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Thought for the Week: Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former. Albert Einstein



LOVE INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS THANKS SPIEGEL FOR SERVICE

Joey Spiegel has served as Executive Director for more than 6 years; Love Inc. seeking new executive

Love In the Name of Christ (Love Inc.) Executive Director, Joey Spiegel, recently announced his resignation to pursue new opportunities. He will remain in his role at Love Inc. until February 2 to support the organization through this transition.

"Serving as Executive Director has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I'm exceedingly proud of the things we've done here – from launching our Loving Neighbors Ministry and re-imagining our Christmas program, to investing in our building to ensure we can operate for years to come," said Spiegel.

Spiegel joined the organization as Executive Director in June 2011, taking over for previous director Bill Fetrow, who had passed away earlier that year. Since that time, the organization has grown in volume and capacity by launching new initiatives and stabilizing its financial position. Spiegel spearheaded a successful capital campaign that allowed for the purchase and renovation of new administrative offices.

"Our community has been blessed by the leadership Joey has provided over these last six years, and we know he will continue to do great things for Huntington," said Love Inc. board secretary Kasey Davis. "We are thankful that Joey helped find and train the dedicated staff and volunteers who will carry us through this transition."

Spiegel has been a member of the Huntington community since 2002, when he enrolled at Huntington University. He

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SECOND SUNDAY MARKET

Don't forget to visit the Second Sunday Market (Flea Market/Craft Show) this Sunday at Knight Bergman Center. Doors open at 9 am for shopping and close at 3.

If you would like to be a vendor you are welcome to complete the vendor registration form at www.2ndsundaymkt.com.

Vendors will be selling a wide variety of merchandise including: goats milk soap, Partylite, Pink Zebra, handmade mittens, wood crafts, handmade crafts, SeneGence & LipSence, Tupperware, LulaRoe, handmade jewelry, American Girl doll clothes, Posh items, books and lots of misc stuff. We will be in the auditorium and in the Gymnasium. Make sure to check out both areas.

Concessions will be available also, if you're looking for some place to eat and shop.

Stop on in and show your support of the Second Sunday Market. We would love to see you and we are in need of high attendance this weekend to help keep this market available.

NEW PASTOR

Central Christian Church Van Buren would like to give a warm welcome to Pastor Ken Thompson who accepted our call to become our next pastor. He will begin his ministry on January 1, 2018.

He brings with him a wealth of experience in both pastoral and educational leadership. He has served in various capacities in the church of the United brethren in Christ and the brethren church for more than 30 years. Ken grew up in Van Buren and was baptized right here at Central Christian Church. He graduated from Eastbrook in 1976. He served as a US Marine but was called into God's service in 1986. He met his wife Barbara in 1983, and they have one son and 3 grandchildren. They are excited about becoming part of our church family, so join us in welcoming them back to Van Buren!

CLOSING

Coolman's Computer Store has closed in downtown Warren.

Bob Coolman, owner, is moving his business to Huntington in conjunction with The Desk & Copy Stop at 434 N Jefferson. He can be reached at 260.356.9494.

FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT

The Pulse Opera House is partnering with the Town of Warren to kick off fundraising efforts for the Volunteer Fire Departments who assisted with the recent fire in Warren. The fire took half the block, but the rest of the historic buildings were saved by a firewall and the

efforts of multiple units from the area.

The concert will take place in the Pulse Opera House on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. Admission will be a free will offering. Singers, actors and musicians are getting together to raise funds and to say "thank you" to the volunteers who so selflessly give in order to keep our community safe. The "stars" of the show are the brave men and women who serve our community, not only on December 22, but every day.

This concert is to honor them.

Donations will be taken at the door, but also may be mailed to: Firefighter Benefit, Town of Warren, P.O. Box 477, Warren, IN 46792. Checks may be made out to: Historic Warren. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the fire departments.

