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Thought for the Week: An inventor is simply a fellow who doesn't take his education too seriously. Charles F. Kettering

PIONEER FESTIVAL

The Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival returns for its 39th year Sept. 27 and 28, bringing the spirit of the mid-1800s to Hier's Park, in Huntington.

Highlights of this year's festival include demonstrations by the Indiana Mounted Regulators, a cowboy mounted shooting group, and a vintage base ball tournament hosted by Huntington's Champion Hill Toppers and played according to the rules in effect in 1862.

Shooting demonstrations and base ball games will take place throughout both days of the festival. As always, the festival features an encampment filled with merchants, traders and military personnel; Pioneer Village, where re-enactors demonstrate the skills needed for everyday living in mid-1800s Indiana; and Olde Towne, an active community of a slightly later time period.

Visitors will encounter military drills, an antique bicycle riding demonstration and a school marm teaching in a pioneer school house. Musicians stroll the grounds, and entertainment is offered on stage hourly throughout both days.

Shopping is available in the antiques barn, crafts pavilion and farmers' market. Vintage engines, tractors and motorcars are on display. Children can amuse themselves with a variety of old-fashioned activities, and the entire family can get on board for a wagon ride around the grounds. Among the festival's food choices are vittles cooked over open fires.

Festival hours are Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An old-time wor-

ship service will be held on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and no charge for children under 5. Free parking is available adjacent to the festival grounds, which are handicap accessible.

Pets, bicycles, roller skates and skateboards may not be brought onto the festival grounds.

Hier's Park is located at 547 S. Briant St., Huntington. For more information, visit www.pioneerfestival.org.

Mt. Etna UM Church Bazaar

Mark your calendars and start making those Christmas lists. You won't want to miss Mt. Etna United Methodist Church's Annual Bazaar. The Bazaar will be held on Sat. Oct 25th 2014, from 9AM – 2PM. Again this year we have opened are doors to outside vendors to allow for a much larger array of gifts. 25 Vendors have already responded. Some of this year's crafts and gifts include: Jewelry, Candles, Pet toys, Craft supplies from Cozy Creations from Marion, IN., Women & Children clothing by "Uniquely Yours" and "Sewing Circle" Wreaths, Grave Saddles, Photo note cards, Baby items, Thirty-one Bags, Scentsy, Christmas ornaments, Book Singing, Plastic Bag Rugs, Mary Kay and much more.

In addition, the United Methodist Women will be selling their famous homemade pies, noodles, Soup and many other baked goods. And yes, there will be pumpkin rolls that you can freeze and keep for Thanksgiving.

In the morning there will be rolls and coffee for a free – will

donation. The church Youth will be serving a luncheon to help defray the costs of camp. There will be a free drawing for a lovely door prize.

Believe me you won't want to miss out on this event. Come for the Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

There are a limited number of vendor openings still available. Call 260-375-3071 if interested in renting a space.

The church is located at the corner of State Roads 9 and 124 in Mt Etna, In.

SWAMP MILKWEED PLANTS FOR SALE

The Huntington County Extension office is selling swamp milkweed plants to help raise awareness and save the monarch migration. Fall is a great time to plant milkweed that will be ready for visitors in the spring! Plants are available for \$3.50 each and can be picked up at the Extension office in the Courthouse Annex, 2nd floor.

Monarch butterfly numbers are at an all-time low and many pollinators are declining as well. Many factors have caused the decline which has led to a rapid loss of habitats for monarchs, and many species of bees and other pollinators. This loss of habitat threatens the monarch migration and all species dependent on the services of pollinators to provide the fruits, nuts, seeds and foliage they feed on. Monarchs and pollinators need our help. Save the monarch migration – One butterfly at a time – Plant milkweed!

By planting milkweeds, the host plants for monarch caterpillars, and nectar plants for adult monarchs and pollinators, you can help maintain the monarch mi-

gration and sustain the pollinators whose pollinating services maintain our ecosystems.

Swamp milkweed plants are available now at the Extension office which is located in the Court House Annex, 2nd floor. Please call (260)-358-4826 or email kdhinsha@purdue.edu if you have questions regarding the swamp milkweed or monarch butterflies. You can also visit monarchwatch.org to learn more! Purdue Extension, Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington, IN.

NEW OWNERSHIP

We are happy to announce that Gebharts Floral Barn will open on

October 1, 2014 with new ownership. Josh and Kari (Brubaker) heim have purchased our property and Floral Shop business and will be moving to Warren soon. The shop will continue with the name of Gebharts Floral Barn. The same employees will be there to serve you.

Gebharts Floral Barn opened 16 years ago in September of 1998. We thank you for all you great patronage through the past years, and hope you will give the Heim's the same.

