequent feedback through quizzes and tests. Following the course, which is designed to take eight hours, in-person or phone counseling commences prior to the completion certificate being printed.

Additionally, the US Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development announced that eHome America's homebuyer education meets the Agency's needs as a provider for on-line homebuyer education.

Potential homebuyers can access eHome America at [www.eHomeAmerica.org](http://www.eHomeAmerica.org) or contact Natalie Fisher at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260)356-0521 Ext. 3213 or at [nfisher@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:nfisher@pathfinderservices.org). The cost for the eight-hour course is \$49.

### CHOOSE TREES WISELY

INDIANAPOLIS – According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), while Christmas tree fires are not common, they are likely to be serious when they occur. About five percent of home

Christmas tree fires result in death.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, is encouraging everyone to select and maintain their Christmas tree carefully to reduce the risk of fire.

#### Selecting a Tree

When buying a live Christmas tree, choose the freshest tree possible. Harvest your own at a Christmas tree farm, or select a freshly cut tree that hasn't been on the sales lot long.

Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

If you choose an artificial tree, be sure it is identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.

#### Placing the Tree

Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk.

About twenty percent of Christmas tree fires are caused by a heat source located too close to the tree. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source (heat vent, fireplace, space heater, etc.). The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.

Keep ash-trays away from the tree and be careful not to drop cigarette ashes near a tree.

Make sure the tree does not block an exit.

Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Add water daily to the tree stand. Live Christmas trees dry out quickly once they're brought into a home. A dry Christmas tree can quickly go up in flames.

#### Lighting the Tree

Never use candles to decorate a tree, and keep all candles away from the tree, garland, and other decorations.

Use Christmas lights that

have the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Some lights are either for indoor or outdoor use only, while some may be used in either location. Make sure the lights you are using are appropriate for the venue.

Do not link more than three light strands together, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

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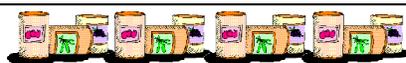
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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## McINTIRE

 James Donald McIntire, 90, Dothan, AL, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at his residence.

He was born in Jackson Township (Wells County) on March 12, 1921 to the late Walter I. McIntire and the late Leona (Bock) McIntire.

James married Ester Maxine (Ruble) McIntire on August 9, 1942 in Bluffton. She precedes him in death on August 5, 2005.

He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1980 and retired after 28 years of service. He had also retired from Property Management.

He will be sadly missed by his daughter-in-law, Sue McIntire of Dothan, Alabama; grandchildren, Angel (husband, Bradley) and Stacey Vaughn; step-granddaughter, Kara Sue (husband, Curtis) Todd; great-grandchildren, Shelby Ann Vaughn, Michael Fortune, Jessie Fortune, Justin Campbell, Austin Campbell, Cody Vaughn and Justin Vaughn; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, son, Michael McIntire, sisters, Floy Tucker, Pauline Pond, Lillian Wood and brother, Roy McIntire.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, November 28, 2011 at Hartford City Cemetery in Hartford City.

Memorials may be made to Hartford City Cemetery, P.O. Box 66, Hartford City, IN 47348

## ALLEN

Alice E. Allen, 86, of rural Huntington, IN, passed away at 12:42 PM, on



Thursday, November 24, 2011 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Huntington, IN. She was the daughter of the late Royal Simon and the late Mary (Kline) Simon. Alice married George C. Allen on March 11, 1945 in Huntington County. George C. Allen passed away on March 16, 2005.

Alice graduated from the Roanoke High School. She worked as a bookkeeper at Geedy Corey Hardware and had also worked at Barnharts Office Supply. Alice was a member and past Matron of the Order of the Easter Star. She played the piano for 38 years. Alice was a member of the Masonic Cemetery Board. Alice was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church, Markle, IN.

Survivors include Daughter-Sue (Ron) Horrell of Huntington, Ind., Son-Tom L. Allen of Hicksville, Ohio, Son-John C. (Linda) Allen of Warren, Ind., Son-Steven C. Allen of Huntington, Ind., Son-David L. Allen of Geneva, Ill. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by: her parents, husband and Brother-Clyde Simon, Sister-Hildreth Law, Brother-Rex Simon, Brother-Roy Simon.

An Eastern Star Service was held at 7:30 PM November 27, 2011 and from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday, November 28, 2011. Funeral service was held at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 with the Pastor Steve McPeck and Rev Chip Gast officiating. Interment was at Masonic Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to: Huntington County 4-H Fair Association 354 N. Jefferson Suite 202 Huntington, IN 46750.

