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Thought for the Week: *It's your aptitude, not your attitude that determines your ultimate altitude.* Zig Ziglar

NOTICE FOR TRUSTEE

The Huntington County Community School Corporation Board of Trustees has the authority and responsibility to appoint an individual to serve as a trustee to the Warren Public Library Board. That appointment is a four year term beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2011. The HCCSC Board of Trustees is seeking applicants for this appointment. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest including pertinent qualifications to the HCCSC Administration Office, 1360 Warren Road, Huntington, IN, Attn: Cindy Gray. Letters should be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2007.

MONTHLY DRAWING

Warren Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Monthly Drawing the Second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner of Wayne and Second Streets.

How do I enter?

Five chamber businesses will sponsor each month's drawing and be published in the Warren Weekly each week. You simply stop in at one or more of the 5 businesses during September and enter your name to win the October drawing. No purchase necessary, enter as often as you like.

During October there will be 5 new businesses for you to enter to win the November drawing.

How much can I win?

We will have 2 drawings each month.

1) The first drawing will be for \$100 in Chamber gift certificates. We will give the person 1 minute to get to the announcers table and ring the bell. If the person drawn is not present then we will draw another name and continue the process until we have a winner.

2) The second drawing will also be for \$100 in Chamber gift certificates. If the person drawn is not present to ring the bell within the 1 minute time limit then the \$100 will carry over to the following month and \$100 will be added each month until a winner is present.

Must be 18 or older to enter.

EVALUATION MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association will meet Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 pm in Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington to review the 77th annual Huntington County 4-H Fair. The board will hear reports from superintendents of the various buildings and animal projects, fair board committees and comments from the attending public. Dates for the 2008 Huntington County 4-H Fair will be determined at the 4-H Fair Board's annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18.

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

COMPUTER CLASSES

The Van Buren Public Library is offering free Community Computer Classes on August 23rd, 28th, and 30th. Space is limited, so please call or stop by to reserve your seat soon! 765-934-2171.

GOLF OUTING

On August 25th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Etna Acres Golf Club in Mt Etna will play host to the first annual McNatt UMC Golf Outing. Sign up your foursome or sign up individually to get placed on a team. \$40 per person (\$160 per team) will get you cart rental, 18 holes of Florida Scramble golf on one of the area's premier and most beautiful golf courses, and lunch afterwards.

Contact Nick at 260.694.6243 for more information, team sign-ups or corporate sponsor information. All proceeds will benefit the McNatt United Methodist Church building fund.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, Aug 8 in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and those in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council passed Ordinance 1-2007 to establish a Rainy Day fund. This money can be used for any project deemed worthy by Council.

The Cable Company wants to set up a new franchise. Council decided to table the request until a further study of the franchise can be made.

It was reported that two or three houses in Van Buren are in violation of town code and need to be cited.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 22.

SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group will meet August 21, 2007 in the 1A Activity Room of Heritage Pointe at 7:00 p.m.

The featured speakers are from Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana. They will be discussing how Heritage Pointe and Family Hospice can work together to provide compassionate comfort care to your loved one.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this time of learning and sharing. For further information or to RSVP, please contact the Social Service Dept. by calling 260/375-2201 ext 216.

Donate Blood!
The Life you save may be your own.

FISH & CHICKEN FRY

All-You-Can-Eat Fish and Chicken Strips! Thursday, August 30, 4:30 - 7pm.

The Fish/Chicken Fry, by Backdoor Concessions (Tom and Karen Blevins), will be held at Southern Wells High School before and during the South Adams/Southern Wells JV Football game. Please come out and show some community support for the kids, eat a great meal, and enjoy an evening of family fun. This is a fundraiser for the Southern Wells High School Cheerleaders, who will be working the event. Tickets will be pre-sold for \$7, and sold at the door for \$8. For more information, please contact a Southern Wells High School cheerleader, or call the school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

DRAWING HELD

The Van Buren Public Library sponsored a drawing for back to school supplies. Children entered the drawing each time they visited the library. The drawing was held on August 13. The winners are:

1st place-Desirae Litchfield who will be a 6th grader.

2nd place-Wyatt Stephenson who will be in kindergarten.

3rd place-Christina Casto who will be in 5th grade.

Thanks to everyone who entered the contest. Be sure to visit the library soon. We have many new books (lots of accelerated readers) including books on Peyton Manning, Shaun Alexander, Kelly Clarkson, Tim McGraw, and Kenny Chesney, Fingerprints, Blood and DNA Evidence, Girls Soccer and Volleyball. Some fiction titles are Secrets of Dripping Fangs, Mallory on Board, and Paintball Blast.

The library is open Monday 10-6, Tues.-Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-12:30.

Congratulations again to our contest winners.

Our after school fun at the library will begin on September 7, 2:30-3:30.

We hope to see you soon.

RAFFLE DRAWING

Each time you visit the Warren Pharmacy you may enter our drawing to win a FREE ticket to the Bill Gaither Christmas performance! (a \$28.50 value).

This event will be held on Thursday, December 6th, 7PM, at the Worthen Arena on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie.

