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Thought for the Week: When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it. Bernard Bailey

PARK FISH SUPPER

The Liberty Center Park Committee will be sponsoring a fish and tenderloin supper by Dan's on Thursday, April 26 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The supper will be held at the Liberty Center Methodist Church fellowship hall. Proceeds will be used for upkeep at the park.

Please come and support your local park.

SMOKED PORK CHOPS

The TurnPointe Community Church and The Life's Little Treasures DayCare are holding a fund raiser to help pave the driveway. We will be grilling 12 oz. smoked pork chops at the Crossroads Carwash on April 27th from 2:30 – 6:30. In previous years we have raised enough money to get a Fire Alarm System for the DayCare. Now, with so many cars going in and out and a school bus twice a day, the drive is in need of repair. The pork chops will be \$5 each and just for carry out. We thank you for your support and look forward

to seeing you Friday.

JEFFERSON ALUMNI

The Jefferson Alumni will be held on May 5, 2012 at the Knight-Bergman Center. The classes of 1932, 1942, 1952 and 1962 will be honored. All former students and teachers are welcome. Social hour is at 5:00 in the gym, dinner is at 6:00. The Salamonie Valley Museum will be open at 4:00. If you have not made a reservation you can do so by calling Steve Holmes at 260-375-2766.

WARREN ALUMNI

The deadline is fast approaching for making your reservation for the alumni banquet of Warren High School. The banquet will be held at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on May 12. All former students, teachers, and friends of the Warren School are welcome to attend.

The classes of 1942, 1952, and 1962 will be recognized as honored classes. All graduates prior to 1942 will also be recognized.

Social hour begins at 5:30 followed by dinner and program at 6:30. Ron and Carol Burns will provide the musical entertainment. The Salamonie Valley Museum will be open during the afternoon and evening.

Make your reservations now by contacting Jim Howell at 260-375-3048 or email at howellj@citiznet.com for reservations.

FESTIVAL NOTES

I would like to take this time to thank all the people that came out and purchased the Nelson's chicken. We were able to sell out of chicken and you helped make the festival fund raiser a huge success. This year's festival is June 29, 30 and July 1.

The next meeting will be May 14 at Warren Sportsman Club starting at 6:30. We will be putting the final events and times together so we can get programs printed. If you have an event please come to the meeting or let me know the time and sponsor so we can get it on the program correctly.

Program Alert

All kids and adults who have pets, we will be having a pet parade on the stage this year. The theme this year is "It's still a grand old flag" so dress you and your pet up, come down to the stage and maybe win a prize.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held May 5, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at New Hope Ministries, 9019 S 300 W, Warren (former Solid Rock Church).

Something for everyone & Food

NEW DOLLAR GENERAL STORE IN WARREN

Discount retailer celebrates relocation with grand opening GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. (April 24, 2012) – Dollar General continues to make shopping easier and more convenient for customers in Warren. Dollar General is pleased to announce the opening of its new store at 1204 Huntington Avenue. The grand opening of the new store is scheduled to begin Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m.

At the grand opening event, customers will enjoy special deals and free prizes. The first 50 shoppers at the store will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag, among other giveaways.

The new store will provide customers with the same value and convenience they have come to rely on, just in a different location. The new store will employ six to 10 people.

"Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a convenient location, a well-edited assortment of merchandise, great prices and an updated store design," said Gayle Aertker, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our Warren customers will continue to enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

Dollar General's new location features a fresh layout, designed to make shopping easier and simpler for customers. Some of the store's new features include seasonal products featured in the center of the store, easily recognizable departments with visible signage and coolers that are more conveniently located at the front of the store.

Dollar General stores offer convenience and value to customers by providing a focused selection of national brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health and beauty care products.

Dollar General gives its customers more than everyday low prices on basic merchandise. Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or get their General Education Diploma (GED) can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services. In 1993, the company founded the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, which has awarded more than \$64.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 3.7 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dollargeneral.com.

SEND YOUR FAVORITE OUT-OF-TOWNER, COLLEGE STUDENT OR RELATIVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WARREN WEEKLY. IT MAKES A TREASURED GIFT EVERY YEAR. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS)



WINE TASTING

Pictured above are Joanie Clarkson, Kyle Stroud and Danielle Shaw of PNC Bank, Champagne Sponsor for the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual "A Taste of Spring" Wine & Ale Tasting Event. The event will be held on May 5th at Dogwood Glen Golf Course in Warren. Proceeds from the event will be used for the Warren Downtown Park Project. Tickets are still available at the following local businesses: PNC Bank, Markle Bank, Citizens Telephone and East of Chicago Pizza Co. For additional event information, please contact Jeff Souder at 260-375-6199.

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.247.2426 or email to wwky@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

TO THE VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON Co.

Our family had the need of the services of the coroner this past summer. Phil Zahm and his staff were very considerate and helpful. I feel his team acted in a very Christian, caring and efficient manner. Please vote for Phil Zahm and his experienced team for coroner in the May primary election.

Joyce Sorg

CHICKEN THANKS

Thank you to the town of Warren and it's citizens for helping us to raise money for the Salamonie Summer Festival Fireworks this year. The Port-a-Pit chicken fundraiser was a huge success. All money raised will go towards this year's fireworks display.

