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Thought for the Week: If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is "thank you," that would suffice. Meister Eckhart



NARNIA AT THE PULSE

Father Christmas, Bart Willard (center) and the Kids of Narnia, (left to right) Amelia Sabinski, Lily Kesler, Colin Sackett, and Keswick Shultz.

Final Performances for "NARNIA, the Musical" are Dec. 12, 13, 14 at the Pulse Opera House, Warren, IN. Tickets are \$12 for adults & \$5 for children twelve & under. All Performances start at 8pm. Box Office / Lobby opens at 7:30pm. Reserve tickets on-line at pulseoperahouse.org or call 260-375-7017.

CLARK'S RECYCLING

Clark's Recycling, Inc. is now a 3rd generation family-owned business. Drew Clark, along with Dan Caffoe, took over the company this summer. The Clark family has been operating the Huntington scrap yard since the 1960's, and plans on continuing this tradition for many years to come.

Drew and Dan have an aggressive approach for acquiring scrap metal. They have recently added services such as: vehicle pick up, commercial structure demolition, and farm clean up. Clark hopes to pick up business from local industrial accounts as well, with the promise of sign-on bonuses.

If things continue to go well, Clark's Recycling plans on growing. This includes a new facility, adding services like plastic and cardboard recycling, and maybe

adding more jobs.

December Special: Bring us \$1000 in scrap and receive a Clark's hoodie or bring us 10 cars this month and receive a \$100 gift certificate to your favorite restaurant.

Clark's Recycling, Inc. is located at 100 Hitzfield St., in Huntington. Open hours are Monday thru Friday 8a.m. to 4:30a.m., and now open every Saturday from 8a.m. to Noon. Office phone is 260-356-8314. Drew can be reached at 260-224-0757 and Dan at 260-410-5910.



CRIB PROGRAM

Indiana State Department of Health (PPASS Program), Indiana State Department of Children's Services IU Child Protection Team, and the Indiana Perinatal Network have all partnered with Purdue Extension to distribute free cribs to families who need a safe place for their baby to sleep.

The crib is actually a pack-n-play with sheet, and includes a wearable blanket for the infant, a pacifier, safe sleep informational brochure, and magnetic frame with the safe sleep message. To qualify for the program, participants must complete an in-person education session on safe sleep for infants.

The Safe Sleep Kits are free and available to any family in need that does not currently have a safe crib for their baby. Prenatal families may also apply.

The program encourages practicing the ABCs of Safe Sleep: babies sleep safer ... Alone, on their Backs, and in a safeCrib. Please call the Purdue Extension Office, Huntington County to sign up for the class on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 10am. There are limited spots, so you much register to receive a crib.

TAX TRAINING

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will again be providing free tax preparation assistance to people with low-to-moderate income and is in need of volunteers from January through April. Anyone can volunteer for the free tax preparation program as the IRS provides free tax law training and all the materials needed to prepare basic indi-

vidual income tax returns. Volunteers do not need to have prior tax experience; Pathfinder Community Connections will train all volunteers at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington.

To become a volunteer for the Pathfinder Community Connections Free Tax Preparation program please contact at 260-355-2510 extension 3260 or e-mail jdfetters@pathfinderservices.org

Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections is a certified Neighbor Works HomeOwnership Center with offices in Huntington and Fort Wayne. The division guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, financial fitness, homebuyer education, loan packaging and closing, post-purchase counseling and foreclosure prevention if needed, free tax preparation, individual development accounts, community building and organization, and an auto buying program. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at www.cchomes.org.

MASTER GARDNER

TRAINING

Purdue Master Gardener intern training will be held at the Hun-

tington County Courthouse Annex on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting January 13 and ending March 13. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. The deadline for submitting applications is December 16.

There are many projects in which individuals can volunteer in the area once they have completed the Master Gardener intern coursework. Some examples are providing gardening education at community events, teaching youth, and speaking to local clubs and organizations. Many more possibilities for volunteer service exist for those willing to help teach others through their knowledge of taking the class.

If you'd like an application for the 2014 class or if you have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826 or by e-mail: emfarris@purdue.edu. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received.