These tickets are provided courtesy of WFCV radio, 1090 AM, Fort Wayne.

COOKING FOR TWO

The J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Club will be gathering at noon on August 21 for free lunch and a talk on Cooking for Two. Afterwards games will be played and prizes awarded to the winners. J.O.Y. Club is held at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 105 S. Second St. For reservations please call 934-9960 or 934-1431 by August 18. If no answer please leave a message.

SCREENING COMING TO WARREN

Residents living in and around the Warren community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or a serious bone fracture. Life Line Screening will be at Knight Berman Center on September 6th. The site is located at 132 Nancy Street in Warren. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the leading cause of nursing home admissions. Stroke often occurs

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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring



Everyone is complaining about this hot weather including me. Hang in there folks soon we can growl because we have to shovel snow. Right now you can think about it and perhaps make you feel cooler.

In the garden it is pretty sad now what survived looks as if it wished it hadn't.

The potatoes are ready to dig and what we have gotten looks fairly nice. There is some sweet ladies at the Heritage Pointe who requested that I write something about fried green tomatoes. At our house we can't let a summer pass without several meals with fried green tomatoes. I like them sliced fairly thin and dipped in flour then I dip them in a mixture of beaten egg and milk then dip them again in a mixture of cornmeal and flour using about half each and fry in oil till nicely brown. When I remove them from the skillet I sprinkle them lightly with sugar. It can be a mighty tasty fill in for a summer meal. I have even frozen a few to have on a cold winter day when I am thinking of spring.

Mom always had that many times during the summer. If you didn't care for them - to bad either eat or go hungry. We soon learned to like them.

This summer we will have fried green marbles instead of tomatoes, that is about how big they are.

With all the ups and downs I have had this year I am still looking forward to next year and the garden. Just hope it isn't a repeat of this summer. Keep cool and enjoy summer as much as you can and soon the trees will be turning beautiful colors. This is one of my favorite times of year.

While on the subject of green tomatoes here is the pie recipe I use. I usually freeze a couple to have later.

Green Tomato Pie

Slice very thin about 6 medium size tomatoes

3/4 cup sugar

1/3 cup cornstarch

1/12 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/4 cup white corn syrup

1 tablespoon lemon juice.

1 teaspoon butter.

Mix all dry ingredients together, layer the tomatoes in the pie shell alternately with the dry ingredients adding last the corn syrup and lemon juice and dot with the butter. Add the top crust and bake at 450 for 10 minutes and reduce heat to 350 for about 45 minutes.

Enjoy! Still can't get my son in law to try a piece.

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 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

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8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.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.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Clyde Gunn, Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

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.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST
 Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
468-2411
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor Anna Kroencke
Youth Minister Lynne Payne

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

Word of Life — Majenica
Rev. Malcolm & Jackie Howell
 260/356-1246

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Dan Sommer

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dan Helm, Pastor

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

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

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

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Wass, Pastor

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun) 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ... 7:30 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m.

Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148
Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

Peace on Earth

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AREA NEWS

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without warning. The good news is that painless screening can help identify problems that can lead to stroke before it is too late.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They test for blocked carotid arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Bone density screening is also offered to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

These screenings are important because of the silent and often debilitating nature of the conditions. The majority of strokes are caused by plaque build up in the carotid arteries. The abdominal aorta is the largest artery in the body, and a weakness in the walls of the artery can cause a ballooning called an aneurysm, which can rupture. A ruptured aneurysm is generally fatal. Peripheral arterial disease or PAD is also known as "hardening of the arteries." Sufferers have a 4-6 fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk is evaluated through a measurement called the "Ankle-Brachial Index," which is obtained by reading the systolic pressure in the ankle and arm.

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. The cost for a Wellness Package of all four screenings including free osteoporosis screening is \$129.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993, and has since become the nation's

leading provider of vascular screenings. Over 85 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to local communities, bringing the screenings to residents. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless, ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis early enough for their physician to begin preventative procedures.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1.877.237.1287 or visit us on the web at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

CRIME STOPPERS

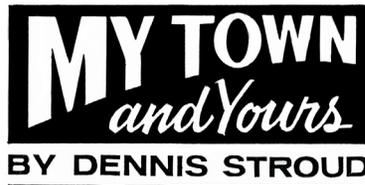
Grant County Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the suspect(s) responsible for three pharmacy robberies in the Grant County area.

The Marion Police Department is investigating three pharmacy robberies that occurred at Marion Health Care Pharmacy located at 1385 N Baldwin Ave and Medicap Pharmacy located at 703 S Baldwin Ave, both in Grant County. Grant County Crime Stoppers and the Marion Police Department are asking for the public's assistance by offering the reward for any information that will help local law enforcement solve these crimes. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., which operates

RxPATROL, a collaborative effort between industry, pharmacists and law enforcement to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy theft.

"It's important for people to know that all information that we get is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court. The Grant County Crime Stoppers tip line does not use any tape recording or called ID devices," said Grant County Crime Stoppers Coordinator Detective Lisa Heimlich.

