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Thought for the Week: **Perfection is a road, not a destination. Every time I live, I get an education.** Burk Hudson

Classifieds make \$\$\$\$ & €€€



Drew Henly as Jesus and Torrance Dean, Stacia Brinneman, & Cheryl DeWeese represent the "Good Soil" in "GODSPELL" at the Pulse Opera House, Warren, IN. Performances continue: May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 at 8pm.

GODSPELL

"GODSPELL" is a folk-rock look at the last days and nights of Jesus of Nazareth; His betrayal by Judas; His denial by Peter; His trial at the hands of Pontius Pilate; and his crucifixion and death. Drawing from various theatrical traditions, such as clowning, pantomime, charades, acrobatics and vaudeville, the show is a groundbreaking and unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, "GODSPELL" is one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time. It is currently playing on Broadway to rave reviews.

Based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew, and featuring a sparkling score, Godspell boasts a string of well-loved songs, led by the international hit "Day by Day." As the cast performs "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back O Man" and "By My Side," the parables of Jesus Christ come humanly and hearteningly to life.

The show is perfect for the entire family. Would be especially good for church groups of youth groups.

Tickets may be reserved online at pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Lobby doors open at 7:00 p.m. and theatre doors open at 7:30 p.m. Those bringing in an item for the food pantry will get \$1 off the price of admission (One item per ticket. Not good with any other promotion.).

FARMERS MARKET

Opens May 19 at Daugherty's Building on 1st Street! Get there early for the best selection.

CARNIVAL

The Warren Baseball & Softball League is having a carnival on Saturday, June 23 at Tower Park from 1:00-6:00. All money raised will go directly back to the kids of WBSL.

The Coaches/Umpires Softball games will be on Schwob Field, all coaches must wear their shirt and the cost per game will be \$1.00. All coaches must check in with Lisa in order to be placed in a game. As always the first 20 to arrive will play the first game, on Stucky Field, there is going to be Kickball games for the same cost and is open to all ages.

In between the diamonds will be carnival games, including ring toss, duck pond draw, toss-a-cross, sucker draw and face painting.

The Big Excitement is over the raffle... We will be selling tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 with a grand prize of lifetime entry for 1 child to the WBSL league, even if your child is too young to play in our 8-17 league now, they will be able to play all 10 years for free!! (They will still have to register every year for info purposes.)

There will also be 6 consolation draws and the drawing will be at 6:00 at Tower Park after the carnival. You need not be present to win!

Everyone come out and support the WBSL League and have some fun at the same time!! See you there!

School's Almost Out! Watch out for the kids!!

5K'ADE

Amy Ehinger and The Viking New Tech Healthy Lifestyles class are hosting a 5K race and mile walk on Friday May 18th at 6:00 pm called the 5K'ade. The cost of the race or walk is \$20 and all proceeds will go directly to Cade Abbett's medical bills. Cade Abbett is a student at Huntington North High School that is battling bone cancer. The race starts in East lot of Huntington North High School. Participants will receive a T-shirt and will be eligible for prizes and awards. Healthy snacks & drinks will be provided after the race. Packet pick up and registration are on Thursday May 17th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the hallway leading to the field house. Racers and walkers can also sign up or pick up their packets the day of the race in the Huntington North field house from 3:30-5:30 pm.

PQA WORKSHOPS

Most Indiana 4-H members in the Swine project are required to be PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) Plus Certified. This policy is partly due to the fact that most buyers (pork processing facilities) will now only accept animals from PQA certified producers.

Workshops scheduled in the area include:

May 31 - 1 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton

May 31 - 6:30 PM, Adams County Fairgrounds, Monroe

June 12 - 7 PM, Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton

Advanced registration for the workshops are not required.

Youth can become certified by attending the workshop. They may also take a test at the end of the workshop to extend their certification. Most workshops

last 75 - 90 minutes in length.

Once 4-H member have attended a workshop or passed the test, their information will be submitted to the National Pork Board who will issue a PQA Plus Certification Card.

For more information about the 4-H PQA Workshops, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

CUB SCOUTS CAR WASH

Warren Cub Scouts Pack #3122 would like you to bring your dirty cars to Warren Blue Flame on Saturday May 19th from 2-4 p.m. The scouts will be washing and drying your cars! Freewill donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit your local Warren Cub Scouts! Proceeds will be used to buy supplies and help fund campouts. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

ZUMBATHON

Zumbathon for the SSF fireworks. Saturday May 19, 2012 at the Knight Bergman Center From 3-5 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be bought at the door or from Chrissie Linker or Amy Vance

There will be 5 different instructors, gift bags for first ones in the door and a raffle prize.

All the money raised will go toward the fireworks.

Please come out and join the fun and show support for your local festival fireworks.

