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Thought for the Week: Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. Herbert Henry Asquith

## TRASH PICK-UP

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday being celebrated on Monday, May 30th, trash collection for that week will be on FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd. That change will also be made for the week of July 4th when trash will be picked up on Friday, July 8th.

## 4H WALKATHON

Hearts Pledged to Greater Loyalty

½ Proceeds Donated to the American Heart Association

Come support the Huntington County 4H Fair on June 4th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren. Hosted by the Pork Chop 4H Club everyone is invited to come, walk, and have lots of fun as we promote Healthy Living for 2011. Healthy snack stand available to all participants. Free Will Donation collected by Pork Chop members. Other activities provided include, corn hole, ultimate frisbee, and basketball. Come, walk, and have lots of fun on June 4th at the 4H Walkathon! Hope to see you there!

## BLOOD DRIVE

Summer means sun, fun and sometimes, a drop in blood donations. That's because school's out, and donors who regularly give throughout the academic year might wait until fall before donating blood again.

High school and college students donate about 20 percent of the blood collected

through the American Red Cross. Many give at scheduled drives at their high schools and colleges, typically held two to three times during the traditional school year. And when those drives stop, most students probably won't think about going to a summer drive, or hosting a blood drive of their own.

"We encourage everyone who can to connect with friends and family, then pick a date to donate blood and help keep the blood supply strong," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "You'll find Red Cross blood drives at churches, community centers, businesses and even at some schools with summer sessions. Perhaps there's a drive in a town you've never visited, or there's a special occasion you want to honor by hosting a drive of your own."

Current and potential blood donors will also find a wealth of opportunity to build a virtual community through the growing Red Cross presence on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Flickr and foursquare.

"Just because summer is here, it doesn't mean donating blood is on vacation, too," said Whitman. "You might find there's a lot of fun to be had in donating blood, or even sponsoring a blood drive of your own."

Come to donate June 1 through September 11 and be entered into a region-wide drawing to win Free Gas for a Year (\$3000 gift card)!

## UPCOMING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN YOUR AREA:

· Thursday, June 2, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Knight-Bergman Center in the Main Room, located at 132 S. Nancy St. in Warren.

· Friday, June 3, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the YMCA in the Fitness Room, located at 1160 West 500 North in Huntington.

· Monday, June 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital, located at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington.

## How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

## NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Huntington County Extension Board is looking for nominees for the County "Friend of Extension" Award. This award is a great way to recognize an individual who has been active in Extension programs (agriculture, consumer and family sciences, youth or community development) through their participation, leadership or

cooperation with Extension activities. A person can nominate him/herself or someone else and include a written narrative of the person nominated (max. of 500 words). The county Friend of Extension Award is patterned after the State award of the same name. Local nominations must be submitted no later than June 15.

Additional information and an application can be secured at the Huntington County Extension Office. For more information, contact Angie Tyner, Huntington County Extension Board Awards Committee Chairperson, 468-2500 or the Huntington County Extension Office, 358-4826.

## JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Courtyard Studio is offering a jewelry workshop on Monday June 20th from 10: a.m. - 2p.m. and Tuesday, June 21st from 5p.m. - 9p.m. The workshop will include fun techniques of creating a bracelet and/or pendant. All supplies are included as well as a tasty lunch or supper. Participants will enjoy a relaxed and playful atmosphere with the option of a relaxing massage. Workshops are ideal for any type of groups and make a wonderful gift. Please contact Ruth Swanson at 260/750-1798 or stop by Courtyard Studio Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

PLEASE READ  
& RECYCLE

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Warren Community VBS is fast approaching! On June 5th starting at 4:30pm, we will be having a VBS Kick-off at the Warren United Church of Christ. If you would like to come and enjoy learning about the VBS program your kids will be attending, join us for this fun night! We will have food for everyone and a preview of the material we will be teaching all week long. You will also be able to register your child at this time too. VBS will run from June 6-June 10 from 6-8:30pm at the Warren United Church of Christ. Don't miss out on all the fun!

## SSF Co-ED SOFTBALL

Where: Tower Park Warren  
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260-228-1615  
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\*\*Drawing will be June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*Minimum of 6 teams  
maximum of 12 teams  
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\*\*All proceeds benefit SSF Fireworks Fund!

## FARMER'S MARKET

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### DEAR EDITOR,

I fear there are not words strong enough to express my gratitude toward all the individuals who are employed at Salamonie School. I am so appreciative to all of you who have had a part in giving my children a safe and fun place to learn and grow. My eyes have been opened to many things in last past few months; the most important being how easy it is to take good schools (and I am not speaking of a building but of people) for granted. So thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication to my boys and to all of the children in this community.