SSF Committee

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

Today at least the sun is shining, but on a road trip I thought we might get blown off the road. March and April is such unpredictable months. You get all excited about spring and whammy it is cold again. I have flowers almost begging to be put outside and just not quite ready yet.

A rule of the green thumb is to wait until after Mothers day, but if it warms up I may break the rule. At least set them out in pots to harden off a bit. Most all of my plants will be close to the house and the heat of the day radiates off the house to help with warmth. Many times Dad had plants out early and it wasn't fun trying to cover up a half acre garden. Now my plants is a breeze to do. Soon it will be the annual hit the woods or your favorite spot for mushrooms, a nice mess of them sounds better than a t-bone steak.

That was the times I took pleasure in going after the cows for evening milking as I always took time to check my favorite spot. Once I found a really good mess of them and had nothing to put them in so I made a basket with the skirt of my dress and came home with a nice contribution for supper. When mom seen me coming across the pasture she thought I was bringing home some little critter and was ready to send me straight back to where I found it. Lucky for me and her we kept the rewards.

A couple weeks ago we had a family gathering and Treva our "Chief Cook" in the family brought a really good apple dumpling for dessert. This is her recipe: 2 Granny Smith apples peeled and sliced in 8 pieces 2 cans crescent rolls 1 1/2 stick real butter 1 cup sugar 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon 1 can Mountain Dew. spray 9x 13 pan wrap each apple slice in a crescent roll and place in the pan. Melt butter add sugar and stir to blend, pour over the apples and pour the can of Mountain dew over all. Bake 350 for 45 mins. Really good. Enjoy

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 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

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

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 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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 Dick Case, Pastor

1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

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

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 128, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
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Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

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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.

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

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CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

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 375-2102
 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

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 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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 375-3022
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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

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher

Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

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

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

PROS CARNIVAL

The Salomonie School PROS will be their bi-annual carnival on Friday, April 27. A supper will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. The games will start promptly at 6 p.m. and run until 8 p.m.

The supper will consist of walking tacos, nachos, hot dogs, chili dogs, and East of Chicago pizza. There will be numerous games for all ages, including inflatable interactive games and raffles as well.

All games, food, and raffles will require tickets, which can be purchased ahead of time at the school or the night of the carnival.

Everyone is welcome. Some games and raffles are sponsored by local groups and businesses. Pageant Time!

Calling all Pageant Contestants! Look for your registration form by the first of May. The forms will be at East of Chicago in Warren. After we receive your form we will send you a letter with the date of the meeting/picture day. You must be present at this meeting! The pageant will be Sunday June 24th at 3:30 p.m. at the Warren Church of Christ.

TASTE OF SPRING

Just one more week before the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce's Third Annual "A Taste of Spring" Wine & Ale Tasting Event, so be sure to get your tickets NOW! The event is being held at Dogwood Glen Golf Course on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Some of the great prizes and silent auction items for the evening include but are not limited to: an Apple iPad provided by the Markle Bank; Microsoft X Box 360 4GB Console with Kinect Game Console provided by Citizens Telephone; one night stay and dinner for two at the

Charley Creek Inn in Wabash, IN provided by Glancy Funeral Homes; four Colts and four Notre Dame tickets provided by Pastor Scott Nedberg; several handmade pieces from the woodcrafters at Heritage Pointe; plus 13 beautifully handcrafted items from Courtyard Studio. VIP tickets are \$50 per person which allows early admission at 6:30 p.m. with increased opportunities for more great door prizes, drawing of a deluxe prize and an outstanding presentation from the Olive Twist on great cooking with their vinegars and olive oils. General admission tickets are \$35 per person with admission at 7:30 p.m. This great evening will come to a close at 10:00 p.m. for all.

Our Champagne Sponsors for 2012 include: Dr. Robert H. Berghoff, DDS; Citizens Telephone; East of Chicago Pizza Co.; Family Hospice & Palliative Care; Gebhart's Floral Barn; Heritage Pointe/Dogwood Glen; Kim's Katered Affair; PNC Bank; Shuttleworth Insurance and T. D. Wall Inc.

Please plan to join us for this great evening of entertainment, with proceeds to benefit the Warren Downtown Park Project which is sure to provide a great benefit to our community. Tickets are available at the following local businesses: East of Chicago Pizza Co., Citizens Telephone, PNC Bank and Markle Bank (Warren Office). For additional event information and ticket availability, please contact Jeff Souder at 260-375-6199.

CAMP BROCHURES

Summer Sports Camp brochures available!

You are Invited!

Basketball Camp and other Sports Camp brochures for

Elementary, Junior High and High School age athletes are available at the Warren Pharmacy. Many Camps are sponsored by area Colleges.

Huntington University Forester Basketball Camp.

Indiana Wesleyan University Lady Wildcat Basketball Camp & Volleyball Camp.

Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcat Basketball Camp for Boys.

Taylor University Basketball Camps for Girls and Boys.

Grace College Summer Sports Camps:

Lady Lancer Basketball Camp and Volleyball Camp.