MISS WELLS COUNTY

Miss Wells County Pageant applications are due June 1, 2012

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Miss Wells County Pageant. The pageant is

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

HUNGRY FAMILIES

My name is Thomas Hauck. I have lived in this wonderful town for almost a year now. I feel this community is "the small town with a big heart." That is why I would like to ask the area churches, local businesses, as well as our neighborhood gardeners to Plant a Row for Poverty. My hope is that people will grow then donate a row of vegetables to The Bread of Life food pantry, or perhaps give to the elderly. I think the community could benefit from this in many ways. As times get tougher and wallets get tighter, I have noticed that the act of giving is what the Lord has called us to do. Please help facilitate my desire to feed the hungry families of our beloved town. Thank You.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE WARREN COMMUNITY!!!

I would like to thank the Warren community for the huge response we had on Saturday, May 12th for our annual food drive. I estimate we picked up over 500 lbs of food to go to the Bread of Life Food Pantry here in town. I would also like to thank my hard working rural carriers for their role in picking up all this food and delivering it back to our office. We could not do it without them. Also this year we put up a barrel in our lobby for people in town to donate and I would like to thank the folks who brought in food to help fill this, hopefully we can do that again next year as well.

Your generous donations will help many local families put food on their tables in these rough economic times.

Again, thank you all and I hope we can make next years food drive even bigger.

Stephanie Bauman
 Postmaster, Warren Post Office

How MUCH is an HOUR of YOUR TIME

by V Neil Wyrick

"Daddy, how much do you make an hour?" With a timid voice and idolizing eyes, the little boy greeted his father as he returned from work.

Greatly surprised, but giving his boy a glaring look, the father said, "Look, not even your mother knows that. Don't bother me now. I'm tired."

"But Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour," the boy insisted?

The father, finally giving up, replied: "Ten dollars per hour."

"Okay, Daddy. Could you lend me two dollars?" the boy asked.

Angry with his son's constant pestering, he said, "Go to sleep and don't bother me anymore."

It was already dark, and the father was feeling guilty for what he said. Maybe, he thought, his son needed to buy something for school. Finally, trying to ease his mind. The father went to his son's room. "Are you asleep, son?" asked the father.

"No, Daddy. Why?" replied the boy, partially a sleep. "Here's the money you asked for earlier," the father said.

"Thanks, Daddy!" rejoiced the son, while putting his hand under his

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 Brad Kelly, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.

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 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

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 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

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 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

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

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 468-2411
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6:7-30 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mid-Week (Thurs) 6:30 p.m.

**PLUM TREE
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service 11:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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 Jeff Wass, Pastor

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

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 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy

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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Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Thursday 6-8pm

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 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

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

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 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.
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FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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scheduled for Monday July 16 in conjunction with the 4-H Fair. The pageant is open to females ages 16-20 (must be 16 by August 15th). The local contest resembles the Indiana State Fair Queen Contest to which the Miss Wells County Pageant is a preliminary. The following rules have been developed by the pageant committee.

1. Each contestant must be a resident of Wells Co.
2. She must be unmarried and must never have been married,

- and cannot have had a child.
3. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one worthwhile organization.
4. No professional model is eligible for the contest. A professional model is one who earns her livelihood by modeling.
5. A girl who works for a high school or college fashion board is not considered a professional model.
6. No previous Miss Wells County Queen may enter the contest.
7. Each contestant must be sponsored by a merchant, club or organization who will



Ellen and Lucy

ELLEN AND LUCY

Plum Tree United Church of Christ is pleased to announce that Ellen Adney will be in service with us on May 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Ellen and her husband Dale reside in Hartford City and have been in the ministry for over 20 years. Ellen has produced six professional albums and has won many awards. She ministers the love of God through the spoken word as well as song. Humor is abundant in her ministry and she is a gifted soloist.

Although the Adney's are no stranger to trials, Ellen has a truly victorious spirit and you will be uplifted as she shares from her heart. You will laugh till you cry at "Lucy" (a puppet) and experience joy in a fresh new and exciting way. With Ellen you never know what to expect, but if come expecting a blessing you won't be disappointed.

contribute \$100 to defray the expenses of the contestant. Also the contestant must furnish her own transportation (car and driver) for the parade on July 16th.

7. The winner of this contest will be expected to represent Wells County at the Indiana State Fair. This Contest will be held on August 19, 2012.

The contestants will be judged on the basis of presentation, poise and personality. The judging is divided into three categories.

1. The professional wear competition reflects the image of today's active women in a professional and social role.

2. The interview represents the business side of a women's life-interacting with other people in the working world, knowing how to present herself when applying for a job, and how to carry on an interesting discussion.

3. The evening gown competition explores the more romantic side of life.

Workshops will be held on June 14, June 28, July 3, July 11 @ 6pm

Applications may be obtained from the Purdue Wells County Extension Office, Bluffton, Norwell and Southern Wells High Schools or on line @ http://www3.ag.purdue.edu/counties/wells/Documents/MISS_WELLS_COUNTY_APPLICATION.pdf or by contacting the pageant director, Cathy Neu at 260-273-9428.

AUDITIONS

One of the most beloved British musicals of all time is coming to the Pulse Opera House this summer. Auditions are Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. (boys 8-12 years old only) and Monday, May

21 at 7:00 p.m. (open audition for everyone). There are roles available for 8 men / 6 women / 2 boys and ensemble (townspeople, workhouse boys and Fagin's gang of boys).