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

The flu has arrived in northeast Indiana. In response to increased flu activity, Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) and all Parkview Physicians Group offices in Huntington have implemented visitor restrictions to help protect patients, visitors and co-workers:

Anyone coming into the healthcare facility seeking treatment who has cold or flu-like symptoms (such as

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THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

Just been trying to stay warm and inside where I need to be. Orders for me for past several years have been when snow and ice stay in. That is when cabin fever sets in. I can take so much then I need to break the rules a bit. One thing good is the days are slowly getting longer by a few minutes. I have a habit of watching the evening news/weather and it gives the sunrise and sunset each day. Been getting a few garden catalogs and that helps to make a day cheerier, even though I don't plant garden any longer, but look forward to what is new in the flower world.

I have had several different birds at the feeders this winter and always enjoy them, nothing prettier than the cardinals in this snowy weather.

New Years was an ordinary day for me. Wayne and I nearly always spent the day at home from the time the girls were babies and growing up we had our own celebration with them and seem to carry on the tradition after they were no longer at home and I still continue. One thing we always did was clean out our dresser drawers and get rid of what needed to be gone. Also we cooked something with cabbage and afterward if it wasn't too cold out open the doors and air the cabbage smell out of the house. Now just how much more exciting can this be for a start into the new year.

This year I did not cook any cabbage but I did have a bowl of cabbage soup in the freezer and it tasted mighty good. I will give you the recipe which I make quite often to have on standby when I choose to not cook. I have this a lot even in the summer just warm it a bit. Winter I want it good and hot.

My Cabbage Soup

1 pound hamburger, 28 ounce can of diced tomatoes, 3 cups cabbage (or more I shred up a small to medium size head). 1 can each of well drained great northern beans, red beans, garbanzo beans, black beans or whatever you choose to add, must be well drained and rinsed to remove the canned juices. 1 onion diced, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon powdered garlic, 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce (optional or a few red pepper flakes).

Fry hamburger and into a large kettle add the hamburger, cabbage, onion, simmer a few minutes then add the remaining ingredients with some salt and pepper. Simmer several hours. This serves about 8-10 and freezes very well.

Wishing all my friends a wonderful NEW YEAR!

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 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

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

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor

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

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

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 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Ken Thompson

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
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5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship

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 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
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Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

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

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday

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 375-2510
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www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
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 Paul Burris, Pastor

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

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 468-2411

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

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings

1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Daniel Schreck
 Assoc. Pastor Diane Samuels
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

Nick Miller, Youth & Family Pastor
 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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 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
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 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.

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 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg

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

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

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 Pastor Cindy Osgood

Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
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 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Directors
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild

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 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p
 Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p

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

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

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
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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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fever, cough or muscle aches) should wear a mask while in public areas of the facility, including waiting rooms.

No visitors under the age of 18, and no visitors of any age who have flu-like symptoms should be allowed to visit patients.

Visitors should be limited to two essential adults (at least 18 years of age) per patient – essential adults could include designated family members, spouse/domestic partner or spiritual counselors.

Anyone who is not allergic to the flu vaccine should be vaccinated.

The temporary restrictions have been put in place as part of a systematic effort by Parkview Health and Parkview Physicians Group – in conjunction with local health departments and other area healthcare providers – to reduce the spread of flu and protect patients.

"We ask that community members understand that Parkview has implemented these temporary restrictions for the safety of patients," said Doug Selig, vice president, Patient Care Services, Parkview Huntington Hospital. "If someone is already ill and in the hospital, they really need to be protected from exposure to the flu, which could make them sicker. Precautions like these are currently being taken by hospitals and healthcare facilities in many other

affected communities as well."

As of Dec. 29, 2017, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reports there have been nine influenza-associated deaths in Indiana this flu season. The most common strain of the virus reported so far this season is a version of influenza A (H3N2) which has mutated and is not a good match with the vaccine. In the past, this strain has been linked to higher rates of hospitalization and death, especially for those at high risk for complications, which includes the very young, the elderly and those with chronic health conditions such as asthma or heart problems.

Visitors should call PHH before arriving if they have any questions about the restrictions.