Lancer Basketball Camps for Boys.

The University of Saint Francis Cougar Basketball Camps (2010 NAIA-D2 National Champions and 2011 Runner-up, 2012 Elite Eight).

Bethel College Sports Camps.

All of these Summer Sports Camp brochures are available at the Warren Pharmacy!

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

at the Bluffton 4-H Park Quonset Building - Friday, May 4 from 8:00-3:00 and Saturday, May 5 from 8:00-2:00. Southern Wells Community Church. 765-728-2154

STAMP OUT HUNGER

On Saturday, May 12, 2012, Campbell Soup Company will join forces with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to help Stamp Out Hunger in Warren. Now in its 20th year, the annual food drive has grown from a regional to a national effort that provides assistance to the million of Americans struggling to put food on the



God's CALL

Salomonie Church of the Brethren, located on St. Rt. 124 between St. Rt. 9 and St. Rt. 5, will have a 5th Sunday message in music by God's Call on Sunday April 29. God's Call is a Gospel Quartet and is from Huntington county. The worship service will begin at 9:30 AM. The community is invited to attend. Salomonie Church's number is 260-468-2663 if you have questions.

Pictured above from God's Call L to R: Kevin Teusch, Mike Tribolet, Pat Thompson, Bob Johnston

table.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single day food drive benefitting Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. In 2011, generous donations were collected by letter carriers.

"We're incredibly excited for the 20th anniversary of the Stamp Out Hunger food drive," said Fredric V. Roland, NALC president. "We're asking people across the country for their support to make this year's drive the most successful in its 20 year history. It's so easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag of non-perishable food by your mailbox to help neighbors in need. That's

all it takes."

This year, Nick Cannon, multi-talented entertainer and member of the Feeding America Entertainment Council, is the national spokesperson for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive for the second year in a row. The drive particularly hits home for Cannon, who experienced hunger and visited food pantries as a child. Cannon will promote the drive on television and radio, as well as in print and social media to encourage even greater participation and donations.

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SMALL WORLD PRESCHOOL

WINNER

Addalyn Boardman of Warren attended Small World Preschool's open house and won the drawing for a great basket of goodies! Small World Preschool has been serving preschoolers in the Warren area for over 30 years.

Applications for Fall 2012 are being accepted now for the 3-year old class on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the 4-5 year old class on Mon/Wed/Fri afternoons. Call 375-4330 for more information.

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.

Apr 25	Administrative Professionals Day
May 2 Noon	Chamber of Commerce lunch, Assembly Hall
May 2 7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Town Council
May 7-12	Town of Warren Spring Clean-Up
May 12	Warren Alumni Banquet, contact Jim Howell 375-3048
May 13	Mother's Day
May 14 6:30 p.m.	Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
May 14 6:30 p.m.	SSF Meeting at Sportsman's Club
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
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC	
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus	

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The need for food assistance continues to exist in every community in America, no matter how rich or poor. According to the US Department of Agriculture's annual study measuring food security in the United States, the number of Americans living in food insecure homes reached nearly 49 million in 2011 (the most recent year data is available). Perhaps most alarming is the fact that more than 16 million children in America - more than 1 in 5 - are faced with the prospect of hunger.

Campbell Soup Company and its partners are producing post cards and shopping bags that will be delivered to more than 90 million homes across the country as a reminder to participate in the drive. In addition, Campbell's will again support this year's food collection effort by donating one million pounds of food to Feeding America.

"Campbell's is committed to the success of the Stamp Out Hunger food drive and we encourage everyone to participate," said Denise Morrison, Campbell Soup Company's president and CEO. "It's unfortunate that millions of Americans, especially our children, continue to go hungry in a country as bountiful as ours. We believe that, with the help and generosity of those who are able, we can provide much needed support for our community members in need."

To participate in the 20th Stamp Out Hunger food drive in Warren, residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 12. Warren's rural letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Also this year there will be a collection barrel located in the Post Office lobby for our residents who live in town who would like to donate also. This will be available from May 1st through May 12.

Feeding America provides food assistance to 37 million Americans every year. According to Feeding America, one in eight Americans relies on the organization for food and groceries, and the organization distributes 3 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually.

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive in Warren, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com or www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger, and follow the drive at www.twitter.com/StampOutHunger.

COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, April 18th, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Marvin Surber called the meeting to order. All in attendance repeated the pledge to the American Flag.

A citizen in attendance questioned if any progress is being made to clean up the town.

Bill Wiley from Eastbrook Alternative Energy Group was in attendance. He said the group is working with Taylor University. They are attempting to put up new modern windmills. The study is being made to determine the effect of electric energy.

He was at the meeting to get permission to put a windmill up in Van Buren. Council gave their consent.

Superintendent Rob Reeder reported all meters were read in April. Hydrant flushing is expected to be done next week.

Van Buren Town Clean-up will be May 4, 5 & 6.