Oliver! brings Dickens' timeless characters vividly to life with its ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more. Lionel Bart's sensational score includes "Food Glorious Food," "Consider Yourself," "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two," "I'd Do Anything," and "As Long as He Needs Me."

Oliver! will be directed by Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok with musical direction by Barry Jamison. Leslie Witkamp is choreographing the production with technical direction by Ron Wartzok.

The show runs on Thursday-Saturday on July 20-August 11. Rehearsals are held Mon.-Fri. evenings. Not everyone is called every evening. The number of evenings required depends upon the role.

All those auditioning should bring a short prepared song and a list of conflicts. Familiarity with the show and the music is preferable. For more information, please email pulsedirect@pulseoperahouse.org.

CATTLEMEN MEETING

The Huntington County Cattlemen will meet on Thursday May 24 at 7:00 pm in the Family Living Building, Hier's Park. At this meeting, the group will be reviewing the 2012 Preview Show and planning for food booth at the 2012 4-H Fair.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

NEW TECH

Teachers throughout the Huntington County Community School system will be embracing technology in the fall, thanks to a school board decision to purchase an iPad, Apple MacBook Air and Apple TV component for each teacher in the corporation.

Additionally, the HCCSC school board approved the purchase of 300 iPads that will be used for training purposes. Students will begin using the iPads in the classroom--a first and important step as the district strives to implement one-to-one computing in the very near future, superintendent Tracey Shafer said.

Depending on the success of professional development training efforts in the coming months, the school board may approve the purchase of additional student technology later this summer.

"We are hoping to get all students in grades 6 through 12 outfitted with an iPad by this fall as our teachers master proficiency with the new devices," Shafer said. "This is a good step in the right direction, and we're excited to make digital learning a top priority in our schools. There's no question that the ability to use computers, tablets and e-readers will be a critical skill as our students graduate, pursue further learning opportunities and begin careers. We want to make sure they are prepared for a lifetime of success."

4-H SEWING WORKSHOP

Wells County 4-H will host a sewing workshop on Thursday, May 24, 7 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Susan Gouty, 4-H Volunteer and seamstress will share some basic tips to get started in the 4-H Sewing Project and some techniques on sewing.

Participants are encouraged to bring fabric, patterns, machines, etc. and lots of questions.

Youth, parents, and grandparents are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412.

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.

May 16	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Town Council
May 21	6:30 p.m.	KBC Board Meeting at KBC
May 28		Memorial Day
Jun 6	Noon	Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Assembly Hall
Jun 6	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Town Council
Jun 11	6:30 p.m.	Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
Jun 14		Flag Day
Jun 17		Father's Day
Jun 17 - 23		Grant County 4-H Fair
Jun 18	6:30 p.m.	KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Jun 20	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Town Council Meeting

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

BASKET WORKSHOP

Wells County 4-H will host a Beginner's Basket Making workshop for youth and adults on Thursday, May 31, 6 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Cost of the class is \$15 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 the 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 is 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 Extension Service, 824-6412.

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

GRADUATES

Local Huntington University students participated in the 114th Commencement exercises on May 12.

The following local students were members of the Class of 2012:

- Racheal Childers is a 2012 January graduate from Warren, IN. Childers earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and History.

- Kelsey Green is a 2012 May graduate from Van Buren, IN. Green earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education.

Huntington University is a comprehensive Christian college of the liberal arts offering graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic concentrations. U.S. News & World Report ranks

Huntington among the best colleges in the Midwest, and Forbes.com has listed the university as one of America's Best Colleges. Additionally, Princeton Review has named the institution to its "Best in the Midwest" list. Founded in 1897 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington University is located on a contemporary, lakeside campus in northeast Indiana. The university is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU).

CHAUTAUQUA

Twenty members of the Chautauqua Club were welcomed to the May meeting by President Barbara Engle, who also read "A May Day" poem. She also thanked everyone for making this past season so cooperative and fine.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, prayer, Collect, and Roll Call were all given. Secretary and Treasurer reports followed.

Business meeting: The slate of officers for the 2012/2013 season was presented. Pres: Karen Hunnicutt. Vice Pres. Ann Spahr. Sec. Nancy Bonham. Treasurer, LuEllyn Pond.

Card chairman, Linda Howell.

The next meeting will be June 1st. Dress for a picnic. Let LuEllyn know if you are NOT planning to attend.

Sign-up sheets were presented for hostess and programs for next year.

Sue Blair presented a very informative program on European immigrants to America, past the Statute of Liberty, into New York Harbor, to the uncertainties of Ellis Island conditions. Most of the immigrants lived through life-threatening conditions in the "hold" of the ships, through storms, and blazing sun. They also faced the fear of being returned to their homelands in 1910 after spending \$10-\$15 for the trip. Ellis Island could handle

5000 people at a time, and each immigrant was carefully scrutinized.

In the Museum today there is the longest wall flag in the country containing 700,000 names inscribed on it. Today 40% of the people can trace their ancestry to Ellis Island.