## BROWN

Don D. Brown, 79, of Huntington, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Mr. Brown was a railroad brakeman for many years, working for Erie-Lackwanna until 1976 and for Conrail from 1976 to 1979. He owned the Baker's Dozen bakery in Huntington from 1985 to 1993 and worked for Eagle Picher from 1985 until his retirement in 1994.

He graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army during the early 1950s. He was a member of the Northview Church of Christ.

He was born July 15, 1932, in Huntington County to Sherman N. and Lelah J. Camblin Brown. He married Sharon J. Cone on Aug. 12, 1956, in Warren. She preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 1993.

Survivors include two sons, Randy H. (Michelle) Brown and Michael L. (Teresa) Brown, both of Huntington; three brothers, Dale Brown and Von Brown, both of Warren, and Keith Brown, of Huntington; a sister, Betty Brown, of Muncie; and five grandchildren.

Calling is Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the Northview Church of Christ in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

## DAVIS

Jeffrey W. "Jeff" Davis, 49 of Huntington passed away at 9:54 PM on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Jeff worked the Bendix Corporation in Huntington for 10 years and for the Essex Corporation in Columbia City for 22 years. He was a member of The Awakening Church of Huntington and a member of the Amity Masonic Lodge #483

in Huntington. Jeff enjoyed spending his free time hunting, fishing and bowling.

Jeff was born on March 27, 1962 in Huntington. He was united in marriage to Carol R. Riggle on October 8, 1983 in Huntington. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include his parents, Mike and Janice Davis of Andrews; his son, Tyler F. (Julie) Davis of Fort Wayne; his daughter, Tonya R. Davis of Huntington; two sisters Christine (Stan) Sands and Carrie (Chris) Abbett both of Huntington; two brothers Jay (Pam) Davis of Andrews and Michael (Karri) Davis of Huntington.

Jeff was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Floyd and Alice Davis and his maternal grandparents, John and Freda Butts.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana.

Masonic Services will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the funeral home.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Jeff Carrell officiating.

A private family graveside service will take place at a later time at the Riverside Cemetery in Andrews.

Memorials donations in honor of Jeff can be made to

The Davis Children in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

## HARSCH

Ruth E. Harsch, 94, of Fort Wayne, IN, and a native of Warren, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harsch worked at General Electric for 10 years, was a switchboard operator at Sears for 27 years, worked at RediMed and volunteered for 15 years at Lutheran Hospital.

She was born July 31, 1917, in Warren, to Charles and Clella Collins. She married Ralph Harsch, who preceded her in death in 1968.

Survivors include a son, Steven (Nancy) Harsch, of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A service was held Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens.

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or the dining room table when that time of year rolls around. It's here!

Many years ago my mother bought a huge roll of red Christmas paper. I can still see this hideous print in my head. I think she wrapped presents with it for ten years. After she died there was still some of it left! I was never so happy as to discard that paper.

I will never forget my stepfather opening a gift with his pocket knife so we could save the paper. It would take him what seemed like hours to open a present. Then he would gently fold it up. We all hated it. That is what happens when you are raised by someone who went through the great depression. They save everything: Ribbons, rubber bands, aluminum foil and plastic grocery bags. Have you ever seen a rubber band ball larger than a softball? Some things are not worth saving.

Having huge stashes of holiday paper and ribbons makes it hard on us to make a decision. We also put off messing with wrapping because there is so much mess! Then we make a bigger mess for ourselves because we put ourselves into the time crunch!

We have to get a handle on our holiday wrapping! It starts with decluttering what we have. You know those little pieces you have saved for those small presents that you never buy and those tiny strips of ribbon that are never long enough to go around anything. Let's get out our wrapping paper stash and pare it down. About ten years ago I came

up with a theme for my Christmas wrapping. After being so tired of looking at busy gift wrapping for so many years; I decided to keep it simple! At first I used brown paper sacks and took them apart to wrap our presents. That got old when you would have to piece the paper sacks together to fix a large box. That is when I found a roll of craft paper in the shipping section of Monstor-Mart. With craft paper, all I needed was ribbon and gift tags.

I love wired ribbon! You can make a bow easily; it's just like tying your shoes. I do one bow on top of another. It takes about ten feet of ribbon to obtain a gorgeous fluffy bow. Now don't get all bent out of shape over how much wired ribbon I use. It can be reused because it is so long! For the gift tags you can use last year's Christmas cards. Just cut the cover off and write the name on the back. I bought a stamp to put "To: and From:" on the card.