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Leave news and/or advertising at Town Hall in Warren, mail to PO Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.247.2426 or email to wwky@citiznet.com.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

RETIREMENT THANKS

In May of 1967, I thought retirement seemed so far away. Even tho I retired early, time sure has a way of flying by. I want to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, and gifts, and came to visit at my party. I appreciate it very much. Also thanks to PNC bank for giving me the party.

I look forward to saying what several of my customers have said through the years "I'm so busy, I don't know how I had time to work!"

Retirement is here.
 Thanks for the memories!

Shirley Stanley

DEAR WARREN COMMUNITY,

On behalf of our family we would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of prayers, love and words of encouragement sent to Sarah and I since our wreck on November 23rd. To my co-workers and residents of Heritage Pointe thanks so much for the food, and encouragement. To my church family thank you, we feel your love and concern. To my amazing family thanks so much for EVERYTHING. I would also like to express my appreciation to our amazing "cousins", thanks for helping make our Thanksgiving as a family special. You all are awesome cooks! It truly meant alot to all of us. I would like to also thank, the Wells County Sheriff's Department, Chester Twp. first responders and the Liberty Twp. Fire Department for thier professional assistance at the scene. To anyone I may of missed mentioning please know you gestures of kindness was appreciated. We are truly a blessed family and appreciate living in a community that cares for each other.

God Bless and Merry Christmas to all of you.

Sincerely,

DeWayne, Kelly, Sarah and Sam Jones

Don't You Wish You Could?

by V Neil Wyrick

There is a story told about the great artist Turner and a brilliant sunset he painted.

Just as he was finishing a woman of little feeling came up one, took a quick look at it, and rather sarcastically remarked "I never saw a sunset like that!"

Turner's reply was priceless, "Don't you wish you could."

There is beauty in this world and there is ugliness.

Sin and sainthood. Kindness and cruelty. Dark deeds and magnificent moments of compassion. And we train ourselves to see only the bad or see only the good.

And some people each day take negative thinking to a new level...and drive themselves to distraction and those around them...and are never responsible for rainbows and are too often responsible for storms.

And there are those who when they cannot stop the storms adjust their sails.

And there are those who when they see difficulty immediately began working to change it into opportunity.

As for myself, I want always to be able to even on the coldest day in March to still envision a warm spring day.



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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 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.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/224-3376

Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Dick Case, Pastor

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

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

1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 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 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
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Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor

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

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

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

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

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 Zumbrun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m.
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 p.m.
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 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries

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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, Sunday 6-7:30pm

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

Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609

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

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$110 per participant.

HOLIDAY HOURS

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY Will be closed on Wednesdays, December 25, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY Will be open on Mondays, December 23 and December 30 from 2-4 p.m. only.

BB HOLIDAY HOURS

Bargain Basement - 1/2 price on Christmas items December 13 & 14, 20 & 21. They will be closed December 27 & 28.

Merry Christmas from the Bargain Basement and volunteers!

BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its annual 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park, Huntington. Huntington County 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging between the hours of 9:00 am - 12:00 pm noon on January 4th.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed December 12th to all 4-H Beef members who were enrolled in the 4-H beef project for the previous year. The County Extension Office has additional copies of the necessary paper-

work for interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed during the January 4th identification day.

For more information, contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Extension Office located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Huntington County 4-H members looking for financial assistance with upcoming post-high school educational efforts are encouraged to apply for state 4-H scholarships. Available scholarships include:

- Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Year Scholarship - 4-Hers who are currently high school seniors may apply for a scholarship of a minimum \$250. These funds can be used towards any post high school training or degree of study and does not have to be in Indiana.

- Indiana 4-H Club Scholarship - High school seniors planning to attend Purdue University, West Lafayette campus, and studying a degree program in the College of Agriculture or Health & Human Services may apply. This scholarship is based on financial need, along with scholastic ability and achievement in 4-H club work and covers a large portion of tuition fees.

- Indiana 4-H Youth Accomplish-

ment Resume - 4-H members who are in the 10th grade or older may apply for a minimum \$500 scholarship. Application is based upon a cover letter and résumé which outlines the skills and knowledge gained through the 4-H program at the local, area, and state level.