Gebharts Produce and Greenhouse opened in the mid 70s and closed it's retail operation six years ago. Heim's are also going to restart the Greenhouse

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"THE RAILWAY CHILDREN" continues at the Pulse Opera House, Warren. RANDY NEUMAN (left) plays the "Old Gentleman" & CHRYSA KEENON (right) plays "Bobby," of which this story is told through her point of view. Along with her brother and sister, these three children lives change dramatically when their father is mysteriously taken away. They have to move from London to a cottage in rural Yorkshire with their mother where they embark on a magical journey of discovery, friendship and adventure. But where is the Father & why did he mysteriously leave the family? And is he ever coming back?? Performances are Sept 25, 26, 27, Oct 2, 3, 4 at 8pm. Tickets are \$14 for Adults & \$5 for Kids twelve and under. Tickets are available On-Line at: pulseoperahouse.org or call 260-375-7017.

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WVFD OUTING

Thank you to all who came out and participated in the WVFD Outing on September 20th at Dogwood Glen. This year we had 11 teams and great weather! NO FOG! Congratulations to First Place: Team Bonewitz with a 58. Second Place: Team? Laymon with a 59. Closest to the Pin #3: Ron Felver. Long Drive #8: Lee Smith. Longest Putt Made #9: Shane Wright. Putting Contest Champion: Brandon Bieberstine. Thank you for the support this year it is much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2014 WVFD Golf Outing! We appreciate these Warren Area Businesses for their generous support of the Warren Volunteer Fire Department Golf Outing: Dogwood Glen Golf Course, Accent Interiors, Bolinger's Propane/Warren Service & Supply, Citizen's Telephone, DeWeese Softwater & Appliance/ D&D Bike Shop, IAB, Wagon Wheel Café, Huggy Bear Ice Cream Stop, Blue Flame, Ron Bell, IN Board Up, PNC Bank, East of Chicago, Warren Pharmacy, Crain Ford, Subway, Star Insurance, Reber Repair, Electricon LLC, Campbell-Dye Insurance, Marathon Gas, Wright Construction, Cintas, and At the Corner Salon. Thank you to all of the participants of the Annual WVFD Golf Outing! The Warren Volunteer Firefighters appreciate the Hole Sponsors and Participants. Thank you for supporting of YOUR Local Fire Department!

DEAR COMMUNITY 4-H FRIENDS,

On behalf of Jackson Jaguars 4-H club and Wells county 4-H we'd like to thank you for supporting our Pancake and Sausage booth and helping make our shift a success. It is the support of our friends and family who make this project a success. Special thanks goes to Tara Korporeal for also helping organize our shift workers. This fundraising helps support several Wells county 4-H project, including awards, ribbons and scholarships. We are fortunate to live in a community that helps with projects related to the growth our future leaders. Again thanks each and every one of you I couldn't of done it along and your support and help was very appreciated.

Sincerely, Kelly Jones
 Jackson Jaguars 4-H club

THE NEED FOR SALAMONIE

The importance of Salamonie School to the students, family and staff of Warren and the surrounding area.

Salamonie School is an ideal location for students, staff, family and guests. Located in Warren, Salamonie School is easily accessible by State Road 5 and two exits off of I-69. The picturesque landscape, classroom layout, spacious classrooms, modern playground, football field, track field, large woods, generous parking lots and an outdoor wooded learning center are tremendous assets of Salamonie. Salamonie School is capable of holding 550 students, approx 22 per classroom if needed. Salamonie was built in 1969 as a 7-9 grade junior high. In 1982, the local elementary school in Warren was closed and freshmen were moved to HNHS, therefore Salamonie became a k-8 school. Salamonie School is proud to

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Brad Kelly, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m. Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m. Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Daycare provided during Worship Service</i></p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship Service 8:15a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE MINISTRIES 9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/489-1456 260/375-4224</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Rev Mark Davis Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 Kathy Newton, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:15a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chad Yoder</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"</p> <p>Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Pastor Brian Holland www.mountetnachurch.com</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m. Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Jill Miller, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parson</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Wass, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 am The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun 5:00pm</p> <p>www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m. Youth: (Start back up in the fall) K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm</p> <p>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609</p> <p>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</p>
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AREA NEWS

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operation.

We will be moving to Heritage Point, Woodridge #25 by the end of September. This is quite a move for us, as Bernard has lived his entire life here on the farm. Until now this property has been in the Gebhart family since 1854. Wish us well and stop by to see us.

Thanks again to everyone.
Bernard and Sharon Gebhart

2015 GOLF

Dogwood Glen Membership prices for 2015 are now available. Fall Special begins October 1st and runs until December 1st. During the Fall Special you will save 20% off the regular rates. Sign-up during this period and you can play the rest of the 2014 season too! We offer many membership options to suit your playing needs. Stop by the clubhouse for more information.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAYS

Fall Clean-Up Days for Warren will be October 6-11.

Deliver items to the Utility Garage at 316 W. Second Street between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday and 8:00 am through noon on Saturday. Please be prepared to unload your vehicle on your own and place all articles into the dumpster. Also, please make sure you do not place articles into the recycling bins.

Items not collected are electronics including televisions and

computers, building supplies such as concrete, treated wood of any kind, appliances with Freon, vegetation, chemicals including wet paint, tires. If any questions, please call the Clerk's Office at 375-2656. Town of Warren residents only.

SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sigma Phi Gamma will be sponsoring the October Sunday Luncheon at the Civic Center on Sunday, October 5th from 11am-1pm. Menu includes baked steak, ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert & drink. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12, children 5 & under free. Carry outs will be available. Proceeds from this meal will go to benefit community projects. Also available this fall/holiday season from Sigma Phi Gamma will be Cookie Gift Jars, these are dry ingredients for cookies layered in jars decorated ready to give as gifts. All you need to add are the wet ingredients. They will be \$8.00 jar, they come with complete instructions for making the cookies. They will have Oatmeal Chocolate Chip jars for sale at the luncheon.

TRICK OR TREAT

Due to the Scarecrow Festival being held on Friday, October 31st, HALLOWEEN, Trick or Treat Hours for Warren have been set for Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 till 8:00.

During the set time, additional

police patrols will be scheduled. It is advised to turn exterior lights on if you wish to be visited by ghosts and ghouls and, probably this year, some Zombies.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Warren's Scarecrow Festival - Downtown Friday, October 31, 6-8pm.

THE CORN AND BEANS ARE TURNING BROWN

AND SCHOOL-BELL-SOUNDS MAY CAUSE A FROWN
SCARECROW FUN WILL SOON BE FOUND

WHEN KIDS AND ADULTS PARADE AROUND
AT THE SCARECROW FEST, DOWNTOWN!

Come join in on the fun at Warren on Friday, October 31 from 6-8pm. Start creating your Scarecrow and concocting your tastiest chili brew! The costume parade kicks off the Scarecrow Festivities at 6pm at the corner of 3rd and Wayne Street and stay in town for Family-Friendly activities and treats!

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Scarecrow Festival and encourages local businesses and organizations to participate in the Scarecrow Festival. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a free game or activity and have treats ready for the trick-or-treaters! Contact Barb @ 260-375-3656 for your booth location.

Scarecrow and Chili entry forms are due by October 24. Entry forms are at Bolinger's Propane/Warren Service & Supply, MarkleBank, PNC Bank and the Warren City Building. Please call Kate @ 375-2124 for more information on the Scarecrow Contest. Please call Claudia @ 260-228-0031 for more information on the Chili Cook-off. Chili, hot dogs and drinks will be available. If Monstrous Rains, the event

will be moved to the KBC Center.

ALLEY PAVING

Bids are scheduled to be opened in early October with the Warren project to be contracted at the Regular Council Meeting of October 13th. The contract will call for the project to be completed within sixty days, weather permitting. Again, watch local news sources for more information as it becomes available.

CULVERT PROJECT

SR 5 is scheduled to be re-opened within sixty days, weather permitting. Again, watch local news sources for more information as it becomes available.

HOG ROAST

Warren Site Boys and Girls Club Hog Roast on Friday October 10 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Warren United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Each Meal includes: Pulled Pork, Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Chips, Cookies, and Drink.
Carry-out available.

Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$7.00/Children (3-10) \$5.00

Funds raised will be used to purchase books, supplies, gym equipment for the Warren Boys & Girls Club.

Donations will be accepted. Special thank you to our sponsors: Citizens Telephone, Bolinger's Propane Service/Warren Service and Supply, iAB financial bank, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, East of Chicago Pizza Co., Reber's Complete Auto Care, The Daugherty Companies Inc., Saturn Wheel, Heritage Pointe, Food Express, Warren United Church of Christ and Chad Roush.

BOXING CLASS

Heritage Pointe is going to offer a RockSteady Boxing class for individuals with Parkinsons. On Saturday, September 27th we are taking a bus to Indianapolis to observe a class currently be offered. We will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. from the Chapel entrance and returning in the afternoon. We have room for community members who would be interested in learning more about boxing and Parkinsons. RockSteady was established in Indianapolis to assist people with their fight against Parkinsons. If you would be interested in going please call or text Stacia Perry at 765-348-7807. You don't have to have Parkinsons to assist with the fight. We need all sorts of support for this program.

GOAT MEETING

The Huntington County Goat Association will meet Tuesday, September 30, 7:30 pm at Lancaster Wesleyan Church, Lancaster, 3147 W 543 S. The association will begin planning for activities for the 2015 4-H Year. All are welcome to attend the meeting including anyone who has participated in the Huntington County 4-H goat project.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email jwkierck@purdue.edu.





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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.

Oct 1 Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Assembly Hall
Oct 1 7:00pm Van Buren Town Council
Oct 4 4:30-7p Mt Zion Fish Fry
Oct 6-11 Warren Town Wide Clean-Up
Oct 13 5:30pm Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
Oct 30 Warren Trick or Treat
Oct 31 Scarecrow Festival - Warren

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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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

SENIOR GOLF

Results from the Senior Scramble on Thursday, September 18 at Dogwood Glen. First Place(31): Charles Forrester, Tom Smiley, Larry Trout, Jerry Williams. Second Place(32): Lynn Bonewitz, Dave Fleeger, Ted Reinke. Closest to the Pin #3 John Dickason, #6 Larry Langdon, Long Drive #8 Kent Mackey & Charles Forrester. Thank you to Huggy Bear Ice Cream Stop for sponsoring this weeks golf balls.