Anyone with information about these robberies is asked to call Grant County Crime Stoppers at 765.668.8168.



Over the next few articles I would like to cover the business section of Warren approximately 100 years ago. The first twenty years of 1900 was a busy time in Warren. If any of you readers have anymore information on some of the businesses or people who owned them I would like to hear from you. Please drop information off at the Hardware store or e-mail me at denmar@citznet.com.

The first few years of 1900, the population of Warren and vicinity was over 3000 and the oil boom was in full swing. The town had

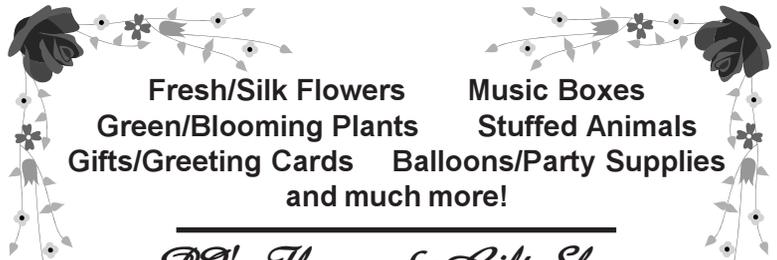
two newspapers, The Warren News and The Warren Tribune. In 1902, Mr. Surran, who published The Warren News, left town and the Warren Tribune became the town's newspaper for many years. John Border operated a saw mill by the old fair grounds and in 1909 he sold it to F.C. Myers, who for many years was employed by Mr. Border, and James C. McKinney, who was a well known carpenter of those days.

John Click ran the Cline Click lumber company at the corner of Nancy and Railroad Streets. Harry Weber and Thurman McCullough were the Cloverleaf Station agents followed by Frank Spaulding, who was the agent for many years. Joe Nash had a large machine shop on Wayne Street down by the railroad. The Warren Machine Company was by the railroad on Third Street. T.G. Lamb was president of that company. The Warren Machine Company, afterwards, moved to Marion, Ohio and became the Power Manufacturing Company, makers of huge gas and oil burning engines, which found a market all over the world. The engine was designed by Matt Prymm and the first one was built here in town.

As you drove from the north down Main Street, on the lot where Accent Interiors is today, you

passed the office of Dr. H.E. Laymon who began, in Warren, the practice of medicine in 1897. Next door to the doctor was the Warren Gas Company, which was run by James O'Neal. On the very corner of that block Ira Eikenbary had a grocery store. In the back of Ira's store Flavy Shultz rented counter space and had a bakers oven where he made fresh bread everyday.

Across the street, on the southwest corner of Third and Wayne Street, Myers and Beck were doing business and at a later date the store was moved across the street to where my hardware store is now. Next door where DeWeese Soft Water is was an empty lot. The Globe Clothing Company with Willard Rauch as manager was next. That would be the building where the D & D Bike shop is now. The next two empty lots was occupied by the Star restaurant and a drug store. The Star Restaurant was run by Ernest McCord and Roy Johnson. The drug store was owned by Joe Sprowl and Frank Smethurst. Later Mr. Sprowl moved the store and it became the Rexall Store. And the building on the alley, where P.J.'S Pizza was, housed Hiram and Harvey Gills Saloon. Next article I will cover the next half block, the tavern to the bank.



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Four great companies founded in Warren and expanding to provide jobs and opportunities for Warren area residents.

Saturn Wheel Company and Heartland Aluminum, Inc. will hold an Open House and Grand Opening of our new Saturn Wheel facility. Join us for Free hot dogs and refreshments. There will be tours of both facilities along with videos of operations, door prizes and much more. Heartland and Saturn are located at 507 E 9th St.

H M Distributing and Moto-DirectUSA invite you to join in the celebration and Open House of our new Office and Warehouse. Tours will be given along with food, refreshments and door prizes. Bring the whole family! HM Distributing and Moto-DirectUSA are located at 311 E 9th St.

Turn Two Business Park

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Take C.R. 900S east at Salamonie School or 11th St east at the Fire Station, turn right on Wayne St to 9th St, turn left on 9th St to Turn Two Business Park. From the east, Shafer Rd to Frederick St, then turn right to Turn Two Business Park.

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.

- Aug 17 Warren Recycle Day
- Aug 22 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Aug 27 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Aug 31 Warren Recycle Day
- Sep 3 **LABORDAY**
- Sep 5 Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Sep 5 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Sep 9 **GRANDPARENTSDAY**
- Sep 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Sep 11 Knight Bergman Board Meeting, 5:30 at KBC
- Sep 14 Warren Recycle Day
- Sep 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Sep 23 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**
- Sep 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Sep 28 Warren Recycle Day
- Oct 3 Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Oct 3 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

NEPAC FIELD DAY

The Northeast Purdue Ag Center will host a field day on Thursday, August 23, beginning with registration at 8:00 am. Educational sessions scheduled for the day include:

Herbicide Management in a Glyphosate World – Glenn Nice
Corn and Soybean Insect Updates – John Obermeyer

Soil Fertility Issues – Jim Camberato

Issues Impacting Corn Stand Establishment – Bob Nielsen

Guest Speaker – Phil Shaull, Regional Director for Senator Richard Lugar, "Outlook for 2007 Farm Bill"

Free admission includes lunch, snacks informational materials and a copy of the 2007 Corn & Soybean Packet Guide. For those individuals interested in receiving Private Applicator Credits, there is a \$10 fee and this program has been approved for Private Applicator credit and CCH credits for Commercial Applicators.