In addition to the temporary restrictions on visitors, Parkview Health recommends that all area residents take the following steps to minimize flu transmission:

- Get vaccinated. All residents 6 months of age and older should be vaccinated against influenza, pneumonia (if recommended) and pertussis (if recommended) unless there are known allergies to these vaccines. Despite the vaccine's not being a good match with one of the circulating flu strains, health officials continue to advise residents to get vaccinated against the flu, as it offers protection against

other circulating strains and is expected to reduce the severity of illness.

- Stay home if you are sick. All residents experiencing fever and muscle aches should stay home from school, work, shopping or other social gatherings until they have had no fever for 24 hours without the benefit of fever-reducing medications.

- Wash your hands frequently. Use soap and warm water whenever possible; if not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean hands.

- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

- Wear a mask if needed. Patients with cough or fever who are seeking treatment at a healthcare facility should ask for a mask to wear.

You can get your influenza vaccination by visiting your primary care provider's office or local pharmacy.

2018 SEASON

The Pulse Opera House has announced the 2018 Season.

Filled with family, music, comedy, drama and history, the season has something for everyone.

The opening show is Neil Simon's family comedy/drama "Lost in Yonkers." Set in New York City in the

1940's, it tells the story of a man who has fallen on hard times and is forced to leave his two young sons with their stern German grandmother.

Auditions for "Lost in Yonkers" are on Monday, January 15 at 7:30 pm. There are roles for 2 men, 3 women and 2 boys (age 11-16). The show runs March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.

The Spring show is a door slamming comedy. "Moon Over Buffalo" is a behind the scenes look at a famous acting couple and their friends and family. There are fireworks galore as egos clash, young love develops and mistaken identities cause comic madness. The show runs May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.

"Something's Afoot" takes stage in July. This musical spoof on Agatha Christie takes place in an isolated estate where eight strangers have been called together. When the power goes out and there is no way off the island, the murders begin. Who will be next? The show runs July 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29.

The Fall production is the story of Helen Keller and her tutor Ann Sullivan. "The Miracle Worker" tells the story of young Helen Keller who was blind and deaf and her young blind tutor Anne Sullivan. An inspiring story of hope, "The Miracle Worker" will be performed

for schools. (Dates to be announced.) The show runs September 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 & October 5, 6, 7.

The Christmas show will be another all-youth production of Disney's "Aladdin, Jr." Featuring a cast of 30 youth age 7-18, it is a musical designed for the whole family. "Aladdin, Jr." will be offered for school performances. (Dates to be announced.) Performances are November 23, 24, 25, 30 and December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9.

Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm. For more information, check out the Pulse website at www.pulseoperahouse.org or the Facebook page at "Pulse Opera House."

DINING WITH DIABETES

Purdue Extension Huntington County, in partnership with Parkview Huntington Hospital, will offer Dining with Diabetes classes on Tuesdays starting January 30, 2018 at 1pm. This series will continue for four consecutive Tuesdays through February 20, 2018.

The series will be held at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren, IN. The cost for the workshop will be covered by a grant received by Huntington County Health and Wellness Coalition from the Parkview Hospital Foundation.

This program is for diabetics or those at risk for diabetes and their caregivers, but it is also helpful to anyone interested in diabetes or

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Community Calendar

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


Jan 14	9-3p	W - Second Sunday Market at Knight Bergman Ctr
Jan 15	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Jan 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Feb 5	5-6p	Veteran's Banquet - Banquo Church
Feb 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ Assembly Hall
Feb 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Feb 12	5:00p	W - Town Council at Assembly Hall
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 19		PRESIDENT'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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Participants watch food preparation presentations, taste test, and take home recipes.

Please reserve a seat before January 24, 2018 by calling the Extension Office at (260)-358-4826 or email kdhinsha@purdue.edu to reserve your spot. For more information about Dining with Diabetes or other Extension programs, call or stop by the office—260.358.4826. Purdue Extension, Huntington County Office, 1340 S. Jefferson, Huntington, IN.

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2018

The Warren Pharmacy still has FREE Calendars for 2018.

There are two choices of 2018 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Every Calendar has room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so you can start your day with one

piece of Good News! These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

HP SPORTS REPORT

For the week of January 4, 2018.

Congratulations to winners last week who were Herb Grover and Mel Dolley.