Most Sincerely,  
 Staci Brown

### "A TASTE OF SPRING" THANK YOU

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of the Warren Area community that helped make the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "A Taste of Spring" event a success, starting with a BIG THANK YOU to our 9 Major sponsors – Citizens Telephone Corp., Shuttleworth Insurance, Heritage Pointe, Kim's Katered Affair, Warren Service & Supply, Indiana Fence & Rail, Dr. Robert H. Berghoff DDS, Family Hospice & Palliative Care, and East of Chicago Pizza Co.

Thanks also go out to others who donated to the event, Dr. Kevin J. DeaKyne DDS, Campbell & Dye Insurance, Designs by Sharon, Dr. Kevin Schreiber MD, Expressions Photography, PNC bank, Ackley Automotive, Smekens Education and Star Insurance.

The silent auction added a flair and topped off the evening thanks to the following businesses and individuals who so graciously donated items for bidding. Courtyard Studio, Citizens Telephone, Louanne Kaye, Pastor Scott Nedberg, Dogwood Glen, Indianapolis Children's Museum, Wagon Wheel Café, Thorne Insurance, Jacob & Ashley DeWeese, Small World Nursery School, Della Thomas, C Designs Jewelry, Blue Flame Gas, 31 Purses, Designs by Denuis, Accent Interiors, Janice Jordan, Cuttin Corner, PJ's Flower & Gift, At the Corner Salon, Gebhart's Floral Barn, Studio E, Woodworkers at Heritage Pointe, Marilyn Morrison, Sally Eckman Roberts, Janet Dilts, Crain Ford, Warren Deli, North Central Co-op, Ben Herr Lawn Care, Huntington Nursery, Crop Production Services, Kim's Katered Affair

The Chamber would also like to thank the 118 guests that attended the event and all the volunteers that put so much time and hard work into making sure the night truly was a success.

Special thanks to Satek Winery of Fremont, IN and Mad Anthony Brewing Co. of Fort Wayne.

We appreciate all the support and look forward to "A Taste of Spring" Saturday May 5, 2012.

Sincerely, Jeff Souder, Chamber President  
 & "A Taste of Spring" 2011 Chairman


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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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 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
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**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA**  
 Pastor Richard Evans  
 260/224-3376  
 Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

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 Dick Case, Pastor  
 Sun - 1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.

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

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

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 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 300S - Warren Indiana  
 Jim Graham, Pastor  
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456  
 260/375-4224  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Rev Mark Davis  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
 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: CVC/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.  
 Mdm. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.

**MOUNT ETNA 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. Jeanne 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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 Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bowera and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
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 Fellowshiphip ..... 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.  
 Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of  
 Preaching and Discipleship  
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00p.m.  
 www.warrenwesleyan.com

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor - Dan Metz  
 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

### 4-H Food Drive

Huntington County has the same economic issues as other cities and communities. In an effort to help the people of Huntington County, 4-H clubs and members will be hosting a can/non-perishable food drive from June 1 until June 26. Each club will have 25 days to collect food items and cleaning supplies which may include canned fruits & vegetables, boxed foods, paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, bar soap and dishwashing detergent, and shampoo. No fresh foods or glass items will be accepted for safety reasons. This is an countywide 4-H effort to challenge the youth to cross the poverty bridge and strengthen others with their charity and creativity.

In addition to collecting food pantry items, each club is encouraged to build something with the food collected within their 4-H club. On Sunday June 26, 2011, at 2 PM in the "H" building at Hier's Park the designs will come alive for all to see. There will be a judging of the creations and after the event all food collected will be donated to the food pantries within Huntington County.

Four-H Clubs are encouraged to get community involvement

in this project. Some clubs might be collecting door-to-door while others might place collection containers in community businesses.

If you would like to donate to a club in your area contact the County Extension Office at 260-358-4826 for nearest 4-H club information. For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office, located at the County Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson St - Suite 202, Huntington or email [laldrig@purdue.edu](mailto:laldrig@purdue.edu).

### Jr LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will be Thursday, June 9 from 7:00-8:30pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. In addition to a business meeting and committee reports, the group will have a guest speaker and will review numerous Junior Leader responsibilities for the upcoming Huntington County 4-H Fair. The County 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member in grades 7 & older. For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, County Courthouse Annex, Huntington.

### FESTIVAL MEETING

"American Pride Hometown Spirit" is just a month away! The last regular scheduled meeting will be held Monday June 6th at 5:00pm. Note the time change!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend, events are in place and last minute items need to be addressed. Even if you have never attended, please come and be a part of Warren's biggest event! Help is always needed and welcomed.