These three scholarship opportunities each have an application deadline of January 15th. Eligible 4-H members must submit their application in an electronic form to the Purdue Extension-Huntington County office by the deadline of January 15th. More information and scholarship applications are available at http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/ind_4h/scholarships.cfm#.

Additional scholarships available to 4-H members include:

- High School Seniors who have completed at least 5 years of 4-H or two years in FFA and whose family is a stockholder, patron, or employee of North Central Co-op may apply for this annual scholarship. Applications must be received by March 1st and can be found at www.ncc.coop

For more information, contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

HIP EXTENDED

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is informing more than 10,000 current members of the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) that their benefits will continue through the end of April 2014 to allow additional time for them to obtain new health coverage through the federal marketplace at www.healthcare.gov. Many HIP members have faced difficulties in the marketplace enrollment process, and this extension is meant to counter any lingering effects of the federal marketplace's well-documented technical issues. The HIP members impacted are those between 100-200 percent of the federal poverty level who will no longer qualify for the Healthy Indiana Plan due to lower eligibility standards set forth in the Healthy Indiana Plan waiver authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The new discontinuation date for these HIP members is April 30, 2014. FSSA Secretary Debra Minott requested this temporary extension in early November.

"We have a responsibility to assist Healthy Indiana Plan enrollees during this transition period," said Minott. "The fact of the matter is the health plans HIP members were told would be available starting in October have proven difficult to access due to the federal marketplace's

well-documented technical issues. This extension provides additional time for these Hoosiers to remain on their HIP plans while they complete their enrollment and gain coverage through the marketplace."

Governor Mike Pence announced in September that CMS had agreed to allow Indiana a one-year extension to continue to offer the innovative, consumer-driven Healthy Indiana Plan through 2014. During the discussions leading up to the extension, Pence administration officials and CMS officials mutually agreed that, in order to avoid duplication of efforts to cover individuals over 100 percent of the federal poverty level, HIP should focus exclusively on those Hoosiers who are beneath this income threshold. Individuals below the poverty line are not eligible for premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act. The federal government's position was that those over the federal poverty line could be covered under new subsidized federal policies through Obamacare. As a result of this agreement, approximately 20,000 more low-income Hoosiers will have health coverage in 2014. Indiana currently serves roughly 35,000 Hoosiers through HIP.

In early November, Secretary Minott expressed concerns to CMS about the technical difficulties HIP members may be facing in trying to obtain federal health exchange plans by January 1. Because of these technical issues, FSSA and CMS agreed to allow these HIP members more

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Community Calendar

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Dec 16 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting at KBC Dec 18 7pm Van Buren Town Council meeting Dec 25 Merry Christmas Dec 27 No Paper due to Holidays Jan 1 New Year's Day Jan 3 No Paper due to Holidays Jan 8 7p.m. Van Buren Town Council meeting Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus
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time to transition to other health coverage. This agreement is necessary because the State of Indiana cannot unilaterally change the terms of a CMS demonstration project waiver.

The decision to extend HIP benefits while members roll onto federal plans could cost the state up to \$11 million, which will be paid from the Healthy Indiana Plan trust fund.

"We still urge these Hoosiers to take action now to enroll in a health plan that will cover them in 2014," added Minott. "The federal marketplace will require an application and payment long before the end of April. Also, the plans available on the marketplace all have annual deductibles which will start in January. It will help Hoosiers in the long run if they begin paying on their annual marketplace plan deductibles sooner rather than later."

FSSA is reaching out by mail to all the HIP members expected to transition off HIP letting them know about the temporary extension and transitioning to the federal marketplace, and is encouraging them to call the Healthy Indiana Plan at 1-877-GET-HIP9 for help.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, December, 12, 5:00-6:00 pm at The Heritage of Huntington, 1180 W 500 N, Huntington, IN. The group will be Christmas Car-

oling and visiting with residents. A short business will follow the Holiday visits.

The county 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to all youth in who are in the 7th-12th grades during the 2013-2014 school year. This organization provides an opportunity for 4-H members to learn more about the county 4-H Program and become involved in various community service activities and leadership opportunities.