I color code my presents by whose home they are going to. My daughter-in-law loves silver ribbon. Their presents get wrapped with silver and our grand children's gifts get wrapped in Santa Ribbon or Red. Kelly likes gold! The gifts I take to the office get purple ribbons. See how simple this can be! If you just think about it now and keep it simple.

Set up a place for you to wrap presents. Put a marker, scissors or cutter, your paper, tape, gift tags and ribbons in this area. My area is right beside our extra bedroom closet. I keep the rolls of paper in an old suit bag along with an old tote bag that holds the ribbon and tools. They just

hang in the closet, out of the way till I need them!

Stay on top of your wrapping. As a gift comes into your home wrap it, tag it and put it away until time to put the tree up. If you need a place to hide presents from inquiring minds; that is what your stored luggage is for! They even give us a lock. Just be sure and write down where you hide things in your Holiday Control Journal. It won't be very funny when you find those lost presents as you are packing for your summer vacation.

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### KEY RESPONSIBILITY

by Daris Howard  
Sunday morning, when I came in from milking the cows, my wife Donna was searching all over the house. "What are you looking for?" I asked.

"I can't find my keys anywhere," she replied in great frustration.

I helped her look for a while, and eventually the whole family joined in, but it was all to no avail.

She needed to be at church early, so I loaned her a car key from my set, retaining the rest so I could drive over later.

When we arrived home from church, the whole family joined in the search again, but we still couldn't find her keys. We sat down and tried to think about where she had had them last, what she had done all day on Saturday, and where she had gone. We would get what we thought was a spark of inspiration only to check it out and come to a dead end.

On Monday, I took my keys in and had duplicates made of the ones I could. However, because the new electronic vehicle keys are extremely expensive, we decided to just trade mine back and forth between us, hoping hers would show up.

Donna almost never loses anything or forgets where something is, while I, on the other hand, can't remember what I did ten minutes earlier if haven't written it down. For that reason, she endured some good natured teasing.

"Why don't you look in the freezer?" one of the kids asked.

That has been a joke in our family ever since our married daughter found her keys there. Still, to this day, we have no idea how they found their way in there. Eventually, someone actually did look in the freezer, but Donna's keys weren't there.

I teased her about getting a beeper for them, and even looked into how much it would cost.

But in reality, I was just glad it wasn't my keys, and I told her so. I really need mine to get

into my office at work, and it's costly and time consuming if I have to replace them.

For two weeks we hunted for her keys, with no luck. We finally resigned ourselves to the fact that we weren't going to find them, and would have to fork out the money for a whole new set.

It was right about then, on Saturday morning, I decided that I needed to see how my beehives were progressing. As I slipped into my thick bee suit, I heard something jangling. I reached into the pocket and felt some keys. Without even pulling them out, I knew what they were.

I started remembering how, on the particular Saturday we had lost them, that I had dressed in my bee suit, and had borrowed Donna's keys from her purse to retrieve some beehive materials from our van.

I must admit that I was tempted to just put them on her dresser and act all surprised along with everyone else when they were discovered. But I decided I needed to be a man and own up to my failings.

When I showed them to her, she squealed with delight and hugged me. Her joyous reaction brought the whole family around.

When she asked me where I found them, I reluctantly started to explain.

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weeks ago, and I needed to get in the van, and well..."

As I trailed off on my story, she and the children started to laugh at my embarrassment. But my sweet wife just hugged me. "Perhaps we should still get the beeper." But then she poked me good-naturedly. "But we'll put it on you."

**LESS IS MORE THIS**

**CHRISTMAS!**

After laying down my last women's magazine telling me how to be less stressed during the holidays, I'm even more confused and stressed than ever. On one page I'm told to take time for myself and indulge in a lovely spa bath. As I turn the page, I'm told to give all my friends and family homemade ornaments. Then there are articles telling me how not to gain weight at Christmas parties. Isn't that like telling a three year old to not get dirty while making mud pies?

To top it all off (and the part I like the best) is after they tell us how to get rid of stress and not gain weight, they give us 10 pages of recipes for Christmas cookies made with real butter and cream that are decorated so elaborately in the pictures that it probably took a trained kitchen staff of 10 a week to make one cookie.

Doesn't anyone live in the real world any more? If you are like me and can't stand that kind of stress, try some of these Christmas ideas from [www.LivingOnADime.com](http://www.LivingOnADime.com) to help you have a relaxed and Merry Christmas.

Don't over-spend - It may be tempting to fixate yourself on the sparkling look in little Johnny's eye when he sees that \$300 play car under the tree. Advertising people are really good at feeding many parents' fantasies of their children

thinking that mom and dad are the peaches and cream for shelling out the cash and looking fondly back on the moment for the rest of their lives. In reality, most kids have lost all interest in that particular toy long before the credit cards are paid off.