Meetings are held at the town annex building. Hope to see you there!

### GOLF LEAGUE

A Warren Golf League will be starting soon in Warren. The teams will consist of 2 people (can be men, women or co-ed) playing 9 holes, Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at the Dogwood Golf Course. If interested, please call Jim Bolinger at 941-993-5121 or 375-3010 to get more information.

### FREE FISHING

Outdoor fun only started with Memorial Day weekend.

Free Fishing Weekend, June 4-5, provides a chance for kids and adults to participate at recreation areas located across Indiana that are planning fun fishing derbies, casting clinics, fish-cleaning demonstrations and cooking classes.

A list of the many sites offering special events for kids for the weekend is at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm>.

Free Fishing Weekend also is a great chance for Hoosier adults who don't fish or haven't for a while to take a child fishing. That's because Indiana's adult residents do not need a license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish Indiana waters during Free Fishing

Weekend. With children age 17 and younger not needing a fishing license at any time, it's a perfect match. All other fishing regulations are still in effect during Free Fishing Weekend.

Adults who decide they want to buy a license for the rest of the year can do so any time at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5330.htm>.

Individuals who need reasonable modifications for effective participation in Free Fishing Weekend events at DNR properties should contact the property at least 72 hours before the event or call the DNR ADA Coordinator at (317) 232-4145.

Want a better way to find the fish? Several new lake bathymetry (depth) maps have been added to DNR's website just in time for Free Fishing Weekend. This brings the number of such maps to 63 now available for free download in digital format.

The additions include two in Warrick County (Blue Grass and Otter), as well as Shipshewana and Nauvoo in LaGrange County, and Mud Lake in Noble County, and Indian Lake in DeKalb County.

Armed with these maps, Hoosier anglers of all experience levels can hit the water knowing the location of the deep holes and shallow areas fish love.

The complete list is available at Indiana Lake depth maps. <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5759.htm>

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Huntington County Community Foundation announced that four academic scholarships were recently awarded through The Daugherty Family Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund was created in 2009 by David Daugherty, President of The

Daugherty Companies. While the main focus group for this scholarship is employees or retired employees of The Daugherty Companies and their descendants, it is also available for Warren, Indiana area youth interested in studying agriculture.

Dylan Gray of Warren, son of Michael Gray and Chrisalin Droke, is the recipient of a scholarship to attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida to pursue the study of psychology. A National Honor Society member who ranked 9th in a graduating class of 435, Gray also was involved in athletics and community volunteerism during his high school career.

Douglas Baker of Huntington plans on using his scholarship to study economics at Wabash College. The son of Matthew Baker and Theresa Burry, Baker is a National Honor Society member, multi-sports participant and was Academic All-State his junior year.

Cody Buzzard of Warren is the son of Robert and Penny Buzzard. Plans for his scholarship include attending Trine University and majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in robotics. A prolific volunteer at school and his home community, Buzzard is President of his church's youth group and received the highest award ever given to a student from his high school at the University of Saint Francis Art Exhibit.

Candashia Wentz is the daughter of William and Candace Wentz and currently studying psychology at the University of Southern Indiana. After utilizing her scholarship toward graduation from USI, her plans include earning a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan while volunteering with the Peace Corps.

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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.

Jun 1	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Jun 13	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jun 14	<b>FLAG DAY</b>
Jun 15	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Jun 19	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
Jun 20	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., at KBC
Jul 1-4	Salamonie Summer Festival
Jul 4	<b>Independence Day</b>
Jul 6	Warren Chamber Luncheon - noon - Assembly Hall

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



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The Huntington County Community Foundation, a public, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization, responds to emerging and ongoing community issues and needs. Income from the endowment funds that it stewards is distributed annually to local students via scholarships and to area nonprofit organizations through a variety of community grants. For the academic year of 2011-2012 HCCF will pay out \$77,500 in scholarships to deserving area students.

Congratulations to all four recipients of The Daugherty Family scholarships!

### HONORING SCOUTS

For the month of June, Sheets Wildlife Museum is proud to announce that we will be honoring the Boy Scouts and Girls of Northeast Indiana.

Come, see and enjoy the collection of 200 animals and fish from around the world. Some are rare.

Also, enjoy the unique sea shell collection from around the world. There are three large shell art pictures using these shells.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-260-356-9453 or by e-mail, [sheetswildlife.att.net](mailto:sheetswildlife.att.net). You can view us on our website: [www.wildlifemuseum.org](http://www.wildlifemuseum.org).

Our hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday. If unable to come

during those hours, arrangements can be made for a different time.