Karen and Oma served refreshments to Janet Beavens, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Freddie Couch, Barb Engle, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phylis Hubart, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Crystal Lee, Colleen Odem, LuEllyn Pond, Carolyn Sparks, Kitty Throop, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Freda VanWinkle, Omar Zent, Georgina Laymon.

NEW AT WPL

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

ADULT FICTION: Blue Moon Promise O'Conley; The Beginner's Goodbye-Tyler; Loving-Kingsbury; Sunrise Point-Carr; The Last Boyfriend-Roberts; 11th Hour-Patterson; The Innocent-Baldacci; The Proposal-Balogh; Guilt by Degrees-Clark; True Sisters-Dallas; The Road to Grace-Evans; The Newlyweds-Freudenberger; What Doesn't Kill You-Johansen; The Wind Through the Keyhole-King; A Wandering Heart-Kinkade; Hard Country-McGarrity; Beach House Memories-Monroe; Home-Morrison; Unnatural Acts-Woods; Harbor Nocturne-Wambaugh; Robert Parker's Lullaby-Atkins

ADULT NON-FICTION: Happily Even After-Fleet; God Loves Broken People-Walsh; A Guide to Caves and Karst of Indiana-Frushour; Both of Us-O'Neal; Rather Outspoken-Rather; Speak Spanish with Confidence

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Insurgent-Roth; The Serpent's Shadow-Riordan; Clockwork Prince-Clare; Clockwork Angel-Clare; The Fire-Patterson

JUVENILE FICTION: I Broke My Trunk-Willems

JUVENILE NON-FICTION: 50 Burning Questions-Kyi; Derek Jeter-Marcovitz; Ancient Roman Myths-Innes; Life in a Farming Community-Flatt; An Edible Alphabet-Watterson; Growing Up in a Religious Community-Stewart; Is there Life on Other Planets?-Vogt; Did Castles have Bathrooms?-Kerns; Were Early Computers Really the Size of a School Bus?-Kops

DVDs: Born to be Wild; One for the Money; The Secret World of Arriety; The Vow; Geek Charming; Phineas and Ferb The Movie

BETA DELTA

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their May business meeting on Tue May 1st at the sorority room.

Jenny Plummer called the meeting to order, with everyone repeating the pledge.

Officer and committee reports were given.

Cub Scouts have 4 boys advancing to Boy Scouts. We will be paying their dues per capita. Our scholarship winner was announced to the chapter.

Those present were Sandy Booher, Claudia Boxell, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Eichhorn, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Kathy Ralston, Lana Stuber, Susan Ralston, Sondra Zabel and Rosemary Zeller.

GARDENING TIPS

Home gardeners looking for advice on planting vegetables, growing healthy plants, protecting gardens against pests can find assistance on these topics and more from Purdue Extension. Folks have many options including contacting the Huntington County Extension

office directly, visiting with Master Gardener volunteers and reviewing on-line university extension publications.

In Huntington County both Purdue Extension staff and volunteers are providing gardening education to the public. Master Gardener volunteers from Huntington County are hosting workshops on gardening topics. Public sessions in 2012 have included growing vegetables in small spaces, building and painting rain barrels, and planting native plants in your landscape. The next workshop will be held on Thursday June 7 at Heritage Hall in Hier's Park at 7 p.m. The topic of "fairy gardens" will be presented by local Master Gardener volunteers.

Huntington County Master Gardeners will also have their annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday May 19 at Hier's Park from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gardeners are encouraged to ask questions about plants that are available for sale. Master Gardeners will provide suggestions about how to properly care for plants as well as how a particular plant can be grown in a home landscape.

Demonstration gardens are planted and tended by Master Gardeners at the Forks of the Wabash and the Salamonie Reservoir Interpretive Center each year. Spending time in these gardens can be educational for youth and adults. The experiences help people better understand and appreciate a wide variety of plants.

Many resources pertaining to gardening can be found on-line. A Website called "Vegetable Tips: Resources for Easy Gardening" is organized chronologically and walks visitors through the steps in growing vegetables. The site includes sections on "Getting Started," "Planning," "Planting" and "Growing." New gardeners can find information on tools to use, crops to grow and budgets for a vegetable garden.

Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension Horticulture Specialist, said the site combines resources from several College of Agriculture departments, including Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Entomology, Agronomy, and Botany and Plant Pathology, as well as Purdue's Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory. The vegetable gardening Web site can be accessed at <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/gardentips/vegetables/grow/>.

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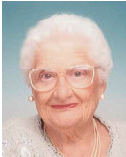
Also we want to thank you for all the many cards, visits, flowers, food and to the organ transplant bank.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The Sparks Family
Dale, Carolyn, Jean, Lisa and Bob

HERZOG

Kathryn Herzog passed on to her new life in heaven on May 8th 2012 she was 93 years old.



Kathryn (Duckwall) Herzog was born on October 21, 1918 in Van Buren, Indiana to Kary and Marie Stackhouse Duckwall. She was a long time resident of Van Buren until 1973 when she and her husband, Fred, moved to Melrose, Florida and to Lakeland, FL in 1978. On March 3, 1939 she was married to Fred W. Herzog who passed away in April 2006 after 67 years of marriage.