When we were growing up, my mom pulled out all of the stops at Christmas to make it as wonderful for us as she possibly could. The funny thing is that now that we are grown, the things we remember the most fondly are Mom's red jello salad (made with red hots - yummy!) and sitting together and reading the Christmas story before opening our presents. I can't remember what presents I received, but I always look back fondly on the Christmas story.

Do a few things well - Instead of trying to do everything and ending up depressed with how it all turns out, focus your energy on a couple of things that are the most important to you. You may be tempted to extravagantly decorate every room in your house, but if you don't have the time or energy, focus on one room, like a living or family room. If your entire house is beautiful but you have to go see a therapist when it's all over, the romantic mystique will be lost. Trust me, I know about this one from personal experience.

Limit activities - Think of the holiday season as triage for activities. Don't commit to do too many things. One or two parties during the holiday season will make you get all tingly in that "It's a Wonderful Life" kind of way. One or two parties a week may send you over the edge, especially if you have kids. (Refer to my therapist comments above.)

This also applies to all of those appealing looking activities around town like Victorian Christmas events, Christmas celebrations at the zoo or winter carnivals. One or two can be a

lot of fun, but too many will ruin the fun.

Limit cookie baking- Don't try to make 15 different kinds of cookies like Martha. She may look like she is super woman, but did you know she has a lot of people that help her? How much help do you get with your baking? I mean real help, not your five year old who makes everything twice as difficult for you. This is great for grandma, but you have to see your daughter every day and grandma can send her back when the house is sufficiently covered in flour. Again, pick your two or three top favorite cookies to bake and celebrate the fact that you had few enough priorities that you remembered to put the sugar in them.

Everything doesn't have to be homemade. I know that we advocate making your own stuff, but Marie Callendar's makes some great pies that you can pass off as homemade if you want to soothe your guilty Martha Stewart conscience. In 20 years, your kids will look fondly back on it as the best pie they ever had. But seriously, if you are making things homemade just to save money, remember that some things like candies and pies are often more expensive to make homemade, especially if you cut your finger while slicing the apples. Don't ask me how I know, just trust me on this one.

These aren't the only things you can do to reduce your stress, but if you stick to doing a few things well, you can truly relax and enjoy the season with your family. In the end, they would rather have fond memories of their time with you than memories of how strung out mom was after she burned the cookies.

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**MONEY-SAVING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The winter holiday season is almost here. Soon we will be busy with holiday activities—cooking, decorating and socializing. We'll also be shopping for gifts for family and friends, but unfortunately may overspend. Then in the New Year, when the bills start rolling in, reality and regret will strike.

Here are some tips on how you can enjoy the season without inducing an overspending hangover in January.

- Make a list of everyone on your gift list. Try to limit it to close family and friends, and set a maximum amount to spend for each recipient. Calculate this total; if too high, revise the individual limits to keep the total reasonable.

- If you have overspent already, review the list to see where you may be able to give meaningful gifts without spending. Consider giving personal "coupons" for specific chores—for example lawn mowing, babysitting, cooking a meal or hand car washes.

- While some people enjoy the hustle and bustle of shopping malls, you may prefer to stay home and shop online, which saves on travel expense. To maximize the value of virtual shopping, look for free-shipping promotions. Another option is to check with nearby retailers to see if they can save you on shipping costs if your item is shipped to the store, instead of to your home address.

- Many people use credit cards for their holiday shopping in

order to increase frequent flier miles and other rewards offered by their credit card company. There are benefits to this strategy, but keep in mind that will need to budget for the charges arriving in January; they will need to be paid off to avoid incurring large credit card interest.

- You might opt to use cash for Christmas shopping. Decide on an amount for each person, total the amounts, and take cash from your checking account. Divide the cash into your predetermined amounts for each person, and place the cash in envelopes with each person's name and amount on the envelope. Take these envelopes with you on your shopping excursion. Stick with your list, and when the cash is gone, it's gone.

- With social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook, you also may be able to find additional money-saving coupons and discounts.

- If you have adequate storage space, one of the best times to do your Christmas shopping is in January, when retailers are clearing out their merchandise from the holidays. Along this line, think of shopping for stocking stuffers during the year, as these trinkets can become costly if bought during the holiday rush.

To make the most of your holiday season, sit back and take a moment to enjoy the meaning of the season and the opportunity to gather with family and friends and all those you hold dear. Then take a deep breath, and shop wisely.




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