### REAL ELEGANT DAMES

Our May meeting, a noon luncheon, was held at the home of Joyce Sheperd, assisted by Jane Garrison and Marian Hoffman. The table was beautifully set, food was great and of course an assortment of tea was served to some Real Elegant Dames, Dee Pattison, Willy Milar, Mary Palmer, Fritz Boxell, Freddie Couch, Lilly Nutter, Becky Parker, Virginia Langdon, Rita Hiser, Cris Lee, Kitty Throop and guest Joyce Trout.

After lunch the ladies moved the meeting to Heritage Pointe Party Room where they were royally entertained by Patricia Milchuck, owner and milliner of Simply Pat's Hats & Things from Paxton, IL. She gave a very informative program demonstrating how she makes her one of a kind hats. She forms hats from different materials and has made hats for ladies attending the Kentucky Derby as well as a wide selection of different style hats which she had with her for the women to try on. Some fun was thrown in too, with some of the women modeling hats they had worn to the program and some hats Pat provided. Pat told the audience how you wear your hat can give you attitude. She was a very funny lady with some good natured ribbing of some of the women dished out.

Ruth Swanson of Courtyard Studios was the person to thank for providing the great program.

Red Hat ladies will be holding the Flower Show again this

year during the Salamonie Summer Festival. Start thinking what flowers or plants you can enter for ribbons and cash prizes. Will be more details later.

### P.R.O.S. AWARDS

PROS annually gives Salamonie teachers an opportunity to make requests for items that would be helpful to them and would benefit many students in future years. On Friday, May 20, PROS was able to grant 4 teachers their requests. Nicole Warpup, grade K, was given \$440.00 that will be used to purchase non-fiction books on CD. Erica Hall, grade K, was given \$408.00 to be used for the purchase of new playground equipment that will specifically be for future kindergarteners. Kathy Salzmann, grade 2, received \$97.00. She will use the money to purchase new books for her classroom as will Marie DeWeese, grade 2, who was also given \$97.00 that will be used to purchase new books for her classroom. The students of the selected teachers were able to celebrate this good news as well with cookies that were donated by our local Subway.

PROS is our Salamonie School parent group. Any parent of a Salamonie student is encouraged to get involved with this group. It is an excellent way to get to know other parents and participate in activities that benefit our school which in turn, benefit our children.

### ANGEL FOOD

The First Church of the Nazarene, Huntington, is now accepting orders for Angel Food, from now till Friday the 17th of June till noon. Monday thru Friday 9am till 4pm every day. Also Saturday the 11th from 9am till 11am. You can do your ordering on line till 9pm on Sunday the 19th of June.

Distribution day is the 25th of June from 9:30am till 11am. We accept cash, checks and food stamps and you can also pre-pay for next month on distribution day.

We now have a box called "No child goes without". It can

be purchased as a donation for a needy child or you can purchase it for a needy child you know. There is a great need for this kind of help in our community and working together we can make a big difference one box at a time.

Check us out online at ([angelfoodministries.com](http://angelfoodministries.com)). Even with the price increase for rising fuel and grocery prices, it is still a great deal.

For more information call Marsha Sumwalt at 358-9228 or the Church office at 356-1614.

### 100 GOOD MEN

With Father's Day just around the corner are you struggling with what to get those special men in your life? The YWCA can help you with an alternative to the traditional Father's Day gift. Instead, how about a baseball game and publicly recognizing that father or man that exemplified healthy relationships, which empowered you to reach your full potential, who taught you to celebrate the diversity in the world around you.

The 100 Good Men Pledge -to celebrate the diversity in the world around me.

-to treat all people with dignity and respect, and to discourage others' prejudice and discrimination in all its forms.  
-to respect, listen to and seek equality with those in my life.  
-to use my talents and resources to empower others  
-to reach their fullest potential.  
-to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against others.

-to reject violence in all forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economical and social.

-to consciously practice peace on a daily basis.  
-to oppose injustice, not people.

Do you know a man that exemplifies this pledge? If so join the YWCA Northeast Indiana and the Fort Wayne TinCaps, as we honor men who are role models for healthy, positive, and empowering relationships.

Names of nominated men will receive a card notifying them that they have been recognized as one of the YWCA's 100 Good Men and

their names will be published on Father's Day in the Journal Gazette. Each honoree will also be invited to attend the TinCaps game on July 7, and participate in a pre-game ceremony to recognize these 100 good men.

To nominate a special man, nomination forms and details are available on the YWCA's web site: [www.ywca.org/fortwayne](http://www.ywca.org/fortwayne). All forms and minimum donation of \$25 for each nominee must be returned to the YWCA by June 10. 100 Good Men is a fundraiser for the YWCA a minimum donation of \$25 for each nominee.