FORKS FISH FRY

Forks of the Wabash volunteers Jim Hollar, Jan Matthias, Linda Lakes, Marie Harrell and Susan Taylor met to discuss flyer distribution for the May 5 Fish Fry. The All-You-Can-Eat Fish and Chicken Fry will take place from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Historic Forks of the Wabash Park, 3011

West Park Drive in Huntington. Adult tickets will be \$7.50 in advance or \$8.00 at the door, and children ages 6 - 12 will be \$5.00. There is no charge for children age 5 and under. Carry outs will be available. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Forks of the Wabash board member, or by calling 260 356-1903.

All proceeds raised from this project will be matched by the Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500, and will be used for collection preservation and furnishing the Archive Room at the Historic Forks of the Wabash.

CHECKIN GAME SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR TURKEY SEASON

Hunters during the spring and youth turkey season now have the option of reporting their harvest information using a free online system through the Department of Natural Resources called CheckIN Game.

Hunters can report their turkey harvest through a computer, tablet or wide variety of smart phones and handheld devices without having to take the turkey to a designated check station for physical inspection.

However, hunters will still have the option of taking their turkey to a designated check station.

The CheckIN Game system was developed by IN.gov, the official website of the state of Indiana and a service of the Indiana Office of Technology.

"The CheckIN Game system allows hunters to quickly check in their game from the convenience of their home or directly in the field using their mobile device," said Mark Reiter, Division of Fish & Wildlife director. "This free online system is a big step forward in giving hunters more options to check in their game."

Hunters who use CheckIN Game will get an electronic confirmation receipt with a

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YAA AWARDS

On March 22, 2012, the Optimist Club of Huntington awarded their March 2012 Youth Appreciation Awards to the following Riverview Middle School students:

Carly Snyder (left center) is the daughter of Lonnie and Lisa Snyder and an 8th grader at Riverview Middle School.

At RMS, Carly is involved in Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, Volleyball, and Cheerleading. She also participates in Campus Life, Gymnastics and Dance. Carly is a member of the Markle Church of Christ.

Teacher comments: "Though she is often quiet, Carly has a maturity beyond her years and easily draws connections between subject areas. Her conscientious attitude and natural abilities help her juggle multiple activities in and out of school with ease. Carly has a kind heart, unwavering work ethic, and persistence and positivity that make her a role model for her peers. She always puts forth her best effort and is a hard worker and willing volunteer. Carly will be very successful in her life and career."

Isaac Smith (right center) is the son of Brent and Rachel Smith and also an 8th grader at Riverview Middle School.

At RMS, Isaac is involved in Football, Basketball and Track. He also participates in Campus Life and Student Leaders. Isaac is active with the Markle Church of Christ youth group.

Teacher comments: "Isaac approaches each day with a positive attitude. Isaac is a remarkable young man who is highly engaged in his education as well as extra-curricular activities and community action. He is a wonderful leader in team activities and leads both verbally and by example. Isaac has an upbeat personality and sets the bar for other students. Isaac exemplifies everything we could ask for in a middle school student."

Also pictured are far left RMS Principal Curt Crago and far right, Tom Mettler Huntington County Optimist Club President.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The family of Scot Sparks will host a Celebration of Life memorial Service on Saturday, April 28 in the Fults Recreation Room at Heritage Pointe (formerly United Methodist Memorial Home).

Visitors are welcome at 2 p.m. with the actual service being held at 3:30 p.m.

This service is being held by his parents Dale C and Carolyn (Dyson) Sparks as they were not able to attend the services previously held in Rochelle, IL due to health issues.

During the service there will be a time of sharing/remembrance for anyone who would like to share a special memory of Scot.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois (ROBI).

FELGER

R. Michael "Mike" Felger, 68 of Avilla passed away at 1:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was a 1961 graduate of Huntertown High School. He was a member of the Dillman United Brethren Church in Warren. He worked as a butcher at various locations. He enjoyed traveling and visiting friends and family.

Mike was born on June 7, 1943 in Fort Wayne, a son of Joseph and Betty (Fix) Felger.

He was united in marriage to Brenda D. Weaver on May 1, 1982.

Survivors include his wife: Brenda Felger of Kendallville; a daughter: Julie of Fort Wayne; two sisters: Vickie (Ed) Gordon of Huntertown; Valerie (Alan) Glessner of Avilla; a brother: Craig (Cindy) Flegler of Fort Wayne and a granddaughter: Terri.

He was preceded in death by a son: Mark Felger.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel.

Interment was at the Glenwood Cemetery in Roanoke.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Noble County in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

GENSIC

Jeanette Elizabeth Gensic, 86 of Warren and formerly of Markle passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was a 1943 graduate of Albion High School. She was a member of the PSI IOTA XI

Sorority, Markle Home Extension Club and the Markle Church of Christ. She was a Girl Scout leader in Markle. She worked in the office at Bowers in Fort Wayne in her younger years. She enjoyed flower gardening, she has an extensive paper weight collection; she enjoyed ceramics, sewing, reading and spending time with her family.

Jeanette was born on December 23, 1925 in LaGrange County, Indiana, the daughter of John Fredrick and Mary Elizabeth (Eddy) Reinsch.

She was united in marriage to Steven J. Gensic on February 2, 1946 in Yoder, Indiana. Her Husband survives.