Katie was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and friend. She brought joy to many people with her gifts of music, organization and good food. She enjoyed her time spent with friends at Lakeside Hills Estates in Lakeland, Florida and then at Carpenters Estates also in Lakeland.

Mrs. Herzog was a life long member of the Van Buren, Indiana Methodist Church. She had served on the official Board of the church and as organist and choir director for many years. She became a member of the Van Buren Eastern Star #560 in March 1947 and was a Past Matron of that chapter. She transferred her membership to the Lakeland Chapter #26 Order of the Eastern Star in June 1984. She had been a member of the Lioness Club and Beta Gamma Federated Club while living in Indiana. She served as Organist and Pianist of many organizations.

While living in Melrose she worked in the business office of the Gainesville Sun. While living in Indiana she worked in business offices of the Marion Chronicle-Tribune, RCA, and the Weaver Popcorn Company.

She survived by her son George (Jo Ann) Herzog of Orlando and two granddaughters, Mrs. Angela (Major Nathan) Shelton of Whispering Pines North Carolina

and Jennifer Herzog of Orlando and two great grandsons, Gavin and Hunter Shelton.

Visiting hours will be held Monday (May 14) From 10AM-12 noon with the funeral immediately following at Ferguson-Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren, IN. Pastor Leon Pomeroy officiating. Interment at Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren, IN. Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home Van Buren, IN in charge of arrangements.

PRIBBLE

Lois Jean Pribble, 83, of Warren, IN, passed away at 9:30 PM on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.



She was born on Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Marion, IN, to M. Dail and Chleo Gaines (Sanderman) Ewbank. Lois was raised in Van Buren and graduated from the Van Buren High School class of 1946. She married Richard C. Pribble of Warren, on January 1st 1950. After being married they moved to Chicago. They also lived in Charlotte, NC and Cincinnati, OH before moving back to the Chicago area where they lived in Wheaton, IL for 20 years before retiring to Orlando FL, in 1984. They also summered in their townhouse at Heritage Pointe. Lois moved into the home in 2001 after Richard passed away.

Survivors: Son - Howard (Barbara) Pribble, Batavia, IL, Daughter - Linda (Ron) Burwell, Shelbyville, IN, Daughter - Nancy Pribble, Hockessin, DE, Grandchildren - 7, Great Grandchildren - 6

She was preceded in death by: Husband - Richard C. Pribble, Father - M. Dail Ewbank, Mother - Chleo Gaines (Sanderman) Ewbank, Son - Fredric Pribble, Brother - Dennis Ewbank.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave Warren.

Calling Thursday, May 17, 2012, 2:00PM to 3:00PM at the Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel prior to service at chapel. A service to celebrate Lois Jean's life will be at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave Warren at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 17, 2012

with the Pastor Kathy Newton officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials: Family Hospice 265 W. Water Street Berne IN 46711

UNCAPHER



Billie E. Uncapher, 65, of Marion, IN, and having family members in Huntington, IN, died Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH.

Mr. Uncapher was a truck driver for D.R. Smith and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Lighthouse Assembly of God, Marion.

He was born Aug. 15, 1946, in Connersville to Rev. Billie and Berniece Robbins Uncapher. He married Donna Hahn on Sept. 18, 2004, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Brian Uncapher Hudson, of Waco, TX, and Keith Uncapher Hudson, of Richmond, VA; a stepson, Kirk (Kimberly) Heyde, of Van Buren; two stepdaughters, Stacey (Tom) Kellam, of Liberty Center, and Christal Bromfield, of Upland; three brothers, John (Missy) Uncapher, of Haleyville, AL; Jonathan (Marie) Uncapher, of Arley, AL; and Stephen (Beth) Uncapher, of Middleburg, PA; four sisters, Eunice Uncapher, of Hartford City; Rebecca Ruth (Todd) Burcroff, of Gas City; Naomi Elaine (Dan) Richard, of Casper, WY; and Judith (Terry) Atnip, of Lander, WY; a sister-in-law, Kathleen (Lee) Spray, of Waco, TX; and several grandchildren, including Sarah Bromfield, of Upland; Tristan Heyde, of Van Buren; Chad Gerdes, of Florida; Eric (Sherri) Gerdes, of Huntington; Ryan (Suzanne) Kellam, of Anderson; and Colton Kellam, of Liberty Center.

Calling is Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 10 a.m. to noon, with a service following at noon, at Lighthouse Assembly of God, 5909 S. Jay St., Marion, IN 46952.

Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

PEDERSEN

Frances J. "Fran" Pedersen, 63, of Huntington, IN, died Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 11:27 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Pedersen had attended Ivy Tech and was a member of the South Broadway Church of Christ and the Ladies Auxiliary to

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689. She had worked as a sorter at Peyton's and as a warehouse at Wilson's Country Store and Auction in Zanesville.

She was born Nov. 11, 1948, in Huntington to Wallace and Viola Machmer Shearer.