For more information call Steve Miller, 424-4908 ext. 252

### MERCHANT'S TENT

The Blackford County 4-H Fairboard once again is sponsoring the Merchant's Tent at the Blackford County 4-H & Open Fair on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Merchants and organizations are invited to set up at the Fair. If you are interested, please call the Purdue Extension Office for more information at 765-348-3213.

### 4-H FAIR PARADE

If you or your group would like to participate in the Blackford County 4-H & Open Fair Parade call or stop in the Purdue Extension Office, 119 N. High Street, Hartford City, IN 47348, 765-348-3213 to get an entry form. The Parade is Wednesday, June 22nd. Turn your entry form in early for the best spot in the parade line up.

### DAY CAMPS OFFERED

Ouabache State Park kicks off the summer fun with a "Wetland Wanderings" day camp, June 14-16. Campers will study wetland plants and animals with exciting, hands-on activities. Activities include arts and crafts, a canoeing session and daily hikes.

Salamonie Lake will hold its "Wetland Wanderings" day camp, Aug. 3-5.

A "Horse Lovers" day camp will run June 28-30, at Salamonie Lake. Day campers for this event don't need to be



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Camps will run from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day, and are geared for kids ages 7-11. All of the camps will be led by experienced interpretive naturalists.

Each camp is \$45 per child with a discount for additional siblings. Registration and a completed health/media release forms are required for each camp.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. A snack will be provided, but children should bring a sack lunch with drink each day.

Visit [www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis) for more information about the programs.

To register for any of our fun summer day camps please call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

### RED CROSS CLASSES

The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana announces the following Health & Safety classes in Huntington during the month of May.

CPR/AED – Adult, Child, plus CPR Infant CPR with First Aid (\$55.00) - Saturday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR Review (\$30.00) - Monday, June 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

CPR & AED for the Professional (\$60.00) - Tuesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (attend both nights)

Babysitter's Training (\$40.00) - Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

AED (automated external defibrillator) is offered as an add on at the conclusion of any CPR or first aid class and takes approximately 1-1 1/2 hours to complete. Other classes also available. Call for complete pricing information.

How to Register for a class  
To register for a class, please call 800.513.2599 ext. 240, visit

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### LAW FIRM AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Huntington County law firm of Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, LLP has announced the winners of their 2011 educational scholarships.

Taylor Mortorff received the James W. Bowers Scholarship in honor of the late James W. Bowers. Elizabeth Bolinger and Austin Shoemaker also received scholarships to be used toward their continuing education.

Taylor Mortorff is the son of Kirk Mortorff and DeAnn Mortorff, Roanoke, and plans to attend the University of Michigan majoring in psychology. Taylor has been active at Huntington North High School in Student Council, German Club, Psychology Club, Freshman Mentor, Tennis, Swimming, Student Athletic Board and Band. He has also participated in Service Club, Park Center Volunteer and Natural Helpers.

Elizabeth Bolinger is the daughter of Robert and Marie DeWeese, Warren, and will be majoring in psychology - counseling at Purdue University. Elizabeth is involved at Huntington North High School with the Psychology Club, International Awareness Club, Natural Helpers, Student Athletic Board, Varsity Singers Show Choir, Varsity Chorale, Soccer, Cross Country and Track. She has also been involved with the Warren Softball League, Knight Bergman Center Food Pantry, Lakewood Church Camp Counselor, Love INC., New Life Fellowship Food Ministry, Warren Community Vacation Bible School, Solid Rock UMC Praise Band and Youth Group, Huntington County Crop Walk, Huntington County Drug Drop Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity and a mission trip to San Louis Potosi, Mexico.

Austin Shoemaker is the son of Steve and Laura Shoemaker, Huntington, and plans to attend Trine University majoring in exercise science. At Huntington North, Austin has been active in Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Freshman Mentor, and School Athletic Board. He is a Student Leader for Youth for Christ, Jr. Deacon at Central Christian Church and Vacation Bible School volunteer, as well as a volunteer on a Dominican Republic mission trip. He has also been involved with Relay for Life, Special Olympics, Huntington County Baseball, Salvation Army Basketball and YMCA Basketball.

Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, LLP is a general practice law firm serving the legal needs of Huntington County since 1899 with offices in Huntington and Warren. Members of the law firm include; David L. Brewer, Robert S. Garrett, Joseph K. Wiley, and Matthew G. Grantham.