Runners-up were Virginia Langdon and Bud Lee. Great job guys and gals. There were 18 players this week.

Good luck to all for next week.

Wif-Fi bowling this week.

The winners were Bud Lee with a 170, Floyd Minnich with a 168, Dick Lintner with a 159 and Mary Dungan with a 118. Good job guys. Watch for results next week.

FLU PREVENTION

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is urging residents to take precautions against influenza amid recent increases in flu-like illnesses and deaths. As of Dec. 30, 2017, 25 flu-related deaths have occurred in Indiana.

"Unfortunately, as in years past, we are seeing increasing flu activity and the heartbreaking consequences it can have," said Indiana State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. "I urge Hoosiers who haven't received a flu shot yet to do so. It's the best way

to prevent this serious illness or decrease its severity."

Increased flu activity has been reported across the state, including at several long-term care facilities. Elderly residents, especially those with other health conditions, can be especially vulnerable during flu season, as can pregnant women, young children, people with chronic illnesses and individuals whose immune systems are compromised.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract and is spread by droplets released when infected people cough or sneeze nearby or when people touch surfaces or objects contaminated with those infectious respiratory droplets. People can also become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose. Common symptoms include a fever of 100° Fahrenheit, headache, fatigue, cough, muscle aches, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose.

Individuals who are experiencing flu-like symptoms are urged to contact their physician or visit an urgent care facility to keep emergency rooms available for people who are critically ill. Patients whose symptoms began within 48 hours are encouraged to ask their provider whether

Tamiflu, an antiviral medication, is appropriate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone age 6 months and older get a flu vaccine each year. Hoosiers can help prevent the spread of flu by practicing the "Three Cs" of infection prevention:

Clean: Properly wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water.

Cover: Cover your cough and sneeze into your arm or a disposable tissue.

Contain: Stay home when you are sick to keep your germs from spreading.

FIRE SAFETY

With the recent uptick of tragic home fires and continued cold weather across the state, Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson urges Hoosiers to keep safety in mind while using alternative heating sources or cooking.

"Home fires occur more often in winter than any other season, and alternative heating sources are one of the leading causes of home fires and fire-related deaths each year," said Greeson. "Fires caused by alternative heating equipment account for 19 percent of home fire deaths in the United States."

Hoosiers are encouraged to avoid using space heaters and other alternative heating if possible. Here are some other alternative heat safety tips to follow while cold weather continues in Indiana.

Alternative Heating

Keep at least a three-foot perimeter around space heaters at all times.

Space heaters should be kept away from loose or flammable objects such as clothing, curtains, bedding and furniture.

Only one space heater should be plugged into each electrical outlet. Never overload electrical outlets.

Do not leave space heaters on in unoccupied rooms.

If it is necessary to purchase a space heater, consider purchasing one with a built-

in tilt sensor that automatically shuts off if tipped over.

Refuel kerosene space heaters outside the home in a well-ventilated area. Be sure to let them cool down first if they were recently used.

Appliances such as ovens should never be used for heating. Doing so can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fireplaces

Fireplaces should be regularly cleaned and inspected by a certified professional. Gas fireplaces should have proper ventilation, with a working carbon monoxide detector nearby.

Use only dry, seasoned firewood to prevent build-up of creosote, which can prevent the chimney from venting properly.

Do not close the damper too early with hot ashes in the fireplace. Doing so can force dangerous levels of carbon monoxide into the home.

Avoid using flammable liquid to start fires in fireplaces or wood stoves. Always have a fire extinguisher on hand in the event the fire gets out of control.

Remember, fires should always be extinguished and any alternative heating sources turned off before going to bed or leaving the home.

Cooking and cooking equipment are another major cause of home fires. It is estimated that U.S. fire departments respond to more than 150,000 home fires caused by cooking equipment each year.

Kitchen Safety

Stay in the kitchen while cooking food. If there is a need to leave the kitchen even for a short time, turn off the stove.

Regularly check food that is cooking and use a timer to avoid forgetting items.

Keep any flammable objects such as oven mitts, utensils, food packages and towels away from the stovetop.