Survivors include a daughter, Angela (Jay) Brown, of Warren; a son, James (Dawn) Storie, of Fort Knox, KY; three sisters, Carolyn Sue Shearer and Tina Hall, both of Huntington, and Emma (Kenny) King, of Liberty Center; eight grandchildren, Conner Lee Brown, Jayson Brown, Justin Brown, Raven Brown, Felecia Storie, Kera Storie, Nikita Storie and Evan Storie; and a great-grandson.

A service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Jim Harrison will officiate. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the Warren animal shelter in care of Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

MECKS



John R. Meeks, 80 of Ossian, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Meadowvale Health & Rehab Center in Bluffton.

John was born on Feb. 2, 1932 in Wells County to Marion M. & Edna (Gilbert) Meeks. He attended Lancaster High School and served our country in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956, serving time in Korea. On Jan. 26, 1954 in Bluffton John and Carol J. (Schoeff) were married. They have shared the last 58 years together.

After he retired as a truck driver for Western Auto in 1973 after 15 years of service, he also worked with various other trucking companies. He also worked on the family farm for many years. He attended Epworth United Methodist Church and was a member of the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton.

Survivors include his wife Carol, of Ossian; a son, Michael (Pam) Meeks of Bluffton; a daughter, Marilyn (David) Webb of Bluffton; a son, Richard Meeks of Bluffton; and a daughter Linda (Terry) Masterson of Poneto; two sisters, Evelyn Kolbe of Los Altos, Calif., Betty Meeks of Bluffton; and a brother, Wayne Meeks of Bluffton.

He was a proud grandpa to two grandchildren, Chad (Pastor

Angela) Meeks, of Trotwood, Ohio and David (Jeni) Meeks of Liberty Center; and five great-grandchildren: Jared, Elisha, Cole, Grace and Sophia Meeks.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ruth Neuman; and brothers Robert Meeks, Bill Meeks, Kenneth Meeks and Wendell Meeks.

Services were held Tuesday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Pastor Dick Frederick officiating. Burial followed at Elm Grove Cemetery with military honors performed by the American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church or Family Life Care through the funeral home.

STINSON

Harold James Stinson, 86, formerly of Jackson Township, died Saturday, May 5, 2012, in Summerfield, Fla.

Mr. Stinson was born in Jackson Township.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Phyllis J. Stinson; two sons, Mark Stinson of Palm Springs, Calif., and Steven Stinson of Pierceton; two sisters, Hildred Foust of Bluffton and Virginia Leas of Hartford City; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, May 21, at the Gardens of Memory Chapel in Muncie.

Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services of Florida are in charge of arrangements.

BIRTH

A Mother's Day baby was born to Tyler & Julie (Kriegbaum) Davis of Fort Wayne, IN. Aubrey Joy was born on May 13, 2012 at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and measured 20 1/2 ins. long. This is the couples 1st child.

Grandparents: George & Teresa (Allen) Kriegbaum of Warren, IN. Carol & (late Jeff) Davis of Huntington, IN.

Great-Grandparents: Garnet & (late Curtis) Allen of Warren, IN. Richard & Mary Riggle of Huntington, IN. Mike & Jan Davis of Andrews, IN.

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Other Purdue Extension gardening publications can be viewed by accessing the Purdue Extension Educational Store site (<https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/dept.asp>) by clicking the "Horticulture" link. Many of the available publications can be downloaded for free. If you are having difficulty with finding information on-line on a gardening topic, send your question via e-mail to emfarris@purdue.edu.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

DREAM BIG

Readers of all ages will get to "Dream Big" this summer during the Wells County Public Library's 2012 Summer Reading Program. Reading programs are available for children, young adults, and adults. All ages can earn prizes for reading books and participate in events featuring the "nighttime" theme. Prizes include e-readers, children's toys, books, and more depending on your age level. Adult readers will also have a chance to donate their book prize to Kate's Kart who will give the books to children in local hospitals.

Sign up for summer reading anytime during June at the Bluffton or Ossian branch library. Or stop by the "Dream Big" Carnival Kick-off Event on Wednesday, June 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the main library in Bluffton to register and enjoy an evening of games, food, and fun for all ages.

A complete list of rules and guidelines is available when you

sign up at the library. Online registration is also available at www.wellscolibrary.org for the teen and adult programs.

Make sure to check out these fun upcoming Summer Reading events:

"Dream Big" Carnival Kick-off - Wednesday, June 6: 5:30-7:30 pm All ages. Enjoy a moonbounce, carnival-style games, crafts, facepainting, teen activities, refreshments, and more. No registration needed for the event itself. Sign up for Summer Reading at one of the many "sign-up stations" throughout the library that evening. Scholastic Book Fair happening at the same time!

Summer Story Sessions - Begin the week of June 11 Each week children will enjoy stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities related to the "Dream Big" theme. Sign up in person at any library branch or online at www.wellscolibrary.org. Story sessions are filling up quickly, make sure to register soon.

"Howl at the Moon with a Wild Thing Tune" Musical Performance by Tom Sieling - Tuesday, June 12: 6:30-7:30 pm All ages. New York based children's entertainer Tom Sieling will perform his humorous and engaging songs for the whole family. No registration needed.