## GENEALOGY REPORT

### BOCKELMANN

Nicholas Bockelmann, 51, of Huntington, IN, passed away at 12:00 AM, on Monday, May 23, 2011 at his residence in Huntington, IN.

He was born on Friday, March 11, 1960, in Kingston, NY. He was the son of the late Joseph Bockelmann and Sally (Bunten) Bockelmann of Van Buren, IN.

Nicholas graduated from the Eastbrook High School Class of 1978. He joined the Army where he served his country for 4 years, where he was stationed several places overseas. Nick enjoyed reading and watching movies. He was an animal lover and will be missed by his friends and family.

Survivors include his mother of Van Buren, sister-Sally Jo (Tim) Parkhurst of Anderson, Ind., brother-Tom Bockelmann of Van Buren, Ind., sister-Tina Marie (Greg) Shinholt of Van Buren, Ind., Niece-Taylor (Josh Green) Shinholt of Van Buren, Ind., Nephew-Tony Slagle, Jr. of Van Buren, Ind. and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Arrangements were being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, Van Buren, Ind., where Family and Friends Gathered To Share And Remember From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Memorials to: Grant County Animal Shelter

### KITT

Sarah Lee Kitt, 86 of rural Huntington died at 12:28 AM on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at Heritage Pointe in Warren where she had resided the last 3 months.

Mrs. Kitt was a homemaker and a member of the Markle United Methodist Church. She was a 1943 graduate of Huntington High school and a 1945 graduate of Fort Wayne Business School. She was a 4H

leader for several years. She was a former member of the Loon Creek Church of the Brethren where she was very active and served as a Sunday School Teacher for several years and was a member of the Thursday Study Club. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Huntington, where she was a 50 year member. She was a 50 year member of the Rockcreek Home Economics Club and was a past president. She was past president of the American Heart Association of Huntington County. She enjoyed growing flowers, canning fruits and vegetables and baking pies.

Mrs. Kitt was born on December 14, 1924 in Huntington a daughter of Fred L. and Pauline (Good) Winter. She was united in marriage to Allen D. Kitt on July 30, 1944 in Huntington. Her husband survives.

Additional Survivors include – three daughters: Sharyn (Jack) Staley of Carmel, Nancy (Gary) Eppard of Yorktown, IN and Lynda (Bill) Buckland of Huntington; A Brother: Edwin (Irene) Winter of Sedona, AZ; Six grandchildren and Eleven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Interment will take place in the Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County.

Preferred Memorials are to the Markle United Methodist Church or the Huntington County 4H Fair Association, c/o of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.



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[redcrossoffnei.org](http://redcrossoffnei.org) or visit the Red Cross at 354 N. Jefferson St. in Huntington or the Red Cross at 1212 E. California Rd. (across from the Memorial Coliseum) in Fort Wayne Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All classes are held at Jefferson St. location in Huntington.

### WILD ANIMAL RESCUE

By "rescuing" an injured or apparently abandoned baby wild animal, you may do the opposite of what you seek to accomplish, and break the law.

This time of year, thousands of animals are born in the wild. With the spread of suburban areas into their natural habitats, young animals are increasingly born near humans, who are more apt to discover them without an adult animal nearby. When this happens, a few reminders are

especially pertinent.

While some baby animals may be orphaned or abandoned, that's not always true.

Picking up a baby animal that is not orphaned or abandoned is not only usually unnecessary, it can be bad for the animal. It's also illegal if you don't have the proper permit or take the animal straight to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Such animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle them. Some wild animals carry parasites and infectious diseases, some of which can be transmitted to humans.

"The apparent lack of an adult does not mean a young animal is orphaned," said Linnea Petercheff, operations staff specialist for the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Adults

often leave their young alone, safe in nests or dens while they forage for food, but rarely do they abandon their young."

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is OK to gently return it to the nest. The best way to make sure an animal is truly orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. If you are unsure, place some strings or sticks across the nest. Place some grass across the top of a rabbit nest that is found with young in it.

If such items are later disturbed, the mother has probably returned. In such a situation, leave the young animal alone. The adult will return after you leave the area. As an example, rabbits often come to the nest to feed their young only a couple of times a day.

The best way to make sure that a fawn that appears to be alone is truly orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. Before taking any action, remember the following:

- If the fawn is not injured, the mother is likely nearby.

- Leave the fawn alone and its mother will probably come and get it. Deer can take better care of their young than a human can.

- Human scent on the fawn will not prevent the mother from taking care of it.

- If you do not see any deer nearby, have someone watch the fawn without being seen by the mother. In most cases, the mother will come back and get the fawn after you leave the area.