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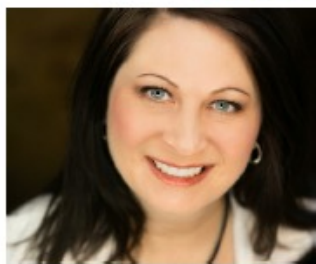
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GENEALOGY REPORT

THINNES

Thomas William Thinnes, 75, of Montpelier, passed away at 1:10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, at IU Health Blackford Hospital in Hartford City.

He was born Jan. 20, 1942, in Blackford County, to Harold John Thinnes and Erma Alline Griffith Thinnes. He married Merlie Ann Welch Thinnes Jan. 15, 1971, in Bluffton. His wife survives.

Thomas was a graduate of Jackson Center High School in Wells County. He attended technical training on the job. He attended the McNatt United Methodist Church. He worked as a service technician for gas pumps for Jay Petroleum. He farmed and was also a bus driver for Southern Wells Community Schools. He enjoyed woodworking, horses, camping, fishing, and loved anything outdoors. He was a master of all trades. Above anything, Thomas loved being with his family.

Loving survivors include his wife, Merlie Ann Welch Thinnes of Montpelier; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Miller of Coldwater, Mich., and Samantha Jane (James) Heflin of Hartford City; three sons, Timothy Wayne Thinnes of Fort Wayne, Joey Lee (Michele) Thinnes of Urbana, Ohio, and Nicholas John (Jessica) Thinnes of Huntington; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Judy Elaine (William) Shoup of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by a daughter, Abigail Renee Thinnes; and by two brothers, Charles Uvon Thinnes and John Griffith Thinnes.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at the Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W.

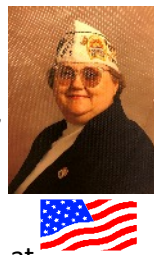
Windsor St. in Montpelier, from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at the Walker and Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, with Pastor Bill VanHaften officiating. Interment will follow in the Asbury Cemetery in rural Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Indianapolis IN 46278, or the American Heart Association, 5635 W. 96th St., Indianapolis IN 46278.

ROETHLER

Joyce Darlene Roethler, 76, of Van Buren, IN, passed away at 1:10PM on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Millers Merry Manor in Marion, IN.



She was born on August, 9, 1941 in Marion, IN to Dale W. & Louise (Enyeart) Miller. She married Richard Roethler on December 19, 1997 in Fairbanks, Alaska; he passed away on August 15, 2002.

Joyce was a graduate of Van Buren High School class of 1959. She also obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Indiana State University. Joyce was in the United States Marine Corp and from 1959-1960 was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. She moved to Alaska for 14 years, until moving back in 2008. When she was in Alaska, Joyce was a Veterans advocate and was very proud to finish a bill that provided a permanent

"Women's Veterans Day" in the state of Alaska. She also assisted in developing a state veteran's cemetery in Alaska.

Joyce was very passionate about serving in the military and continued to advocate for veteran's rights. Joyce dearly loved her family, country and Lord. She was a member of the Amvets post #5 in Marion and several Amvets posts in Alaska.

Loving survivors include: Sons-Michael (Marie) Buff, Marion, IN, James "Rusty" (Stacey) Buff, Gas City, IN, Daughters-Tara (John) Street, Van Buren, IN, Rebecca Buff, Wintergarden, FL, Step Son-Brad (Aldie) Amundson, Oregon, 16 Grandchildren and 30 ½ Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her Mother-Louise (Enyeart) Miller, Father-Dale W. Miller, Husband- Richard Roethler and Son- Dale Buff.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Friday, January 12, 2017 at the Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall 105 2nd Street Van Buren from 1:00-5:00PM. A celebration of life service will follow at 5:00PM with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. Interment will follow at a later date in the Gardens of Memory in rural Marion. Military honors will be conducted at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations to the local DAV Transportation 1700 E. 38th St. Marion, IN 46953.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, IN.