FRIDAY POOL

There were 20 residents in the September 19th pool tournament at Heritage Pointe. The winners were Ralph Taylor and Bud Lee. Second place went to Carl Hubbard and Clarence Myers. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.

CELEBRATED 50

A birthday party was held on September 13, 2014 to honor Sheryl Slusher turning "50". The party was given by her mother, Janet Slusher, and took place at the Hillcrest of Nazarene Church Family Life Center. Those attending enjoyed cake, punch and mints. Gift cards were asked to be given instead of gifts. A special guest was there, Eugene the Clown, aka Pastor Mark Davis. Thank you everyone. Sheryl Slusher.

RIBBON CUTTING

The Huntington County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the new Genbu-Kai Karate of Indiana on Saturday, September

13. The event took place at their facility in CHAMPS Academy, 900 E. State Street.

During the ribbon cutting head instructor Dawn Anderson and some of her students performed a demonstration for those in attendance. Genbu-Kai believes traditional Japanese Karate-Do and Okinawan Kobudo help the student increase strength, flexibility, mental focus, self-esteem, self-defense, and it is even fun!

Anderson is a Nidan (2nd degree) black belt in Genbu-Kai Shito-Ryu Karate-Do and a Shodan (1st degree) black belt in Kobudo Rengo-Kai (Okinawan weapons). Anderson has been training for 10 years, teaching karate to all levels of youth and adults since 2008 and serves as a Genbu-Kai karate judge for state and international level tournaments.

CHAMPS Academy Genbu-Kai Karate monthly membership is \$50. Classes will be held at CHAMPS Academy, 900 E. State Street, in the Life Church building. For more information visit the website at www.indianagenbukai.com or email at indianagenbukai@gmail.com.

COLLEGE GO! WEEK!

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers joined communities and schools across the state today in celebrating the start of College GO! Week. Beginning with the last full week in September and continuing through November, the annual campaign kicks off a full semester of efforts designed to help Hoosiers of all ages plan for education beyond high school.

"College GO! Week is all about giving Hoosiers the information and support they need to not only go to college, but to complete college," said Lubbers. "Whether you're a child starting school or an adult planning to return to school, there are specific steps you should be taking now to be on the path to college and career success."

College GO! Week encourages students to complete practical college-readiness activities at each grade level, including creating a graduation plan, visiting college campuses and applying to college. Many Indiana colleges are waiving application fees in support of College GO! Week. Students and families can learn more about fee waivers, grade-specific checklists and related college-planning resources on the College GO! Week website at CollegeGoWeekIndiana.org.

Contests & Events

Sponsored by the state's Learn More Indiana outreach initiative, College GO! Week features special contests and events, including:

Student Contests: One student at each grade level—from kindergarten through grade 12—will win \$529 for their College Choice 529 Savings Plan. Students in grades K-5 will complete a poster activity and grades 6-12 will write an essay explaining how \$529 will help them prepare for college. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. (EST) on Nov. 21. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/contests.

School Grants: Three Indiana schools—one elementary school, one middle school and one high school—will have the

chance to win a \$1,000 grant to support their local college readiness efforts. To enter to win, schools can write a submission letter explaining their current activities and how they would use the funds to further support their students in preparing for college. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. (EST) on Nov. 21. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/contests.

College Application Day: High schools across the state will be hosting College Application Day on Oct. 28 to help seniors complete and submit at least one college application. Students will be able to work directly with counselors to walk through the application process step-by-step and will also be encouraged to start their financial aid forms. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/events.

Get involved

Tell us what you're doing to celebrate College GO! Week this year at Facebook.com/LearnMoreIN, Twitter@LearnMoreIN (#collegegoweeek) or via email at info@learnmore.org.

BIG TREE REGISTER

The 2012 drought and other circumstances have knocked some of Indiana's state champion trees out of contention for the 2015 Big Tree Register.

Published every five years, the register is a list of the largest known native trees in the state, known as state champion trees.

The DNR is accepting nominations for the 2015 Big Tree Register through Oct. 31.

The loss of several champions is an opportunity for other trees to move up and take their place. If you think you have the largest or even the second largest please nominate your tree—it could be the next state champion for its species.

The application requires three measurements of a tree: total circumference, in inches, at 4.5 feet above the ground; total

height, in feet; and average crown spread, in feet.

The total size of a tree is calculated using a points system. The tree of each species with the highest total is Indiana's largest.

Each tree nominated is verified for species and size before acceptance in the register.

More information, the online directory of Indiana big trees, the nomination form, and directions on how to make tree measurements is at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8169.htm.

For more information about nominating a tree for the register or to receive a nomination form, contact district forester Janet Eger at (812) 247-2479 or jeger@dnr.IN.gov.

CCC REUNION

An Oct. 5 reunion for Civilian Conservation Corps veterans, their families and friends at Ouabache State Park will conclude with the dedication of a bronze statue honoring the men of the CCC.

The reunion will begin at the lodge at 10:30 a.m. and will include a light lunch for veterans and their guests at 11:30 a.m. Donations are appreciated.