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

ELECTS OFFICERS

The Warren Area Ministerial Association (WAMA) is a group of local pastors which gathers monthly to work for harmony and collaboration within the various ministries of our town and the surrounding region. As needs arise, we offer assistance to individuals and families in the Name of Jesus. During the November meeting we appointed officers to provide leadership for the upcoming year. The following pastors will serve as WAMA leaders in 2014:

- President - Allen Laws (Warren Wesleyan Church)
- Vice-President - Ben Renkenberger (Warren Church of Christ)

• Treasurer - Mark Davis (Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene)

• Secretary - Greg Casserino (First Baptist Church)

HP POOL TOURNEY

There were 12 residents that entered the December 06 pool tournament at Heritage Pointe. The winners were Kay Mounsey and Gordon Smith. Second place went to Larry Langdon and Dick Lintner. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.

ROSEN ACCEPTED

Austin Rosen of Warren, IN, has been accepted to Ashland University for the fall semester of 2014.

Rosen is a senior at Huntington North High School.

Ashland University, ranked in the top 200 colleges and universities in U.S. News and World Report's National Universities category for 2013, is a mid-sized, private university conveniently located a short distance from Akron, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. Ashland University (www.ashland.edu) values the individual student and offers a unique educational experience that combines the challenge of strong, applied academic programs with a faculty and staff who build nurturing relationships with their students.

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CHAUTAUQUA

Twenty three members were present when Chautauqua Club President Karen Hunnicutt opened the December meeting and welcomed everyone. The Collect was repeated, and roll call was answered by stating "Your favorite Hymn" The business meeting of reports was held, a Get Well card was sent to Georgina Laymon, an announcement was made to visit the Festival of Trees in the Fultz Recreation Room, and new membership was discussed.

Betty Yoder and Karen Hunnicutt presented a holiday Christmas program to the group, with traditional readings by Karen, interspersed with histories and interesting facts about some Christmas carols by Betty. It was noted that not all words and music of the hymns were written at the same time.

"Go Tell It To The Mountain" was a Plantation song sung by the slaves as they were working.

"Adeste Fidelis" was a Latin hymn, translated into English in 1845, and became known as "O Come All Ye Faithful."

In 1867 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written as a poem, with music soon added.

An ancient Appalachian folk tune became "I Wonder As I Wander" in 1934.

"Away in the Manger" was a

cradle hymn composed by Luther for his son in 1887.

John Wesley is credited with providing over 6000 hymns. He wrote "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" with Mendelssohn composing the music.

"Silent Night" was written by Father Joseph Moore for a Christmas Eve program in 1818, and it was played on the guitar since the organ was broken. It was later published in 1838.

The program concluded with everyone singing "Silent Night."

Delicious refreshments were served by Ann Brauchla and Phylis Hubartt to Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Elaine Eckman, Barb Engle, Sharon Gebhart, Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Crystal Lee, Colleen Oden, LuElyn Pond, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Kitty Throop, Harriett Tobias, Freda VanWinkle, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Oma Zent, and Joan Huffman.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2014, in the Calico Room.

HATTER'S PARTY

The Warren Real Elegant Dames were guests in Dee Pattison's home for the annual Red Hat Christmas Tea. Dee has been hosting the annual tea since our chapter organized in 2002. The meeting was opened by Queen Mum Becky Parker.

Dee shared information on teas and also read an article on the history of Christmas caroling. Freddie Couch gave a reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas".

Lilly Nutter shared Christmas Eve memories from her childhood. This is Lilly's birthday month. You will have to ask her how old she is. Happy Birthday was sang to Lilly and Cris Lee, who also had a birthday this month.

Kitty Throop led the group in singing Christmas carols accompanying herself on the Auto Harp.

Wonderful homemade refreshments of candy, tea sandwiches and an assortment of cookies and tea, that Dee had made were served. Other ladies attending the Christmas Tea were, Joyce Shepherd, Karen Karchner, Marian Hoffman, Rita Hiser, Virginia Langdon, Mary Miller, Shirley Combs and Chris Knox.

A couple other activities the ladies have had were a trip to

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IVY TECH LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM

Ivy Tech Community College will launch a unique academic, industry-blended 75 hour co-op Advanced Manufacturing degree program in January. Students will learn critical industrial automation/robotics maintenance skills and gain on-the-job experience with some of Indiana's top manufacturing and logistics companies. It is scheduled to launch after the new year in Columbus, Kokomo, Lafayette, Fort Wayne and Evansville and in additional cities throughout the state in the Fall.