Night Flyers - Ossian: Wednesday, June 13: 4-5 pm, Bluffton: Thursday, June 14: 1-2 pm

Grades K-6. Ouabache State Park Naturalist, Jennifer Amstutz, will present a program on animals that fly at night. Registration required. Sponsored by Kroger.

Teen Spa Party - Thursday, June 14: 6:00-7:30 pm Becky Goshorn of Mary Kay will present a Spa Party for teens. Soak your feet and get a pedicure, and relax by trying out several skin care

products. Fun, fruity beverages will also be served. Please bring a towel with you. Registration required.

Pick up a complete list of Summer Reading Program events at the library or online at www.wellscolibrary.org. For more information or to register for any of the events stop by the library, visit the library's website, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian). All events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Kroger, and the Wells County Foundation.

CLICK IT OR TICKET IT

Motorists who refuse to wear their seat belts - beware. Sheriff Terry Stoffel and Police Chief El Carroll today announced that Indiana's 2012 Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement will begin this Friday, May 18.

This national mobilization will take place over the Memorial Day holiday period and is supported by thousands of law enforcement agencies and traffic safety advocates across the country. In Indiana, more than 250 law enforcement agencies will conduct special patrols - day and night, to identify and ticket unrestrained motorists. The effort will conclude on June 3. Huntington County Law Enforcement participating in the campaign include the Huntington County Sheriffs Department, Huntington City Police Department and the Warren Police Department.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2010 nationally, 61 percent of the 10,647 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes

overnight (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash, compared to 42 percent during the daytime hours.

In Indiana, there were 3,322 crashes involving unrestrained drivers/occupants in 2011 and 202 fatalities involving unrestrained drivers/occupants. "Although Indiana's current seat belt usage rate is 93.2 percent - there remain a significant number of drivers who are at an increased risk for death or injury because they still fail to buckle up on a regular basis," Sheriff Stoffel said.

Just last year in Indiana, 1,024 people were ejected from their motor vehicles due to being unrestrained. Nationwide, younger motorists and men are particularly at risk.

NHTSA data shows that among teen and young adult passenger vehicle occupants in 2010, ages 18-34 who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes, 62 percent were not buckled up at the time of the crash - the highest percentage of any age group. The number jumps to 66 percent when just men in this age group are included.

"Although Click It or Ticket has been credited with increasing Indiana's seat belt usage rate from 63 percent in 1995 to an observed usage rate of 93 percent in 2011 we still have far to go" said Chief Carroll. "In 2010, 52 percent of all occupants killed in crashes were unrestrained in Indiana. Research consistently shows that wearing your seat belt increases your chances of surviving a crash by more than

50 percent."

"Huntington County and City motorists should be prepared to see more law enforcement on the roads during this 15-day period," continued Sheriff Stoffel. "Special patrols will take place around the clock, and if law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled at any time, you can expect to get a ticket. No excuses and no exceptions."

"Click It or Ticket" is an annual enforcement effort that is supported by federal Highway Safety funding awarded to more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies from ICJI's Traffic Safety division. Indiana's enforcement mobilization is reinforced by paid, statewide advertising combined with targeted public outreach efforts aimed at comprehensively promoting the life-saving benefits of regular seat belt use to all motorists.

FIVE STAR BANK

MarkleBank was recognized as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) at the IBA's Mega Conference on May 1 in downtown Indianapolis. The bank earned the award in recognition of its commitment to the IBA in the areas of political awareness, issues advocacy, life-long learning, volunteerism and Preferred Service Provider utilization.

"We are pleased to receive a Five Star Member bank award for the fifth consecutive year" said Greg Smitley, MarkleBank president and CEO. "MarkleBank is passionately committed to continuing our role as one of the leaders in the Indiana banking industry. This award exemplifies our desire to be a bridge to better banking."

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by The FlyLady
Marla Cilley

If you have been having problems getting rid of your clutter, it could be because you have a disease known as the Bag Lady Syndrome. When we start out housekeeping, we have the cute filing cabinets that hold our important papers. It does not take long to fill those paper consuming monsters with every scrap of paper that we think is important. Soon with those drawers bulging, we start piling those "important papers" on every flat surface in our home.

When our flat surfaces become Hot Spots our homes look messy. We pride ourselves in knowing where everything is. That is until we have to find one of those important pieces of paper. Those piles and drawers explode while you frantically searching for the document you need.

Just let me tell you what has happened to your lost car title? You didn't have room for it in your filing cabinet so you put it on your kitchen counter till you could make room in your filing cabinet. You had many other items that needed to be filed in the same place and the pile on your counter kept growing taller by the day. Then you got the call that your in-laws were coming to stay for a week.

In a panic you cleared off every flat surface in your home by bagging them up in used grocery bags or trash bags and placing them in one of several hiding spots you have created for yourself. Is your favorite stash and dash hiding place between the wall and your side of the bed? Oh it could be on top of your shoes in your closets. The worst place is in the garage because those bags of paper and other things could actually be mistaken for trash and placed in the garbage can.