After lunch, visitors will carpool to the statue for the dedication ceremony at 2 p.m.

Reunion participants are asked to RSVP by calling (317) 234-4926.

The CCC was a government work program that provided jobs to young, unemployed men during the Great Depression. The workers developed parks; built roads, trails and fire towers; planted trees; and more.

The men of Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1592 lived and worked at the Wells County Game Farm (now Ouabache State Park) from 1935-1940. They built bird pens, hatcheries and recreational structures, including the CCC lodge.

The CCC Worker Statue program was developed by CCC Legacy Chapter 129 of Grayling, Mich., in 1995. There are statues



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in 38 states. This will be the 62nd statue nationwide and the second in Indiana. The first statue in Indiana was dedicated at Versailles State Park in 2010.

The statue at Ouabache was funded through donations and fundraising efforts through the Friends of Ouabache State Park group.

Ouabache State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2975.htm) is at 4930 E. St. Rd. 201, Bluffton, 46714.

FALLS PREVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS—Today is the first day of Fall and is also the seventh annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. This year's theme, "Strong Today, Falls Free Tomorrow," strives to raise awareness of injuries due to falls and prevent falls in the elderly population. According to the National Council on Aging, last year's campaign reached more than 2 million people.

"Falls are one of the leading causes of fatal and non-fatal injuries in Indiana," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "Falls Prevention Awareness Day is a time to help make people aware of the dangers of falling."

In 2012, Hoosiers ages 65 years and older suffered 8,211 falls that resulted in hospitalizations and there were 328 fatalities due to falls. Every 15 seconds, an older adult is seen in an Emergency Department for a fall-related injury. As one ages, the chances of falling and of being seriously injured in a fall increases. Hip fractures due to falls in older adults resulted in an additional 895 emergency room visits.

Five easy ways to prevent falls include:

- Increase your physical activity. Exercises like walking or swimming at least 15 minutes a day can help build muscle strength and improve balance, which can prevent falls. Exercise programs that increase strength and improve balance also help.
- See your eye doctor once every year. Age-related eye diseases, such as cataracts, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, can increase the risk of falling. Early detection is critical to minimizing the effects of these conditions.
- Review your medications. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about the medicines you are taking and whether they may cause

drowsiness or dizziness.

- Remove environmental hazards. Search your home for anything that could cause falls, including poor lighting, loose rugs, slippery floors and unsteady furniture. Remove or modify these hazards.
- Think, plan and slow down. Many falls are caused by hurrying. Slow down and think through the task you are performing.

Thirty percent of adults age 65 and older who live in the community fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That number increases to 50 percent for older adults who live in residential care facilities or nursing homes.

Indiana is part of the Falls Free® Coalition, which includes several states and national organizations, professional associations and federal agencies across the country dedicated to reducing fall-related injuries and deaths among older adults.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

CRAFT FAIR

HeartSong Show Chorus is hosting their annual Holidays Vendor and Craft Fair, Saturday, October 4 from 9am - 4 pm at Lakeview Wesleyan Church Family Gym, 5316 S. Western, Marion. It will feature over 25 vendors, artists and crafters from around Indiana with a wide variety of unique merchandise. Shoppers can take their time browsing and enjoying the day with a brunch/lunch bar, hourly door prizes and the opportunity to shop for fall and winter and the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas with gifts and personal items for all shoppers.

BE SEPTICSMART

INDIANAPOLIS—According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), nearly one quarter of all American households—more than 26 million homes—depend on septic systems to treat their wastewater. This week is the second annual SepticSmart Week, an initiative launched by the EPA that promotes and encourages homeowners to maintain their septic system. If a septic system is not properly maintained, it can lead to costly repairs, polluted local waterways and risks to public health and the environment.

"Since city sewers cannot reach all areas of our state, septic systems are a viable part of our wastewater treatment infrastructure," said Mike Mettler, REHS, Director, Environmental Public Health at the Indiana State Department of Health. "But these systems, just like your car, need periodic maintenance to assure proper operation and prevent having to perform costly repairs and the creation of a serious health hazard on your property."

In Indiana, on average, around 11,000 septic systems are installed each year. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their septic systems and proper care and maintenance is vital to the protection of public health and preservation of valuable water resources. Proper system maintenance as well as mindful daily household use will help keep a system from malfunctioning and will help to maintain their investment in their home.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management encourage homeowners to be SepticSmart by following these tips:

- Homeowners should have their systems inspected every three years by a licensed contractor and have their tanks pumped when necessary, approximately every three to five years.
- Avoid pouring fats, grease and solids down the drain.
- Be water efficient and spread out water use. Consider fixing plumbing leaks and installing faucet aerators. Also, spread out laundry and dishwasher loads throughout the day. Too much water at once can overload a system if it hasn't been pumped recently.
- Remind guests not to park or drive on a system's absorption field, where the vehicle's weight could damage buried pipes or disrupt underground flow.

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"Maintaining septic systems not only guards the homeowner from costly repairs, but also prevents E. coli bacteria and excessive nutrients from being leaked into nearby rivers and lakes," said Bonny Elifritz, Chief, Nonpoint Source Program at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. "Maintaining septic systems is a very simple but important way homeowners can protect our waterways and our public health."