BELLANTE

Rev. John Bellante, 91, of Warren, IN, died Saturday, Jan, 6, 2018, at 4:35 p.m. at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Rev. Bellante was a 1943 graduate of Thorton Township High School in Harvey, IL. He received his associate degree at Indiana University. He belonged to the Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, IL. He entered the ministry in 1970, was ordained in 1974 and became a member of the Northern Indiana Conference in 1975. He was the pastor of churches in Pleasant Grove,

Packerton, Montpelier, Portland and Columbia City. He also was a chaplain at Heritage Pointe in Warren for 12 years.

He was in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II, serving in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946.

He was born Jan. 9, 1926, in Chicago, IL, to Sebastian L. and Carmella Carrado Bellante. He married Theodora T. "Teddy" Chiganes on April 30, 1949, in Illinois; she preceded him in death on March 1, 2003. He married Minnette R. Hartle on August 14, 2003; she preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith C. Bellante, of Cape Elizabeth, ME; a son, Mark S. (Susan) Bellante, of Pennville; two grandchildren, John Bellante, of Pennville, and Laura (Tim) Riggins, of Bryant; and four great-grandchildren.

Although a date has not yet been determined, a service will be held at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave. Warren. Interment will follow in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

Memorial gifts may be made to Heritage Point of Warren, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792.

GUERIN

Dale E. Guerin, 89, of Huntington, residing at The Heritage of Huntington and formerly

of Fort Wayne, passed away Monday, January 8, 2018 at Parkview, Huntington.

He was born July 9, 1928 in Fort Wayne to the late John Noah and Frances Mae (Hahn) Guerin.

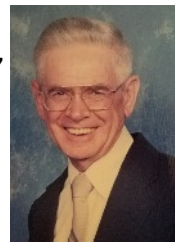
He had attended Purdue University and then worked his first job at Majestic Company in Huntington. He retired from Magnavox in 1990 as a Technical Engineer after almost 30 years.

Previously he had worked in a number of different jobs, including working at International Harvester, farming, and repairing televisions. He was a member of Zanesville Community Church of God. He enjoyed many activities. Watching Purdue football and basketball, gardening, which included sharing his watermelons and tomatoes with the family, and fishing for Cohoe on Lake Michigan were a few of his favorite pastimes.

Surviving are his wife, Glenna Cayot – Guerin of Zanesville; children, Terry (Lois) Guerin of Van Buren and Sandra (John) Wright of Roanoke; step children, Ellen Decker of Bluffton, Les Cayot of Zanesville, Brad (Julie) Cayot of Zanesville, and Carol (Jim) Love of Fremont; grandson, Daniel Wright of Roanoke; step grandchildren, Jess Decker, Rachel Villarosa, Paige Zoucha, Matthew (Sara) Sullivan, and Micah Sullivan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Alice (Keller) Guerin in 1996; step daughter, Karen Cayot; and brother, Noah Guerin, Jr.

Funeral service will be Monday, January 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill Street, Ossian, IN 46777 with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 2 to 6 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be made to the Zanesville Community Church of God.



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Clean food and grease from burners and stovetops, and be sure that the oven is clean and free from residue.

More than half of non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occur when residents try to fight the fire themselves. Below are tips for addressing kitchen fires.

Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

In the event of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If the fire is too large to address safely, evacuate the home and call 911.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, Jan., 8, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

The luncheon will feature the "Natural Heritage of Indiana" documentary.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. A main dish of white chicken chili will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted.

Reservations may be made by calling (260) 468-2127.

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

STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

Create a cheerful cardinal or blue jay during a stained glass workshop, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Salamonie Nature Center.

Indiana stained glass artist Katy Gray will lead the workshop. She is a 20-year veteran of the medium.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes all supplies.

Register in advance by Feb. 9 by calling (260) 468-2127.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

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When we stop to think about it, we all realize that good communications are vitally important in building strong, positive relationships

with others. The problem is that most of us are leading such busy, often stressful lives, that we forget to really think about communicating effectively.

Good communication does require extra focus and effort. It requires understanding how we communicate and having a desire to improve.