This is one of the reasons that we don't want anyone to help us get rid of our clutter. We are afraid that something is going to be thrown out that you really really want to keep! Everything that was in those piles was an item that you deemed important at the time. But was it really?

When we excavate those bags that have been stashed under your bed, we will find that 95% of the stuff is trash! You will discover other things like too; like garments with their tags still on them and cute pictures that your children have drawn. You will be

shocked at the items you find exiled to those bags. It will be things you have been looking for, for many years. You can actually look in the bag and remember why you stuffed everything in there.

It was because you were in a hurry to get your home presentable for your visitor or so you could leave the house in good order while you were gone to take care of your parents. Getting in a hurry only turns your piles into a mountain of bags.

Many of you are determined to get organized and you think this means going out and buying lots of plastic tubs, pretty boxes and more filing cabinets. If the truth be told, all you really need to do is get rid of the clutter that you have hermetically sealed in those bags and buried under the lids of those bins. God help us all when we start looking for something. Those bags and bins throw up all over our house.

Quit being a Bag Lady and decide to stop this vicious cycle. Clutter is taking you away from your family. Right now go pluck one of those bags from its hiding place and take it to a clear flat surface. You will need a camera, an actual trash bag, a give-away box, and a put away box. Set your timer for 15 minutes and work as fast as you can. Do not talk yourself out of throwing the trash away. If it is something precious like a picture that was drawn for you, take a photo of it.

As soon as the 15 minutes is up, immediately put everything in the put away box away, place the trash in the garbage can or recycle bin, and take the give-away box to the car. If the place you want to put an item is stuffed to the brim then declutter two items before you put it there. Place those items in trash or give-away box.

Your home did not get messy in a day and it is not going to get clean overnight. If you will commit to eliminating a couple of bags a day; you will find that your bag lady days are numbered. You can do this! I know because I am no longer a Bag Lady!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her

website and join her free mentoring group at 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 2012 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

GREAT GIFTS TO MAKE THIS FATHER'S DAY ONE TO

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(ARA) - What do you get the man who's done everything for you - from spending sleepless nights changing dirty diapers to trading in his muscle car for a minivan - but asked nothing in return? This year, start paying dad back for all he's done by making Father's Day the best yet with these surefire gift ideas.

For the dad who likes to snack They say that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. If that's true, your dad will love you even more after he opens your gift of Jack Link's Beef Jerky.

For the fishing-focused dad If striking fear in the hearts of trophy fish is his idea of a relaxing weekend, dad is sure to enjoy the Rapala Rippin' Rap, a highly versatile lure that will provide dad with tons of on-the-water action.

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For the baseball-loving dad Nothing says father-child bonding like throwing around a baseball in the backyard. This Father's Day, celebrate America's pastime with the man who introduced you to the game.

HOT WHEELS VS. SMART WHEELS: HOW TO FIND A

SAFE CAR FOR YOUR TEEN

(ARA) - As you weigh used cars and new cars, price tags and the cool factor, use this guide to balance your teen's wish list with the kind of car you want to look

for.

* Check out best-of lists. USAA's top 10 cars for teens on its Best Value vehicles list highlights cars for teens based on factors like reliability, safety and affordability.

* Get the CARFAX Vehicle History Report, if you're buying a used car. This report, found through a car's VIN or license tag number, can alert you if a car's been totaled in a previous accident or damaged in a flood.

* Have an Automotive Service Association-certified mechanic check the car inside, outside and underneath.

* Use online resources to compare the sticker price, which the dealer wants you to pay; the invoice price, which is what the dealer paid; and the true market price. USAA Car Buying Service offers research tools and a network of dealers to help you find the right car at the right price for you.

* Investigate insurance costs. Good grades and driving records can bring down overall costs for your family, as can some of the safety features available in today's vehicles.

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pillow and removing some money. "Now I have enough! Now I have ten dollars!"

The father gazed at his son, confused by the meaning of what he had just said, when the boy continued, "Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time, please?"

Motherhood and fatherhood has never been easy and today it is beyond the shadow of a doubt most difficult indeed...which is

why...families need to follow certain basics..

Simple things like eating dinner together without the TV on in the background. And when talking together have such rules as "If you can't say something nice about someone say 'nothing.'" And beginning the whole process of dinner with a prayer of thanks.

Quality time together provides such a foundation for lessons given and lessons more likely received. It's called relationship.

Or working together on projects around the home that not only beautify the surroundings but give opportunity for conversation. A sense of responsibility to a child...a gift beyond compare.

A man of considerable girth stepped onto a public scale. He did not know that the scale was out of order. He dropped in his money and the indicator went up to 75 pounds.

As he stood there on the scale a little boy and his mother walked by. The young boy seeing the scale looked up at his mom and said, "Look, mom! That man is hollow."

As a parent you cannot afford to be "hollow" and in the process raise "hollow" children. Your happiness and the happiness of your community depends on it...for a community of hollow people who stand for nothing good, bad or indifferent, is not just asking for trouble...it is guaranteeing it.





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