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management Nonpoint Source Program raises awareness about ways to prevent contaminants on the surface of the land from washing into lakes and streams in storm water and snow melt.

For more information about the SepticSmart initiative, visit www.onsite.isdh.in.gov.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

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ENROLLMENT PERIOD

(StatePoint) If you're 65 or older, you probably know that the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period runs October 15 through December 7. Generally, this is the only time you can make changes to your coverage.

According to Herb Fritch, president of Cigna-HealthSpring, a leading health service company and Medicare insurance provider, here are some things to consider:

- Determine priorities. Make a list of priorities -- such as lowering out-of-pocket costs -- and use it to compare plans.
- Understand the different parts. Part A refers to hospital insurance. The amount of the deductible depends on the length of the hospital stay.

Part B refers to basic medical insurance for doctor visits and other health care services. Medicare pays 80 percent of approved charges while you pay 20 percent in addition to a monthly Part B premium and annual deductible which will vary based on your income. Supplemental plans like Medigap and Medicare Advantage can help cover the 20 percent gap and most offer extra benefits.

Part C refers to plans operated by private companies that combine Part A and B benefits. Most

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include Part D prescription drug coverage, offer no or low monthly premiums, and extras like vision, dental and gym membership benefits.

Part D refers to Prescription Drug Plans offering at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare; some are available as stand-alone plans.

Do your research. Benefits differ from company-to-company and even state-to-state, so do your research. Look beyond premium cost to ensure there aren't hidden copays or fees that will end up costing you more. Pay close attention to medication quantity limits and make sure your plan offers adequate drug coverage.

Pay your Medicare Part B premium. Even if you're enrolled in a private Medicare plan, you must continue paying your Part B premium. If you're having trouble, contact your local Medicaid office to see if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program.

Don't settle. Priorities change, so the plan that worked when you were 65 may not be best when you're 75. Plans also change year-to-year so review before renewing.

Know your network. Many plans offer choices with a network of doctors. If you visit a doctor out of network, you could be responsible for out-of-pocket costs. However, networks offered by Medicare Advantage choices, such as Cigna-HealthSpring, can foster better coordination among doctors, leading to better care. Ask your doctors what plans they accept

or check your network directory.

Don't worry about the Exchanges. With a few exceptions, Medicare will be a better option than the Exchanges (also called "Marketplaces"). In fact, it's illegal for someone to sell you an Exchange plan if they know you have Medicare.

Use free resources. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Plan Finder helps you compare costs, covered medications and other items. Many insurance plans offer free seminars with no obligation to sign up. You can also check companies' websites or call their Customer Service number for more information. Local agencies on aging can also be helpful.

This open enrollment period, make sure your health plan works for you.

BUSTING EYE HEALTH

MYTHS: WHAT'S FACT AND WHAT'S FICTION?

(StatePoint) Everyone has heard myths about what is and isn't good for your eye health -- from eating more carrots to limiting screen time. Unfortunately, many so-called facts are anything but factual, according to Dr. Ryan Nakamura, a VSP Vision Care optometrist. Here, he sorts fact from fiction.

Myth: Reading in dim lighting will damage my eyes.

Busted: It may seem hard to believe, but there is no evidence that reading in dim light will cause long-term damage to your eyes. "Dim lighting can lead to eye strain, requiring your eyes to work harder and making them

tire more quickly, but it's only temporary," says Dr. Nakamura. That said, if you have access to a well-lit room for reading, take advantage of it.

Myth: The darker the lenses my sunglasses are, the better they will protect my eyes.

Busted: Not exactly. "Dark sunglass lenses may reduce eye discomfort for those who experience light sensitivity, but they do not provide additional protection from ultra-violet rays," says Nakamura.

More important than the darkness of your lenses is making sure the sunglasses have UVA and UVB protection -- the only true defense against the sun's harmful rays. Over time, exposure to UV rays can lead to cataracts, macular degeneration and, in some cases, even blindness. So whether you prefer lighter or darker lenses in your frames, sunglasses are a must-have year-round. Don't forget to make sure the children in your life wear them too.

Myth: Working many hours in front of a computer screen will change my glasses prescription.

Busted: Working too long in front of the computer won't change your prescription, but there are some impacts to consider. The blue light emitted from electronic devices can be damaging -- impacting your sleep and possibly causing macular degeneration, which is the leading cause of blindness in adults. Also, using electronics for extended periods of time can result in digital eye strain. Symptoms of digital eye strain include fatigue, headaches and neck

pain.

To help protect against digital eye strain and blue light exposure, consider using eyeglass lenses with blue light protection. Also remember the 20-20-20 rule: for every 20 minutes spent looking at your computer, TV or digital device, spend 20 seconds looking at something at least 20 feet away.

Myth: If you don't have obvious issues with your vision, you don't need an annual eye exam.