Financial support for this area educational event has been provided by McKillip Seeds, Wabash, Ag Plus, South Whitley, North Central Co-op, Wabash and DeKalb Financial, New Haven.

For more information and a copy of the program flyer, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or call (260) 358-4826 or the Allen County Office, (260) 481-6826 or email marting@purdue.edu.

HOMEOWNERSHIP IS POSSIBLE

Community Connections, the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., and the City of Fort Wayne, will be offering a FREE "Home Ownership is Possible" Homebuyer Workshop on Tuesday August 21, 2007 from 6:30 until 7:30 P.M. in the Reception Hall of Imagine MASTER Academy, located at 2000 North Wells Street in Fort Wayne (The Old YWCA). This workshop and refreshments are free to everyone who attends, but registration is required.

Attendees of this FREE "Home Ownership is Possible" workshop will find out if they qualify for up to \$15,000 in Down payment assistance through the City of Fort Wayne for the purchase of a home within the City Limits of Fort Wayne with typical monthly payments less than rent. Attendees will receive information about receiving a free copy of their credit report, who to contact regarding credit issues, and basic questions that should be asked when applying for a mortgage and shopping for a home. Also at the workshop, Community Connections will explain Down payment assistance opportunities for the City of Fort Wayne program and Renaissance Pointe.

To register for this free workshop, please contact Trish Kraner at Community Connections at (260) 427-6231. Community Connections is the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., a not for profit Human Services organization with offices in Huntington, Wabash, and Plymouth.

Community Connections began in 1997 and has helped over 800 families fulfill the dream of homeownership including 107 families in Allen County. Community Connections has provided those 107 families in Allen County with over \$813,900 in down payment assistance.

MEMORY WALK® 2007

The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk® will take place on Saturday, September 8th at Foster Park, Pavilion 1 & 2, 3900 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne. Participants at this year's event will move to end Alzheimer's and raise awareness and funds to fight the disease. Individuals are invited to join Memory Walk and help the Alzheimer's Association move toward their mission of one day living in a world without Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk, nationally presented by Genworth Financial, is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research programs. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's. Champions include those living with the disease, families, caregivers, and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$200 million.

Registration for the walk will begin at 11 a.m. and the walk will begin at noon. Shuttle service will be available from Quimby Village & Taylor University Parking Lots. Participants can

choose between a 1 and 3 mile route for the walk. Lunch will be served and participants will be entertained by "Elvis" impersonator Brent Cooper and children can have their faces painted by clowns. Dogs will receive free doggie bandanas and will be refreshed along the route at doggie water stations.

The Statewide Presenting Sponsor for Memory Walk is Lilly. Major sponsors of the Fort Wayne Memory Walk are American Senior Communities and Romary Financial Services.

To start a team or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/indiana or 1.888.575.9624.

VET'S DAY AT ISF

Veterans should mark the Indiana State Fair as the place to be on Sunday, August 19th at 1:30 p.m. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs will be presenting its annual salute to veterans in this one-hour tribute to all men and women who have served in the military. Location is the WindowWorld stage (Free Stage) at the Gate 16 entrance.

Major Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, the Indiana National Guard Adjutant General will be on hand as the keynote speaker. State and federal legislators will also be there to provide their words of thanks and encouragement. Also in attendance will be the state leaders of veterans' organizations such as the AMVETS, the DAV, VFW and American Legion, as well as the directors of the VA Regional Office and the Roudebush VA Medical Center.

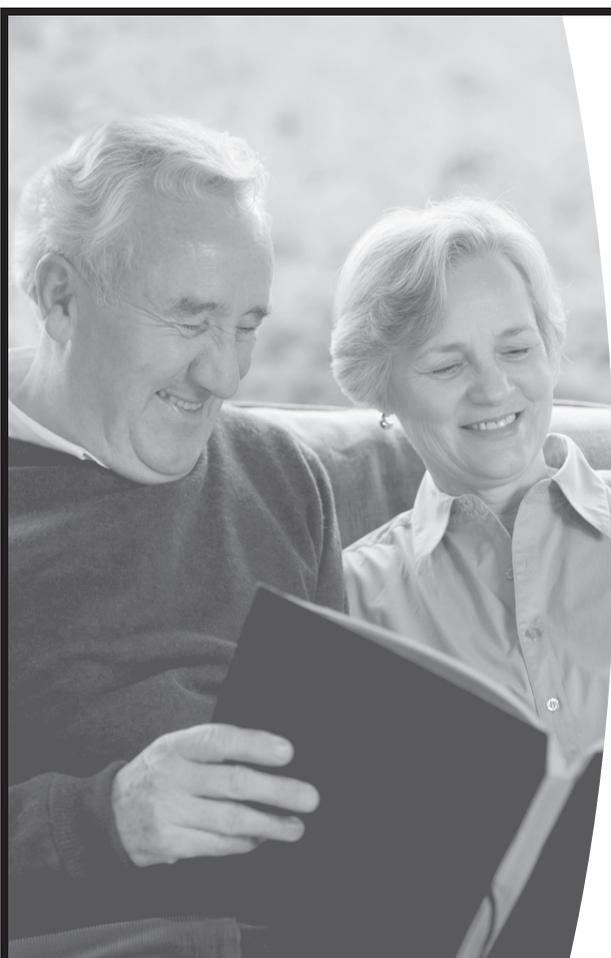
Tom Applegate, Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans

Affairs, will act as the host of the event, presented by The New Generation of Talk, 93.9 Talk FM and Window World. A representative from Window World will speak on-stage in support of the troops.

Applegate says this year is a transition year for the program. This year, and in year's past, in order to be granted free admission, the service members had to come in uniform. "We finally figured out," Applegate said, "that many were staying away because the uniform is so hot." So next year, he says, there will be special T-shirts prepared which will identify the service member as a veteran. Starting next year, wearing the T-shirt will be their admission.

A change was also made in the certificate presented to the veteran. The certificates previously were worded to thank those who most recently served during the Global War on Terror. Applegate says the certificate has been re-worded and it now thanks all who have served regardless of the time period. The new certificates, signed by Governor Mitch Daniels, will be presented by Major Gen. Umbarger this year at the end of the ceremony. "So," Applegate said, "we're inviting ALL veterans who have served. We hope to see many veterans this year and we look forward to saying 'thank you.'"

Questions can be addressed to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, toll-free at 1-800-400-4520.

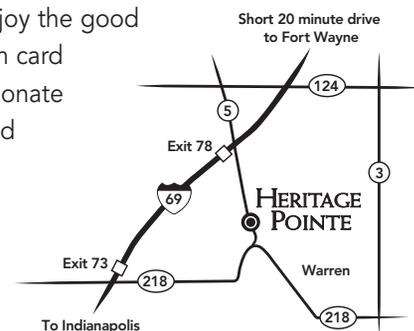


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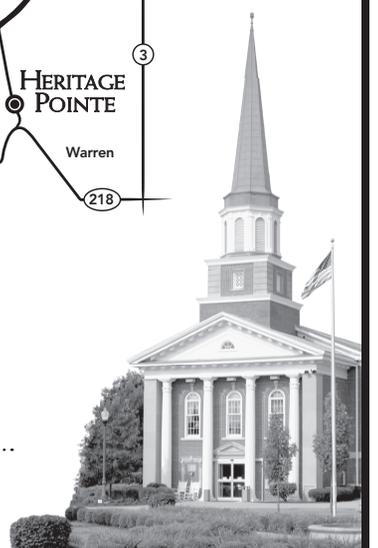


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GENEALOGY REPORT & OTHER NEWS



REMEMBERING A FRIEND

This picture, taken a few weeks ago, was going to be called "The Weaver." Since that time we have lost a very good friend in Hershel Dyer. Even though he was a skilled weaver, canner, farmer, and preacher he was more importantly our friend!

I first met Hershel several years ago when he and his wife lived in an apartment just down the hall from my mother. He would use the lounge on that floor for some time alone and to study his Bible. Later in time we saw him in the pool. Three times a week right after his afternoon nap, he would enter the pool area wearing his gray bathrobe and his beige high-top bedroom slippers. He was already suited up except for the mandatory showering off before getting into the pool. One of the pool workers would strap on leg weights and get him his favorite noodle. (For those of you who may not know, a noodle is a long skinny floatation device each with a different amount of bouncy that looks very much like the food item after which it is named.) He would straddle the noodle and pedal up and down the pool in a bicycle riding fashion for at least 45 minutes. He said this helped improve his balance and strengthened his legs. Of course there was always a lot of visiting and socialization going on at the same time.

When he first arrived at Heritage Pointe in 1993 he had done some canning and was self-taught. He mostly worked on chair seats and stools. Barb Breedlove discovered that he could cane and he was then kept busy canning for almost 4 years. While he was canning Dottie Mann, Activities Director, asked him if he would like to learn to weave. She was teaching weaving on the "looper" looms and had a vacancy. So instead of canning for 3 hours a day he began weaving for half the time and fell in love with weaving. When we last talked he had been weaving for 5 years with the last 2 spent on the large rug loom. He said that Dottie was the "master" when it came to weaving and he really missed her when she retired. "Without her," he mused, "I just have to figure out my mistakes by myself."

Hershel began life in Jamestown, New York in 1917 and was always active in the Methodist Church. He came to the Midwest to attend college and met and married his wife, Marjorie Sales. He was a farmer when he was drafted into the service in 1941. He had two sons and by 1953 was an ordained minister with the Methodist Church. Rev. Dyer preached from 1954-1984, but stayed on staff at the South Bend church for 8 more years. Hershel had a zest for living and always seemed to know what was going on in the world. He had a good sense of humor and truly loved people.