One starting point in overcoming communication difficulties is understanding that, in most cases, men and women actually do communicate differently, according to researchers in the field. Compared to women, most men tend to talk less, are reluctant to discuss feelings, are quicker to seek solutions, interrupt more often, and are quicker to withdraw when confronted by the other person.

To improve how you communicate with others, especially with your spouse or other family members in regard to major issues, you need to get past those communication differences. There are various techniques that can help.

Simple things like making eye contact can make a real difference. You also want to use "I" statements, rather than "you" accusations which automatically will put the listener on the defensive.

It's important to avoid words like "always" and "never" since such absolutes are virtually never true. Similarly, name calling, or being critical or sarcastic are all ways that hinder, rather than improve communication.

An essential element in communicating better is to listen better. It's easy to assume you know what the other person is saying and to start formulating your reply before they're done. Instead, what you really want to do is take the time to listen carefully to what's being expressed. It often helps to repeat what you just heard to make sure you really understand what was meant.

Most of us tend to be unaware of our body language or voice tone, but these can communicate a number of messages. When you use a mocking tone, roll your eyes, put your hands on your hips or cross your arms, you're actually sending a negative message. But when you maintain eye contact, keep a positive or at least neutral expression, and really listen, you're giving positive communication a real chance.

Poor communication is one of the major reasons couples facing problems consult with professional counselors. Communicating well in a relationship takes practice and work, but it pays big dividends in the long run.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

HAVE NO FRIENDS? YOU CAN ALWAYS RENT ONE IF NEEDED

Three co-workers were getting to know each other over lunch when they

started sharing secrets about their character flaws.

The first one said he sneaks off to a storage room everyday in the early afternoon to take a nap without the boss ever knowing.

The second one said he found a way to steal candy bars from the break room vending machines when no one's looking.

Both then turned to the third one and said: "What about you? Do you have any character flaws?"

"Yes," he admitted. "I can't keep a secret no matter how hard I try."

When I heard that old joke, I could almost visualize the looks on the faces of those two fellows who had provided juicy tidbits about themselves. I could visualize eyes growing wide and jaws dropping. I could visualize a budding friendship wilting away.

In a world in which so many people shut themselves up in their homes with their televisions and computers, friends can be hard to come by. Little wonder a business is thriving in Japan that allows people to rent friends and family members, or at least people to pretend to be friends and family members. For a price, total strangers will show up for special occasions and pretend to be your friend, your spouse, your child, your parent, whatever is needed.

This particular business has actors ranging in age from infancy to elderly to step in for nearly any conceivable situation.

How sad is it that people in this fast-paced world don't have time to foster or maintain relationships with friends and family? That's not the way God intended it to be.

"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other" (Romans 12:10).

The Lord wants us to love one another genuinely. That means spending time with others, doing life together, providing a helping hand,

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offering a shoulder to cry on when needed.

That means we need to get out of our modern-day cocoons and interact with others so that, if we ever need a friend, we don't have to go out and rent one.

That certainly would be another juicy tidbit for the gossip from work.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR SMARTPHONE

(StatePoint) You could have the swankiest smartphone with all the latest features, but without some strategizing, it could feel like you're carrying around a very expensive brick.

Boost Functionality

Familiarize yourself with the scope of your phone's functionality. You can find detailed instructions about your model online, as well as online tutorials that can teach you hacks and shortcuts for getting more out of your phone's camera, word processing software and more.

Also, be sure to install free apps that can make life better. For example, you can turn your phone into a fundraising fitness coach with Charity Miles, an app partnered with corporate sponsors that donate a few cents for every mile you log on bike or foot. You may just find yourself off the couch and moving more as you start to rack up miles.

Your phone can also become your greatest teacher when you download language apps such as Duolingo, which provides free language instruction to help you build vocabulary, master grammar and prepare for your next big trip abroad. The app helps you stay true to your goal, sending push notifications reminding you to practice.

Research Your Mobile Network

Is your mobile network up to snuff? Check out the results from the latest "State of Mobile Networks" report from OpenSignal. Rather than basing results on the simulations used in older network testing methods on only one phone model, OpenSignal gathers data directly from wireless customers who have downloaded the app onto their smartphones. Performance measurements are taken wherever customers happen to be, at home, at work, or on the go -- indoors and out -- resulting in a representation of customers' actual wireless data experience.