Additional survivors include two daughters: Patricia (Dane) Strait of Warren; Linda (Kenneth) Otis of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers: John F. Reinsch II and Richard Reinsch.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with one hour of visitation prior to the service at Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel with Pastor Ethan Stivers officiating.

Interment was at the Markle Cemetery.

Memorials are to Markle Church of Christ in care of Myers Funeral Home P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

HELMS

 Max E. Helms, 88, of Huntington, IN, died Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 11:20 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Helms graduated from Warren High School in 1942. He served overseas in the United States Army during World War II. He then had worked for the Panhandle Eastern Well Drilling Company in Texas for many years before returning in 1980, and had been a resident of the Warren and Huntington communities since. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2689 in Huntington.

He was born April 12, 1924, in Huntington County to Ernest and Mable Manring Helms. He married Doris McCoy Mills, and she preceded him death. He later married Violet Booher, and she also preceded him death.

Survivors include five daughters, Linda (Dave) Dawson, of Palacios, TX; Karen (John) Herrick, of Ossian; Debra (Neil) Clutter, of Rockford, OH; Pam (Larry) Leyman, of Bluffton; and Lori (Helms) Gray, of Fort Wayne; five

sons, Jerry Helms, of Rockford, OH; Dale (Barb) Helms, of East Grand Forks, MN; Doug (Jill) Helms, of Louisiana; and Darwin Helms and Mickey (Sherri) Helms, both of Texas; 33 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, April 24, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Rob Seewald officiating. Interment will follow in the Red Men Cemetery in Warren.

SOUDER

Patricia Anne Souder, 81, of Warren, IN, died Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 1:30 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mrs. Souder had been employed by the United Methodist Memorial Home (now Heritage Pointe), for 25 years, first as a housekeeper and then as a resident manager. She attended the United Church of Christ and was a 1949 graduate of Warren High School.

She was born March 9, 1931, in Lima, OH, to Harold L. and Zilpha G. Williams Dungan. She married Lester Gene Souder on Feb. 7, 1975, in Warren. Her husband preceded her in death.


Survivors include four daughters, Cherie (Gary) Hahn, of Bluffton; Nancy Anne (David) Makowski, of Rociada, NM; Rhonda (Bob) Bolner, of Columbus; and Anita (David) Altman, of Roanoke; four sons, Jay (Jane) Leist, of Huntington; Michael J. Leist and Jeff (Becky) Souder, both of Warren; and Greg (Joie) Souder, of Markle; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Calling is Friday, April 27, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Heritage Pointe's Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren. A service follow at 3 p.m., with Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Interment will be at a later date at Spring Hill Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are gifts to Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792 or to Family Life Care, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711.

Glancy-H. Brown and Son Funeral Home, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

COFFEY

 William D. "Abe" Coffey, 73, of Muncie, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at Bethel Pointe Health Care in Muncie.

William was born Nov. 13, 1938, in Knoxville, Tenn. He attended Jackson High School in Warren. He was a United States Army Veteran serving from 1957 to 1960. He worked at General Motors in Marion, Indiana for 32 years, retiring in 1992. He attended Harris Chapel Church of the Nazarene. He enjoyed woodworking and attending flea markets and antique shops. He also brightened many lives with his Abraham Lincoln impersonations performed at Harford City Civil War reenactment, Farmers Pike, and Billy Creek, along with area nursing homes, schools, and parties.

William is survived by his daughter, Kathy (John) Yarnelle of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Eugene Stanley of Muncie; several grandchildren; and his extended adopted family: seven brothers, Jim, John, and Donald Jones of Warren, Tom Jones of Montpelier, Harold Jones of Hebron, Max Jones of Hartford City, and Tim Jones of Bluffton; eight sisters, Mary Williams of Lafontaine, Delores "Irene" Lizar of Gas City, Sharon Piquine and Nancy Tudor of Warren, Judy Peden of Hartford City, Linda Bontrager of Mesa, Ariz., Margaret Fritts of Montpelier, and Deb Watson of Marion; and a friend, Kenny (Peggy) Alltop of Saginaw, Mich.

William was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Workman Coffey.

Friends and family gathered to share and remember from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, 600 W. Kilgore Ave., Muncie. A funeral service to celebrate William's life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at the funeral home, with Pastor Jim Ballenger officiating.

Entombment followed in Elm Ridge Memorial Park Mausoleum with military honors conducted by Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given in memory of his daughter, to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or at www.leukemia.org

MCINTIRE

Charles Hugh McIntire, 86, of rural Wabash, died at 2:20 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born November 5, 1925, in Jackson Township, Wells County, to Charles A. and Edna (Byall) McIntire.

Hugh first married Neville L. Smith in Martinsville, on June 26, 1948; she died Oct. 31, 1975. He then married Betty Jean (Brown) Corps in Wabash, on April 7, 1976; she died Dec. 17, 1999.

He retired from US Gypsum Corporation in 1980 after 25 years. Hugh was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ and attended Wabash First United Methodist Church. He was an Endowment member of the National Rifle Association, a life member of the Indiana Sportsmen's Council, a member of the Gun Owners of America, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association, the National Knife Collectors Association, the Second Amendment Foundation, the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, and the Indiana State Police Alliance.