Remember when these articles began it was noted that there was a whole lot of living going on at Heritage Pointe? Well, that's true, but dying is a part of living and we're all going to pass over. The word "friend" is just about the nicest thing someone could say about you. And, we will miss our old friend.

YENCER

Joseph E. Yencer, 82, of Montpelier, died at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation.

Born in Blackford County to Frank and Jennifer (Jones) Yencer on May 5, 1925, Mr. Yencer married Rosetta "Rosie" Beeks in Hartford City on April 26, 1947; she survives.

Mr. Yencer worked at 3M Corporation in Hartford City for 32 years as a boiler-fireman. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Amvets of Hartford City. He attended Hartford City High School.

Others surviving relatives include three daughters, Pat (Ron) Ferguson of Fort Wayne; Beth Fritts of Talequah, Okla. and Donna (Tony) Miles of Hartford City; five sons, Joe E. (Charlotte) Yencer Jr. of Zanesville; Frank (Sandy) Yencer of Liberty Center; Jim (Kim) Yencer of Bluffton; Jerry Yencer of Montpelier and Donnie (Niki) Yencer of Hartford City; two sisters, Jane Stiner of Hartford City and Alma Sprowl of Dunkirk; 23 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Home Walker Chapel with family members officiating.

Burial was at Brookside Memorial Park, in Montpelier.

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APPRECIATION DAY

On Thursday August 2nd Dr Deakyne's office held their first annual patient appreciation day. We would like to thank the numerous patients that stopped by and enjoyed the food and signed up for prizes. We gave away several prizes such as Oral B Triumph Power Brush, Oral B-3D Excel Power Brush, Water Pik, Crest White Stripes, East of Chicago pizza coupons, Huggy Bear gas and ice cream cards, Tee-Shirt, Massages by Jarod at Heritage Pointe and a Kellam and DeaKyne CD.

A big thanks to Tammi Stodghill of B&K Root Beer stand in Marion for providing the hot dogs and buns. Also to Mike Johnson for providing the chips. Cookies were made by Kim Nelson of Kim's Catering.

FAMILY WELCOME

The family of Charles and Beverly Boxell gathered to welcome Jamie, Chris and Brenen Deschamps from San Diego, California on Sunday August 12. Those present were Mike and Jo Driscoll, Jeff, Heather and Xzyia Driscoll, Janet and Eldon Richison, Renee, Ryan, Cody, Jalyn and Cooper Campbell, Doug, Angie, Clay and Logan Richison, Sheri and Eric Gerdes, Steve, Kaitlyn, Cathy, Ian and Ashlyn Boxell, Nathan, Lisa and Case Boxell and Charles and Beverly Boxell. Curly and Pat Boxell were afternoon visitors.

CLUB NEWS

Brown Doyle 368 American Legion Auxiliary Unit met August 2, 2007. President Julie Webb opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Waneta Bald gave opening prayer. Secretary Jere Edwards called the roll and read minutes from last meeting. Commander McCrosky and Ron Miller came to our meeting to answer questions on air conditioner unit for dining room. Ruth Bole made motion, after lot of discussion, to help with the price of a new air conditioner, second and carried.

Linda Long – Community Service Chr, asked for everyone to keep track of their hours. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report. Irene Pickard gave finance report. Irene Pickard reported on State Convention. There are 12 children in Knightstown Home. Girls Nation: Samantha Ellison was outstanding girl, from Attica High School, Mary Mattern was Samsung Scholarship winner, Shantaya Loy, Govenor, from Lafayette. Poppies are going up to 15¢ each. Anything sent to Veterans at Lafayette Home should be sent to Bonnie Fox.

Samples of tile and carpet were looked at to redo the east end ladies room.

Ruth Bole made motion to buy new flag set. Second by Lequita Taylor, carried.

District meeting at Van Buren September 15, 2007.

Those attending: Carol Ritter, Emily Webb, Jr Aux, Karlee Laypoole & Rikki Reneer, Jr Aux, Beverly Bayman, Lequita Taylor, Linda Long, Waneta Bald, Flo Doyle, Ruth Bole, Shawn Erb, Rhonda Flemming, Anna Pickard, Rosemary Sutton, Sherri Reneer, Barb Stevens, Irene Pickard, Jere Edwards, Julie Webb, Ann Loftis. Next meeting September 6, 2007.

EMOTIONAL BANKRUPTCY

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Have you been making more withdrawals from your emotion bank than deposits? Let's examine a definition of depression: Emotional bankruptcy!

Our brains are the physical building that holds the chemicals that are the currency that make our world go round. We have good days and we have bad days. On a day when we feel well we make deposits of those endorphins, but on a bad day we write a check to cover our withdrawals.

As with anything in our lives, balance is the key. We have to keep our emotion checkbook balanced or we will become overdrawn and eventually have to file for bankruptcy. When we continually have those bad days we are unable to make the deposits that help keep our heads above water. As we spend ourselves emotionally into debt that is over our heads we are like the person that is drowning: Going down once, twice and a third time. Before long we are know something is wrong, but we don't really know what to do about.