If you believe the mother has not returned to a nest or a deer has not come back to feed her fawn, or you know that the mother is no longer alive, call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator listed at: [www.wildlife.in.gov](http://www.wildlife.in.gov).

Remember, state laws prohibit keeping protected wild animals without a permit. Most species of wildlife are protected by law and cannot be kept as a pet. Federal laws also prohibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. It is even illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit.

Wild animal rehabilitation permits are issued to qualified

individuals who take in sick, injured, or orphaned wild animals with the intent of releasing them back into the wild.

If you encounter an injured, truly abandoned or sick wild animal, do one of the following for assistance:

- Check the DNR website, [www.wildlife.in.gov](http://www.wildlife.in.gov) and click on "Wildlife Rehabilitation"
- Call the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indianapolis, (317) 232-4080.

- Call your DNR law enforcement district headquarters or regional headquarters; contact information is at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2755.htm>

- Call a licensed veterinarian for immediate assistance with a sick or severely injured wild animal.

### HTGN Mini 4-H

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will be hosting a funday workshop for all Mini 4-H members on Tuesday, June 7 2011 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. "Barnyard Fun" is the theme for the day's activities which begins at 10:00am and concludes at 3:00pm. The workshop will involve learning stations relating to animals and agriculture and include games, crafts. There will be an awards presentation at the end of the event.

Huntington County Mini 4-H is open to youth in grades kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades. Participants need to contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office to register in advance and pay the \$10.00 registration fee.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office by phone at 260-358-4826, by e-mail [jhighley@purdue.edu](mailto:jhighley@purdue.edu) or stop by the County Courthouse Annex, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202 Huntington, Indiana.

### DINING WITH DIABETES

The Purdue University Huntington County Extension Office will be offering a Dining with Diabetes Class beginning Monday, June 20th at 6:00 pm at the Courthouse Annex at

354 N. Jefferson Street in Huntington. Dining with Diabetes is a two hour class that four times. Class dates are June 20, June 27, July 11 and July 18, 2011. The first hour of class is instructional with the second hour giving participants a chance to taste the simple, but tasty recipes. This class is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers, and anyone who would like to learn more about healthy cooking. The classes are \$35 per person and pre-registration is required. Some scholarships may be available for those over the age of 60. Please register for classes by June 15, 2011.

You will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy, easy to prepare and taste good. Recipes will be demonstrated, and participants will have the opportunity to taste each one. Participants will also learn up to date information on nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes related medical tests. Recipes and handouts will be given to each participant.

Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease, but research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life.

Dining with Diabetes is offered statewide and is sponsored by the Purdue University Extension Service and Parkview Huntington Hospital. Registration and class fee may be sent to: Huntington County Extension Office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Ste 202, Huntington, IN 46750. For further information please call the Huntington County Extension Office at 260-358-4826 or visit our website at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/huntington>.



### OPTIMIST AWARDS

The Optimist Club of Huntington awarded their February 2011 Youth Appreciation Awards to the following Salamonie Middle School students:

Danielle Kem - Daughter of Steve and Cindy Kem, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Salamonie MS. Danielle is involved in Basketball, Swimming, Band and Tae-Kwan-Do.

Teacher comments "Danielle is an amazingly bright young lady. Her test scores are extremely high and yet she continues to work hard in class and make a strong effort to improve her knowledge and skill set. She is always kind to others and a joy to have in the classroom or on a school team."

Benjamin Blinn - Son of Brad and Kathy Blinn, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Salamonie MS. Benjamin is involved in Track, Basketball, Baseball and 4-H.

Teacher comments "Ben is a hard working kind and responsible young man. He is an outstanding role model for the younger students in our school. He has an ability to quickly grasp information and is willing to help others in his class also understand the material being presented in a lesson."

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### SUPPER PLANNED

Fish & Tenderloin Supper sponsored by Helping Paws Pet Haven. Prepared by Dan's Friday, June 10, 2011, 4:30pm - 7pm at Hier's Park, Huntington.

Advanced tickets or at the door prices Adults \$8.50, Kids 6-12 \$5, Kids under 5 free. For tickets call 260-468-2292 or 260-519-0386.

The meal includes all you can eat fish and tenderloin, green beans, applesauce, assorted desserts, bread/butter and drinks.

All proceeds from the event going to the medical care for the HPPH cats. Currently we have 300 cats/kittens waiting for their forever homes.

### BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Wells County 4-H will host a Beginners Basket Making Workshop for youth and adults on Saturday June 16, 6:00 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Cost of the class is \$15.00 which covers all of the materials that you will be using to make a basket. The class is hands-on and participants will have a completed basket at the end of class.

Youth in the 4-H Arts & Crafts project are especially

encouraged to attend and learn about baskets.