T-Mobile placed number one in every category that the OpenSignal report measures. In more than five billion tests from actual wireless customers in the second quarter, T-Mobile's network was not only deemed to be the fastest, but also the most responsive, and T-Mobile customers get an LTE signal more often than customers of any other major wireless company do, according to the report. With plans to further broaden its LTE footprint for customers this year with its newly acquired 600 MHz

spectrum, those looking for a reliable network may want to consider a T-Mobile plan. To learn more about T-Mobile's network, visit t-mobile.com/coverage.

Extend its Life

Treat your device with care to extend its life. Never leave your phone exposed to the elements. To protect yourself financially from loss, theft or damage, check with your mobile network about warranty options. Read the terms carefully to understand what's covered.

Also, be sure to protect your phone with a well-fitting, drop-resistant, water-resistant case. Retain your style by checking out Shutterfly, where you can upload a photo to use as the case design, or Etsy, which offers designs created by independent artists.

Getting more out of your smartphone requires a combination of protecting your device, understanding its various functions and using it on a fast network.

NEW BENEFITS AND INSURANCE OPTIONS YOU CAN EXPECT IN 2018

(StatePoint) Ever wondered whether your insurance policy was actually working for you? You may be in luck, as your insurance plan may start to follow the same trends being adopted in other industries: simpler, more convenient and personalized products -- all supported by the latest mobile technology.

This year, Stephanie Shields, a product marketing and development expert from Aflac,

(Aflac herein means American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus and American Family Life Assurance Company of New York) says that policyholders can expect these "value-added services" to become less of a nice-to-have and more of a given:

- Telemedicine: Consulting with a physician and getting treatment online offers greater flexibility and may become essential to busy people.

- Fraud protection: Identity theft is likely top of mind for policyholders and businesses. Expect to see better fraud protection, including ongoing internet monitoring and full identity restoration after a data breach.

- Bill negotiation: The ever-changing health care system is often confusing to navigate. Ongoing education, as well as help understanding medical bills, can ultimately mean greater access to efficient, affordable care.

Transformed Benefits

Insurance providers will likely shift the customer experience to follow that of retailers and other industries. In 2018, expect to see insurers such as Aflac offer more cohesive insurance policies that combine multiple benefit types into one plan.

Beyond the Basics

You may find things that were once luxuries, such as 401K matching, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and even annual bonuses, are not as successful in meeting the expectations of today's employees. As those

expectations grow, successful businesses can continue to close the gap with such services as:

- Health advocacy: Access to round-the-clock personal health advocates who can answer health care and insurance-related questions.

- Financial and legal fitness: Access to financial and legal advisors who can educate consumers on the preparation of wills and other legal documents.

- College-advisory services: These might include resources to help lower college costs and navigate the admissions process.

- No more "one-size-fits-all": Communications from benefits providers may be more tailored to individual needs.

- Bite-sized communications: Concise information about workplace benefits, tips for using benefits to help protect financial security and better explanations of coverage combinations that are appropriate at various life stages.

- New format: While some benefits information will still be delivered in the typical booklet format, more businesses may consider using online articles, digital signs, brown-bag

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graduated in 2006 and served on staff at Faith Community Church of God before joining Love Inc. He and his wife, Kristen, are active members at St. Peter's First Community Church.

"To every donor, volunteer, and prayer partner of Love Inc., I am so thankful for your continued care for our ministry," said Spiegel. "You have given me a glimpse of the Kingdom of God here on earth, and I'm forever grateful for you."

"Joey will leave a lasting legacy with this affiliate," said Davis. "We look forward to celebrating his leadership with an open house at the end of the month." More details for that event will be available through Love Inc.'s Facebook page.

Love Inc. has created a job description and position announcement as it seeks Spiegel's successor. Potential candidates interested in the opportunity should submit their resume and cover letter to JobsAtHuntingtonLoveINC@gmail.com by January 31.

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