So how do we get out of this kind of debt? Sometimes we need to borrow money; not real money, but medication to help balance our emotion checkbook for a time

being until we can start making deposits on our own. Please see your emotional financial advisor (YourDOCTOR)! These deposits relieve the stress that keeps pulling you back under. It is not a bad thing to borrow in order to get your feet back on solid ground. When we are sinking and can't find the help we need this is one way to be rescued.

Another way is to start making little deposits all on your own by doing things that make you feel good for just a little while. I know it sounds strange, but go shine your kitchen sink. This simple little act will put a smile on your face and guess what that smile is a great big deposit in your account. The next thing to do is start getting dressed each day. Put on some clothes that you feel good in (another deposit) and then go fix your face and hair! If you look good on the outside your insides will feel good. Just look at the deposits you are making in your bank. Then lay out your clothes for tomorrow and get into bed at a decent hour. These are all daily deposits that will help you to get out of your emotional bankruptcy. Daily routines help to keep this checkbook balanced each day!

When your good days start out numbering your bad ones, you are on the road to emotional financial balance. Each day we deserve to give ourselves a hug! Find some time for you!

Please start making those deposits in your emotional bank. We can't keep spending ourselves into emotional bankruptcy!

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 Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

SKILLET DINNERS

TO THE RESCUE

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
The skillet is one of the best inventions since (yeah, I'll use that food metaphor), sliced bread. This wonder of precision crafted metal can handle your dinner with ease and gives you the extra bonus of being easy on the clean up, too.

As simple and wonderful as the crockpot is for making stews and soups, the skillet is likewise just as simple and wonderful for quick sautés, stir fries and other easy to make dinners, plus you don't have to wait all day to get it cooked!

I know a lot of people swear by their nonstick cookware, but I'm not one of them. The fact is a heavy stainless skillet will make fabulous sauces the way a nonstick cannot. Why? Because there is no "stick" and you need the "stick" on the bottom of the pan to give you those golden nuggets of flavor left by chicken (or whatever else you're cooking) to infuse savor into your sauce. This is the secret to richly flavored sauces. If you have a nonstick skillet, by all means use it for making eggs, but skip it for skillet dinners!

So what are you waiting for? Get your skillet out and let's get busy! Here's an easy recipe for you that I guarantee you will make again and again. It's a SavingDinner.com classic with a huge fan base, so make sure you print it off and keep it. :-)

RECIPE RAVE: Garlic Lime Chicken

Serves 6
"Oh that Garlic Lime Chicken! I think I could serve that a few times a week and my husband and kids would be thrilled!" ~Kate Brown

1 teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

¼ teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon thyme

6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup chicken broth
4 tablespoons lime juice

On a dinner plate, mix together first 7 ingredients. Sprinkle mixture on both sides of chicken breasts (or double the spice mixture if you like it a little spicier).

In a skillet heat butter and olive oil together over medium high heat. Saute chicken until golden brown on each side, about 5 minutes on either side. Remove chicken and add lime juice and chicken broth to the pan, whisking up the browned bits off the bottom of the pan. Keep cooking until sauce has reduced slightly. Add chicken back to the pan to thoroughly coat and serve.

Per Serving: 343 Calories; 11g Fat (31.1% calories from fat); 55g Protein; 2g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 147mg Cholesterol; 612mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 7 1/2 Lean Meat; 0 Fruit; 1 1/2 Fat.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS:
Serve with garlic mashed potatoes (make mashed potatoes; add garlic powder to taste), steamed broccoli and a salad if you want more greens.

Enjoy!
For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.



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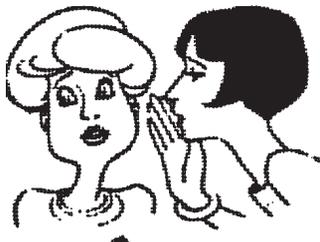
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When it comes to Medicare, the term "donut hole" doesn't refer to one of your favorite breakfast sweets. It refers to the coverage gap that occurs when Medicare temporarily stops paying for your prescriptions and you have to pay the entire cost yourself. Learn how this gap may affect you and your loved ones with the free Medicare Resources package of publications from the National Pharmaceutical Council and the Federal Citizen Information Center.

Start by reviewing your Medicare drug plan and its coverage gap policy. For most standard plans, you enter the gap after your total covered drug costs reach \$2,400. Covered drugs include any medicines for which your plan pays at least part of the cost. You may be able to delay reaching the gap by using lower-cost drugs. Check with your health care provider to find out if other medicines would work for you.

After you enter the coverage gap, you must pay all of your prescription drug costs until the total amount reaches the out-of-pocket limit. This limit marks the end of the coverage gap and includes the \$2,400 you paid prior to entering the gap. For 2007, the out-of-pocket limit for most plans is \$3,850. The Medicare Resources package explains what types of expenses count toward the limit and what happens after you exit the gap.