He is survived by two daughters, Stephanie (Sam) Smith of Wabash and Lolita McIntire of Clarksville, Mich.; a grandson, Blake (Tisha) Faust of Wabash; a great-grandson, Ashton Faust of Wabash; and a special friend, Hope Rider of Wabash.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Ken Goble officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the National Rifle Association.

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confirmation number. They will need to write the number on the temporary transportation tag for the turkey. Indiana Conservation Officers will use the confirmation number to check validity of the turkey. While printing the confirmation receipt is not necessary, hunters may want to do so for their records.

Hunters must have their customer ID number ready when using the CheckIN Game system. Customer ID numbers can be found on spring turkey licenses or any hunting, trapping or fishing license from Indiana. Lifetime license holders will have the option of looking up this number in the CheckIN Game system. Hunters exempted by law from needing a license can also check in their game through this online system by entering some basic information.

To access CheckIN Game visit: hunting.IN.gov/7365.htm.

Directions for using the system will be posted on the CheckIN Game website; however, the system has a user-friendly design. "The simple drop-down lists and the automatic filling in of information allows hunters to quickly and easily check their game," Reiter said.

CheckIN Game will be available this weekend during the two-day youth season and when the regular spring turkey hunting season begins on April 25.

This fall, CheckIN Game likely will be expanded to include checking in white-tailed deer and fall-season turkey.

Program presenters include Jamie Herold and Matt Kraushar from the Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources as well as Bill Fielding from the Indiana Dept. of Transportation (INDOT).

Herold, Kraushar, and Fielding will discuss the Purdue-INDOT Joint Transportation Research Project for Vegetation Management on INDOT Roadside. This project includes plantings in plots of land located along Highway 24 in Huntington and in other areas of the state.

The presenters will discuss the importance of native species and how we can utilize them to improve landscapes.

This program is open to the public. Please RSVP by calling the Huntington County Extension Office - 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202 at 260-358-4826.

WHEAT FIELDS SHOULD BE MONITORED CLOSELY

Farmers are now paying close attention to their wheat fields. The crop certainly is off to an early start this year.

Herbert Ohm, Purdue Agronomist, recently noted that mild winter temperatures created ideal growing conditions for the wheat, and the late fall planting did not give most diseases enough time to attack before winter set in. If temperatures continue to stay above freezing at night, the wheat is expected to be excellent.

State-wide there were 390,000 acres of wheat planted for harvest in 2012 according to the 3/31/12 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) planting report. This is a 9% reduction as compared to 2011 planted acres.

Wheat continues to be an important crop for this area of the state. The most recent Indiana Agricultural Statistics information (2010), ranked Huntington County 12th out of 92 Indiana counties in wheat production.

Note that basically all the wheat grown in Indiana is soft red winter wheat which is fall-seeded. It must go through a period of about 6 weeks with temperatures near freezing. This is called vernalization and it is required for winter wheat to joint, flower and produce seed.

Because of the warm winter, some producers in the area have been concerned that their wheat may not have vernalized. Pierce Paul, an Ohio State Extension specialist, said that even though the winter was mild, there were

several days with temperatures in the mid-to-lower 40s, which is good enough for vernalization. The specific temperature/time requirement varies with variety, but for most varieties, a few days or sets of days in the lower 40s is all we need. Pierce mentioned greenhouse trials performed at Ohio State in which germinated wheat is exposed to 35-40F for about 6 weeks and that is usually more than sufficient for vernalization.

As the season develops, Extension specialists will be watching closely for the development of head scab in wheat. This is a disease that impacts wheat at the flowering stage. Kiersten Wise, a Purdue Extension field crops specialist, explained that if there is wet, humid weather as wheat begins to flower, it is possible that a fungicide application will be necessary to suppress Fusarium head blight.

Wise recommended that wheat growers should become familiar with the risk assessment tool available to assess the risk of Fusarium head blight in Indiana. This model can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.wheatscab.psu.edu>.

At this site there are several links that explain how the model was developed, and links providing additional information about Fusarium head blight on wheat. To access the model, click on the link marked "Risk Map Tool." Commentary on Indiana wheat development and disease risk can be found at this site as well as Indiana weather stations. Clicking on a weather station within the state will generate a prediction for the risk of Fusarium head blight development in that area.

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.

SAFE PLACES BECOME BLACK HOLES

Did you ever put something in a safe place never to find it again? I have many times. It is almost a joke in our home when I say those black hole fateful words, "I need to put this in a safe place. There are car titles that have been lost in the vastness of my safe places. One time I was flying across the country I lost two items all because I didn't want to misplace them on the flight.

We could have been the three

stooges searching for the cord to Michele's headphones. You know the story. I put them some place safe and then had to spend thirty minutes searching through every pocket and compartment in my purse and my computer bag. After I finally found them; I lost the cord to my headphones. Luckily that cord had not been placed in a safe place; it was hiding on the floor under my foot.