Busted: A comprehensive annual eye exam can protect far more than just vision. It can detect signs of serious health problems -- including diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol -- many times before physical symptoms are present. Some serious eye conditions have no immediately obvious signs or symptoms, such as glaucoma or macular degeneration, and take a comprehensive eye exam to detect. Regardless of visible symptoms, a comprehensive eye exam is a must every year, Dr. Nakamura recommends.

For more information, visit SeeMuchMore.com.

Don't just believe old wives' tales when it comes to eye health. Arm yourself with the facts to better protect your family's vision long term.

SPEAK UP DURING NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

(StatePoint) With classes, sports, homework and other activities, weekdays are action packed for kids. Unfortunately, some students deal with an unwelcome addition to their daily routine --

bullying. An estimated 13 million students are bullied annually, according to government statistics.

With online social media so widely available to kids today, bullying doesn't necessarily stop after school, and often takes place round-the-clock. The repercussions can be missed days of school, depression and even suicide.

Fortunately, kids are getting more help these days as bullying prevention efforts are growing nationwide.

Cartoon Network has been a pioneer in this space and its "Stop Bullying: Speak Up" campaign has been empowering bystanders to put a stop to bullying since it launched in 2010. On average, more than 100,000 people visit the initiative's website monthly to learn prevention strategies.

"Speaking up to a trusted adult is the safest, most effective way for victims and bystanders to bring an end to a bullying situation," says Alice Cahn, Cartoon Network vice president of social responsibility. "Bystanders in particular can be powerful agents for change when they report incidents."

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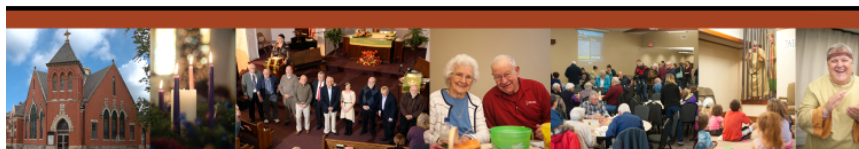
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award-winning pro-social effort has come from such diverse organizations as Facebook, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, LG Mobile, and CNN. President Obama even invited Cartoon Network to the first Bullying Prevention Summit at the White House, and later introduced the initiative's first documentary, "Speak Up."

This year, Cartoon Network's Speak Up Week (Sept. 29 - Oct. 3) kicks off National Bullying Prevention Month in October and is a great time to review ways that adults and kids can stand up to bullying:

- **Cyberbullying:** Don't contribute to the problem by sharing, saving, forwarding or reposting information. If you're on the receiving end, resist the urge to get back at the person or fix the issue online — both can make the problem worse. Get offline and deal with it in real life. Parents can help prevent cyberbullying by monitoring kids' use of computers, mobile phones and tablets.

- **Don't stand by:** Research has found that when bullying occurs and a bystander intervenes by speaking up, more than half of bullying situations stop within just 10 seconds.

- **Share your voice:** Cartoon Network is recruiting 1MM students, parents, teachers, legislators and anyone concerned about bullying prevention to submit user-generated videos that feature individuals declaring the phrase, "I Speak Up!" You can use a smartphone or go online to upload your own video to the www.StopBullyingSpeakUp.com website.

Participants are also encouraged to use the hashtag, #ISpeakUp to share videos via their own social media platforms to help spread the word and enlist friends to take part in the 1MM challenge. Select videos will appear on-air as part of new campaign spots for Cartoon Network, its digital platforms and Boomerang.

- **Listen:** Parents should check in with kids periodically to make sure they're safe and happy at school, on the playground and online. If you're an adult and a child tells you about a bullying situation, listen. Either let the school know about the issue or talk to the other children's parents about putting a stop to the behavior.

Whether you're a victim, a bystander or a concerned adult, don't sweep bullying under the rug. By speaking out against cru-

elty, you can help end bullying.

DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN AT RISK DURING EMERGENCIES

(StatePoint) More than half of US families have been affected by some type of disaster; however two out of five families don't have an emergency plan, according to findings from the Save the Children's 2014 Disaster Report Card.

Are you prepared for the worst? While there are some steps all individuals should take to prep for a disaster, young children have unique needs, and parents should bear these in mind when making their emergency plans. September, which is National Preparedness Month, is an excellent opportunity to address these considerations.

Teach Your Kids

Make sure your kids know basic information and how to identify themselves if they are separated from you. They should also know their home phone number and parents' or caregivers' mobile numbers, how to dial 911, the family's meet-up locations and how to reach your family's out of town contact.

Stock up at Home

You may already have basic survival items in your home that will be crucial in the event of emergency. These include bottled water, flashlights, canned food, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries. But don't forget the kid-friendly supplies. Here is a handy checklist:

- Nursing supplies
- Formula
- Pre-packaged baby food.
- Juice pouches
- Diapers
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- Vitamins
- Fever reducer
- Rash ointment
- Create a Go Kit

Unfortunately, you may not be able to wait out every emergency at home. Prepare a backpack or portable bag for each family member with essential hygiene items and contact information in case you need to leave home. Include the following:

- Each child's contact and medical information.
- Recent photos of each child.
- Comfort food and treats.
- Activity items like books and games.
- Comfort items like a stuffed animal or blanket.