Participants should plan to bring the following items with them to the class: pencil, ruler or tape measure, sharp scissors, clothespins, small screwdriver, spray bottle, and an old bath towel.

A parent or adult are encouraged to attend with youth participants.

Donna Geisman of rural Bluffton will be the instructor at the class. Intermediate and Advanced classes are available by contacting Donna at 758-2777.

To register for the class, call the Wells County office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

Fees will be collected at the class. A sample basket is on display at the Extension Service Office.

### 4-H CAKE DECORATION WORKSHOP

Wells County 4-H will host a Cake Decorating Workshop Wednesday, June 15, 6:30-8:30 PM, Community Center, 4-H Park.

The workshop is designed for youth in 4-H and will help members learn to prepare their project for exhibit at the county fair.

Betty Olry, cake decorator and judge will teach the workshop. Participants should

bring their cake decorating equipment if possible and a cake drum (Styrofoam form) or you can use one of the plastic mats provided. A fee of \$4 will be collected to help cover the cost of icing.

Parents are welcome to attend the workshop.

Please call the Extension Office, 824-6412 by June 13th to register so we can prepare enough handouts.



Last week I was writing about the gas lines being installed in 1889. Residences, businesses and the school, one by one, were connected up and something new was being tried out on the chilly days. There was some complaint heard about the high cost of the new fuel, but it was so much cleaner than the old fuel which had been cord wood. The cost was \$25.00 a year, but you got all the gas you wanted for a heating stove, for a kitchen range and for four lights.

The lights were of two different types. One was an open flame from a jumbo burner. That flame, while a slight tinge of yellow, was not very good to read by. The other type, fitted with a mantle, had a white light that was easy on the eyes. Both types would fill the room with gas fumes that caused headaches.

For a while, people were more or less afraid of the stuff and during the first few months there were several fires caused by people failing to turn down the pressure at night before going to bed. It was not long before everybody learned all the tricks and was well satisfied with the new improvement.

Bill paying time, however, was a nerve wracking time for the man who did the collecting. He had to listen to a bunch of griping from customers who thought the price was too high or the pressure was too low or for some other cause. The collector would ask if they wanted to be disconnected and go back to the old way, and that was that.

### READY ROOM

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
Are you ready? Ready to start your day? Ready to start your week? Ready for what's next in your life?

Most of us think we are but when an opportunity presents itself we slam the door in its face. All because we are not ready! We are not dressed, our houses are in a mess and we don't have time right now!

Our mothers used to yell at us to get ready! Our sweet darlings do this today and we silently ignore those words because we are in rebellion. Why are we rebelling against the one thing that is going to help us take the next step to finding out who we are and what we want to do with lives?

I have been thinking about the term Ready Room. I looked it up in the dictionary and it says it is a room where pilots are briefed and await orders. Before they enter this room they are dressed and prepared to go!

Every day is a new day filled with exciting opportunities, if we neglect ourselves along with our routines we will not be ready to jump in and enjoy a chance at having fun. Not being ready keeps us grounded and not in a good way! When we ignore the basics we will not be ready to be spontaneous.

Isn't this all that any of us want to do! Be carefree and spontaneous. Haven't we been accused of this our whole lives. Deep down inside we knew that it was just fine to have fun but we have never been told or we never listened to those who said, Get Ready first! We thought they were just boring! The truth is that they know something that we did not want to recognize. When you get your homework done; you can go out and play!

Our routines are not strait-jackets they are the framework that frees us to have fun and play! They are also the foundation to helping us be creative without the guilt that has stifled our creativity all these years. When we stifle our creativity we kill part of our souls.

Guilt has a way of beating us down and keeping us from

accomplishing our dreams. Releasing this guilt by getting ready for your day is a first step to the rest of your life and finding yourself. The guilt has kept you locked away.

The guilt has also been instrumental in your daily abuse of your body and mind. We all know our drugs of choice. When our creativity is bottled up inside we feel bad and this is when we turn to that form of self-medication to protect ourselves from the feelings of guilt and worthlessness. This can be anything from food to alcohol or even computers and books. We can lose ourselves any number of ways.

We are worthy of love, creativity and being ourselves. We just don't know where to start to get ready! It is not that hard to put one foot in front of the other and take baby steps. After all what you have been doing has not been effective in harnessing your creativity for good in the world. You have shut it down because of those voices in your head telling you to do something. Quite those voices by following a little different path: Get up and get ready for your day! Take baby steps to find your voice by doing simple three step routines in the morning and in the evening. These routines will be your ready room to what is next in your life!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter* published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2011 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.



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