You can track your monthly spending to see when you're coming close to entering and exiting the coverage gap. Use the sample expense log in the Medicare Resources package as a helpful guide. It's also a good idea to save all your pharmacy receipts and to read and keep all monthly statements from your plan.

If you have high total drug costs and don't have extra help during the coverage gap, you may want to consider switching to a plan that provides additional coverage during the gap. Get helpful hints for choosing a plan that's right for you in the Medicare Resources package. And keep in mind you can only change plans between November 15, 2007 and December 31, 2007 for coverage beginning in 2008.

To learn more about the prescription coverage gap, order the free Medicare Resources package. There are three easy ways to get your publications:

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Like many parents, you're probably building your children's college fund but how about their "bone bank?" Bone mass attained in childhood and adolescence can help determine lifelong skeletal health and prevent osteoporosis and fractures later in life. Teach your kids healthy bone habits with the informative *Kids and Their Bones: A Parent's Guide* from the National Institutes of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Get the facts on the recommended calcium intake for children, along with the best physical activities for bone-building. For your free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 504P, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO, that's 1 (888) 878-3256, and ask for Item 504P. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

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HOW TO SAVE AT THE GAS PUMP

(SPM Wire) Sometimes it seems that gas prices only rise and never fall. While this is not entirely true, during peak summer driving season gas prices usually are their highest.

With the goal of helping drivers save at the gas pump while helping to save the environment by driving more fuel efficiently, the Alliance to Save Energy is offering these tips:

- * Maintain your vehicle. Fixing a faulty oxygen sensor can improve mileage by as much as 40 percent. Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of four percent.

- * Keep your tires properly inflated to improve gas mileage by around 3.3 percent and also improve safety and tire life.

- * Use the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil to improve gas mileage by one to two percent. Also, look for motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" on the API performance symbol to be sure it contains friction-reducing additives.

- * Avoid idling, which gets zero miles-per-gallon. Cars with larger engines typically waste even more gas while idling than cars with smaller engines.

- * Obey the speed limit. It's safer and less expensive. Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly above 60 miles per hour (mph). As a rule of thumb, each five mph over 60 mph is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon for gas.

- * Curtail "road rage" or aggressive driving. Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and five percent around town. Sensible driving is safer, too - so you may save more than gas money.

- * Use cruise control to help cut fuel consumption by maintaining a steady speed during highway driving.

- * Are you carrying around too much excess "baggage?" Pack lightly when traveling, and avoid carrying items on your vehicle's roof. An extra 100 pounds in the

trunk cuts a typical car's fuel economy by up to two percent.

- * Combine errands into one trip to drive fewer miles, use less fuel, and reduce wear and tear on your vehicle. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer, multipurpose trip when the engine is warmed-up and efficient.

- * Investigate other options for getting to work and other places—carpooling, ridesharing, public transportation, biking, walking.

- * Telecommute or stagger work hours if your employer permits, to avoid sitting in traffic and wasting gas, especially during peak rush hours.

- * If you own more than one vehicle, drive the one that gets better gas mileage whenever possible. If you drive 15,000 miles a year, driving a car that gets 20 mpg rather than 30 mpg will cost you \$1000 or more this year.

- * Buying, leasing, or renting a vehicle? Select a model that gets better fuel economy. Check out www.fueleconomy.gov, for information on fuel-efficient vehicles.

- * Take advantage of 2007 federal income tax credits that reduce what you owe to Uncle Sam or increase your tax refund by \$250 to \$3,400 for purchases of hybrid-electric or diesel vehicles. Amounts are based on the vehicle's efficiency and fuel savings.

For more information about saving energy in your home, office or car, visit www.ase.org.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

(NewsUSA) - Approximately 20 million Americans suffer from some level of vision impairment, which could be worrisome if not properly corrected, because vision damage can result in a loss of independence. Glasses, contacts and even LASIK

surgery, however, have made it easier than ever to see clearly.

And while the technology is available, getting new glasses and contacts can be a financially taxing endeavor. In fact, Americans spend more than \$500 million a year on glasses and contacts of which 73 percent of those costs are paid out of pocket. So, while glasses are essential, they aren't exactly affordable.

Lions Clubs International is stepping in to help. They have worked to aid the blind and visually impaired since 1917 and through their "Give the Gift of Sight" campaign sponsored by the Luxottica Group are collecting glasses nationwide for those in need, an annual tradition that, all told, has provided more than 1 million pair of glasses over the past nine years to men, women and children worldwide.

Once collected, the volunteers, who number in the thousands, clean, repair and sort the glasses. Finally, the recycled eyewear is hand-delivered to families through international missions.

Lions Clubs International is encouraging people throughout the nation to join in their mission by giving the gift of sight this year. Individuals can donate used prescription glasses and sunglasses or non-prescription sunglasses to their local schools, places of worship, businesses, recreation centers and senior centers. Collection kits can also be ordered online at www.givethegiftofsight.org.

Participation in the form of groups is also a welcome collaboration. Schools, scout troops and other community organizations are invited to join forces with Lions Clubs International and spread the word. Learn how you can get involved or donate your used eyewear by contacting Lions Clubs International at www.lionsclubs.org.

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