In order to get myself calmed down from the chaotic start to our plane ride I put on some music that settles my nerves and decided to write about our little comedy routine. Why do we put ourselves through this. At one point I was so happy that my sweet darling was not with us on our trip. When he does travel with us; he likes to sit a few rows away from us because I fidget too much. He travels light. This is not a term that sidetracked people are familiar with. Light for us is a flash light to look into that bottomless pit of a handbag to help us find what we are searching for.

I have been trying to figure out what the difference is between a man and a woman traveling. Robert has his wallet, a comb, his glasses, a book and just a car key in his pocket. His bags can be packed in about five minutes. He carries the bare necessities unlike Michele and I. We are prepared for anything. We have medications for stomach aches, heat pads for sore muscles and pills for headaches. We have our computers so we can still work and we have our tunes so we can sing. This stuff has come in handy, but the price we pay for having too much stuff is in time and frustration. Yes we know it is here someplace.

The same thing happens in our homes when we have too much stuff. We can't find what we need when we need it. We don't have homes for these items. As my Granny has always said, "Everything has a place and everything in its place". Can you imagine this??

For sidetracked people our clutter is clogging up the valuable storage space in our homes and the stuff we need is homeless. This is why we are always searching and wasting time hunting for what we want. With less clutter we release the frustration that comes with losing items. The funny part is that the items that are usually right in front of our faces in plain view and our frustration level blinds us.

My next trip I am determined to travel with less and find more

peace in my journey. I can do this. Are you ready to join me by releasing your clutter.

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.

Just Do It

by V Neil Wyrick

The greater writer/novelist Robert Louis Stevenson did what few with his ongoing sickness would have done. He persevered. He did not create excuses as if they were going out of style. He did not talk of what he might do if he were well. He simply set his goals in stone...and one day he wrote the following.

"For 14 years I have not had one day of real health. I have awakened sick and gone to bed weary, and yet I have done my work unflinchingly. I have written my books in bed and out of bed, written them when I was worn by coughing, written them during hemorrhages, written them when my head swam for weakness.

I have now done this for so long that it seems to me I have won my wages and recovered my glove! But the battle still goes on - ill or well it is a trifle so long as it goes on."

And then there was Glenn Cunningham, who is remembered as a famous miler...but remembered even more so...as the miler who was told by a doctor one day, "Your legs are so badly burned you will never walk again...let alone run."

And then there was Walter Davis, the first man to high jump 7 feet...who as a boy had infantile paralysis.

Life ask each of us a question...do you seek always the easy way out? Or do you feel the joy of accepting challenge even it brings you failure?

The secret to success is learning how to fail...I've always believed that.

Any C.E.O. who succeeds 40% of the time is doing very very well.

Solve...learn...swing at that fast ball speeding toward you...and miss it and swing again...and swing a different bat in a different way...life is for living...so just do it.

MASTER GARDENER PUBLIC FORUM - THURSDAY MAY 3

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ALLEVIATE STRESS

It's easy to let the little stresses of life pile up and overwhelm you all at once. With so many ongoing activities and events at work and at home, it's easy to feel anxiety build up — usually at the worst moment. USA.gov can help put things in perspective with these helpful resources:

Constantly being on the go can be an added stress to an already busy day. The National Center for Telehealth and Technology has a free app, Breathe2Relax, available on androids and iPhones. The app includes instructions and practice exercises to help you conquer stress management. Breathing exercises have proven to help improve moods and lessen anxiety.

Stress can come in all different forms, and can affect you on many levels. Physically, you may notice a faster heart beat, rapid breathing, trembling and more. While certain life events like starting a new job or moving are typical stressful events, learn when it is time to contact a medical professional. Panic attacks and thoughts of fears you cannot control are critical moments to reach out to a medical professional.

Having some everyday stress is normal, and even healthy. But too much stress can lead to other unhealthy behaviors and lifestyles. Take the quick "Stress-o-meter" quiz to get your personal stress profile and make sure you aren't letting life's little tensions build up to an unhealthy level.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or severe emotional distress, call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255), or if it is a medical

emergency, call 911. USA.gov offers many resources on specific mental health conditions as well as substance abuse effects on mental health. You can learn about particular disorders and mental health topics from information across the federal government.

MOTHER'S DAY IDEAS FOR THE BUDGET-CONSCIOUS

(StatePoint) If you're watching your pocketbook these days, as many people are, you may be searching for affordable ways to celebrate Mom this Mother's Day, May 13.

The good news is thoughtfulness doesn't need to cost a fortune.

You can show you really care by taking the time to personalize your Mother's Day activities and gifts. Here are some unique ideas that meet a wide range of budgets:

Food

You've probably been treated to many special home-cooked meals by Mom. Now it's time to reciprocate. Instead of taking mom out on Mother's Day, where many restaurants jack up their prices by offering a prix-fixe menu, prepare a special meal yourself. Remember, the day is about your mom, so plan the menu around all her favorite dishes. Offer to cook for her at her house so she doesn't need to lift a finger.

Gifts

Don't just opt for a trite box of chocolates or generic gift you find in the first store you visit. These days, you can find personalized gifts that truly match Mom's unique personality.