Child Care

Emergencies don't always strike when it's convenient. Every work day, 69 million kids are in school or child care, separated from their

families, according to census statistics. Since your children may be at a child care facility, with a babysitter or in school when disaster hits, make sure all caregivers have each child's most recent contact information. Ask the facility about its emergency plans. If it doesn't have a plan in place, you may want to ask for one to be created.

More disaster prep tips and resources for families can be found at www.savethechildren.org/GetReady.

Don't wait to create a disaster plan. Doing so leaves children at risk. This National Preparedness Month, secure your family's health and wellness by making a plan.

MAKING MUSIC PART OF DAILY LIFE CAN BENEFIT KIDS

Kids

(StatePoint) While most schools offer a baseline level of music education, many programs are limited and sometimes classroom instruments can be scarce. Exposure to music, however, offers people of all ages a number of benefits - from reduced stress to improved coordination and academic outcomes. There are many things families can do to enrich their musical lives. September is National Piano Month, so here are some fun ways to make more music together.

Gather Round the Piano

Playing the piano can improve hand-eye coordination and can be a great way to gather the family together. Whether you have an ace musician or a beginner in your midst, no home should be without a piano or keyboard. Look for features that allow a budding musician to pick up and play without any prior musical experience.

For example, Casio offers a wide range of digital pianos and keyboards for every skill level. Its Privia line of digital pianos is ideal for at-home music lessons; the PX-150 digital piano has a duet mode that splits the keyboard into two equal ranges, allowing student and teacher to use the piano simultaneously. Designed with simulated ebony and ivory textured keys, it reproduces the touch and feel of an acoustic piano, while its tri-sensor keyboard captures the dynamics of a performance with speed and accuracy. More information can be found at www.CasioMusicGear.com.

Sing-Along Night

You don't need to be the Von Trapp family to exercise your lungs or experience the benefits of do-

ing so. Singing has been proven to improve quality of life, according to many studies. Whether it is impromptu karaoke night or your family is watching a favorite musical, don't be shy about creating opportunities for your household to sing.

Extracurricular Programs

Investigate your school's extracurricular programs. While general class sizes can be large, extracurricular programs such as band, chorus and school plays can offer a better teacher-to-student ratio and more access to instruments. The benefits of music education are numerous and learning piano can open the gates to a wide range of musical interests in the future. To get your children interested, encourage the whole family to make more music at home.

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have a spacious student-friendly library, a large modern cafeteria, a huge gymnasium with more than adequate seating, and an auxiliary area (former pool room) that can be converted into another gymnasium or multi-purpose area. These areas are all handicap accessible.

It is crucial to Huntington County's Economic Development that a school in a viable town will not be considered for closure. Therefore Warren, Roanoke and Andrews should be set aside when discussing any school closures. Please come and visit Salamonie School to see for yourself!

Gina Canady

WALK FOR HOPE

The Youth Services Bureau and the Teen Suicide Prevention Task Force would like to thank everyone who made the 4th Annual Walk for Hope a huge success. This is the first year that the weather did not cooperate; however, the event was held and the walkers walked inside Huntington North High School. The sponsors for this year's event were: the Bowen Center, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and Insurance Services.

The main goal of the event was to increase the community's awareness of suicide and we feel that was accomplished. Even with the weather there were approximately 75 walkers who participated in this year's walk. The event also served as a fundraiser for suicide prevention activities in Hun-

tington County. The funds help provide educational materials, the QPR trainings and classroom presentations.

As the walkers gathered inside the high school, many had pictures of their loved ones or had T-shirts that had their loved ones name or picture on it. The walkers shared stories of their loved ones they had lost and found support from others who are surviving the same tragedy.

"The event is to bring recognition to suicide and to help alleviate the stigma associated with suicide and other mental health issues," stated Ryan Beeching, Safe Place/Host Home coordinator and suicide prevention educator. One walker made the comment, "Walking in the halls of the high school really made sense since these are the halls so many young people have the suicidal thoughts in the first place."

The Youth Services Bureau and the Teen Suicide Prevention Task Force is committed to increase the awareness of the risk factors and warning signs of suicide, especially teen suicide in Huntington County. Suicide is preventable but we must be educated and know the appropriate actions steps to take when we find ourselves talking to someone who may be contemplating suicide. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth under the age 18 years of age in Indiana. Studies also show that 1 in 10 high school students will contemplate suicide during their high school experience. Huntington County's data is consistent with the state data. In 2013, 56 youth were provided immediate assistance as they struggled with thoughts of suicide. The Youth Services Bureau offers a 2-hour training, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) that addresses the warning signs, risk factors and how to talk to someone who may be considering suicide. We must show our young people they are important and help provide them with a safety net as they maneuver through the challenges of adolescence.

To learn more about suicide prevention, how you can help or when the next QPR will be held, contact the Youth Services Bureau at 356-9681, email adm@ysbofhuntingtonco.org or visit the website at www.ysbofhuntingtonco.org.

Thanks again for everyone who supported this year's walk. See you next year.

Sincerely,

Jan Williams,
Executive Director