"You can surprise and delight someone most with a personalized gift, since there is

nothing more unique," says Mariam Naficy, CEO of Minted.com, an online stationery store.

Personalized stationery sets make great affordable gifts for mom. Remember, the stationery a woman uses speaks volumes about her. Find something just right by browsing the selection of colors and styles on an online stationery store. For example, Minted.com carries a wide selection of unique customizable designs.

You might also consider giving the gift of self-expression with a personalized journal. Make the journal truly hers before she ever sets pen to paper by including meaningful photos and inscriptions on its cover and interior.

Flowers

For a traditional flair, think flowers this Mother's Day. But rather than coughing up a pretty penny buying a standard issue store-bought arrangement, take your mother on a nature walk to pick wildflowers. Not only will you get to spend a great spring day together outside, you can create a unique bouquet at home using flowers she picked herself.

When showing Mom you care this Mother's Day, don't let your budget hold you back. Thoughtfulness and thriftiness can go hand in hand to make the day extra special.

KEEPING KIDS "MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY"

(StatePoint) You probably already understand the importance of safeguarding your children against physical ailments. But did you know that keeping kids mentally and emotionally healthy is just as crucial to their overall wellness?

In fact, mental health challenges can impair a young person's capacity to reach age-appropriate developmental goals, say experts.

"With so much going on in the world today and the fast pace of modern life, it's important for parents, kids and pediatricians to talk about social and emotional issues," says Dr. Robert W. Block, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, observed May 9, serves as an excellent reminder to consider your child or teen's emotional well-being. Throughout the month of May, which is Mental Health Month, pediatricians nationwide are encouraging parents to talk with their children about their worries, stress and problems, and to foster great mental health at home.

To get started, the AAP is offering these tips for parents:

- Talk with your pediatrician. If your child's mood, behavior or social interactions are concerning you, your pediatrician can help you talk through problems, and find tools and resources to help. Let your children know that they should feel comfortable talking with their doctor, as well, as he or she is a great person to confide in about worries or stress.

- Talk with your child or teen. Find out what good things are happening for your child as well as any difficulties. You can't know something is wrong if you don't ask. Families should communicate daily. Whether it's over dinner, or while walking your child to school, or after sports practice, spend time each day checking in with your child.

- Get your child involved in the community. Children need to realize that the world is a better place because they are in it. Understanding the importance of personal contributions can serve as a source of purpose and motivation. Encourage them to volunteer, join clubs and make friends.

- Practice healthy habits. A great night's sleep, proper nutrition and regular exercise can all contribute to emotional health and well-being — so encourage healthy habits. You can set a great example by practicing what you preach!

- Help manage stress. Although stress is a part of life and growing up, you need to intervene when you sense that it is undermining your child's physical or psychological well-being.

If your child has persistent headaches or stomach pains, seems restless, tired, depressed or uncommunicative, stress may be to blame. But you can help children react appropriately to their stressors. Brainstorm possible solutions to help your child or teen feel empowered to improve his or her own life.

More information on mental health and children can be found at www.healthychildren.org.

Great parenting means promoting a happy, healthy home. Your child's health depends on it.

MAKE YOUR HOME ENERGY EFFICIENT

(StatePoint) Whether you're an environmental steward or a smart consumer, you may be dreaming up ways to increase the energy efficiency of your home during the warmer months.

Here is a check-list of items that can help you bring down your

energy costs, and lower your home's carbon footprint all season long:

- Draw blinds: Avoid the greenhouse effect in your house by drawing blinds during the sunniest hours of the day.

- Plant trees: Strategically plant trees and shrubs in your yard. You'll provide much needed shade inside your home. Also, an air conditioning unit that is shaded will use less energy.

- Dress properly: In the office, you may need to go for a buttoned down look no matter the season, but at home, dressing for the weather will help you stay cool, so you won't need to rely as much on air conditioning.

- Cook smart: The warmer months are a great time to avoid cooking. Gazpacho, salad and other dishes served cold can help you keep your energy costs down. But of course you'll sometimes still want to prepare your favorite hot meals. When cooking, use a natural gas stove and oven for optimum energy efficiency.

Better yet, grill outside to eliminate any heat you would generate from using your stove or oven. A natural gas grill is clean-burning, and has no particulate emissions.

- Open windows: Take advantage of those days with a nice breeze to turn off the air conditioner completely and circulate some fresh air in your home.

- Give your AC an agenda: Don't keep an empty house cool all day for no one to enjoy. A programmable thermostat can help you create an air conditioning schedule that matches your schedule.

- Do low carbon laundry: This time of year inevitably means more heavy duty laundry. To handle the extra loads, consider using a natural gas water heater, which emits up to half the carbon emissions of an electric water heater. And, on average, you can do two loads of clothes in a natural gas dryer for the same amount it would cost you to dry one load in an electric dryer.

- Seal drafts: You may think of drafts as a winter problem, but leaks in your walls, doors and windows can send all that cool air right out of the house. Sealing these drafts will allow you to turn up your thermostat for immediate cost-savings.

You don't need to eat the expense of an inefficient home this season. A few simple tweaks to your lifestyle will keep your bills down, and be great for the planet too.

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