Ivy Tech has been working with manufacturing companies across the state to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of training and education. The Community College currently enrolls over 2,200 students in advanced manufacturing and industrial technology programs throughout the state. Beginning with a key position in manufacturing maintenance, Ivy Tech has expanded traditional maintenance training to include automation and robotics. This mechatronics approach includes an internship or co-op model that best prepares current and potential employees for advanced manufacturing maintenance careers.

"This type of on-the-job training is invaluable to both the student and the employer," said Thomas J. Snyder, President of Ivy Tech Community College. "In many cases, these students will have the opportunity to gain employment after graduation within the company for which they have interned. In addition, employers gain employees that are specifically trained for careers that are very much in-demand for industry."

As part of the program students will work as interns in a company for two days while pursuing their degree in one of the college's manufacturing centers of excellence labs three days per week. An average of 10 companies per cohort provides intern or co-op opportunities. Students are either full time employees of the company who need a skills upgrade or interns at the company

who may or may not be hired upon graduation. Companies host more interns than they want to hire to create a pool of skilled employees to support their supply chains.

This partnership is another example of the community college's efforts supporting Governor Pence's focus on improving education and workforce development through the Regional Works Councils and Center for Education and Career Innovation. All of these efforts ensure Indiana will be a national leader in career and technical education workforce readiness.

Students who complete the program are trained in the most current and relevant technologies, and have valuable real world maintenance experience. In anticipation of the level of success of this new training methodology, companies have requested a tool and die program, delivered in the same fashion. This new approach to technical training is similar to the German technical education model, engaging employers in student recruitment, curriculum development, review, and delivery.

Ivy Tech has already begun partnerships with Aisin, Caltherm and Ryobi in Columbus. The college is also working with several other employers to create partnerships for the 75-hour co-op program. Companies who are interested in learning more about how they can partner with Ivy Tech on the 75-hour co-op program should contact Sue Smith, Vice President for the Technology & Applied Sciences Division and Corporate Executive for Advanced Manufacturing, at 812-374-5125.

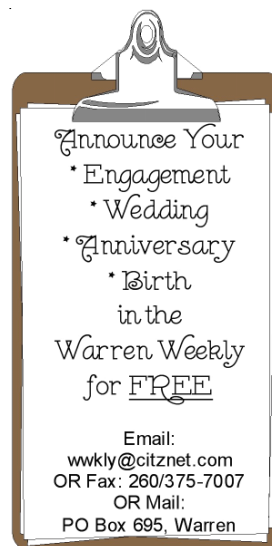
Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system serving nearly 200,000 students annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

Have a great business idea but don't know how to get started? These tips from USA.gov can help you connect with government resources to get your small business venture off the ground: Created by more than a dozen federal agencies, BusinessUSA.gov pulls together advice from across government for starting and financing your business, hiring employees and much more. You can also read success stories from small business owners to keep you inspired during the early stages of planning your business.

When looking for direction in starting or growing your own business, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is ready to help. Check out their SBA app to calculate business start-up costs and to find SBA advisors located

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Kenneth Wayne "Bo" Rippy, 57, of Warren, IN, passed away at 10:03 AM



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He was born on Friday, August 24, 1956, in Belleville, IL. Bo graduated from New Athens High School Class of 1975 in New Athens, ILL. Bo had been a cook at Hoosierland restaurant of Warren and a dishwasher at Ugaldes restaurant of Warren. Bo enjoyed playing softball and had attended the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene in Warren.

Survivors Include: Father - Ken-

neth Wilburn (Donna) Rippy, Warren, Sister - Sandra Rippy, Warren, Brother - Clinton (Cindy) Rippy, Andrews, Step Sister - Roberta Falk, Step Brother - John Wade, several nieces & nephews and several great nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his: Mother - Betty (Bevelot) Rippy

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For more tips from the government to start, fund and expand your business, visit USA.gov's Small Business Resources section.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON MADE

EASY

(BPT) - 'Tis the season of wonderful company and delicious food! It's also that time of year to bring friends and family together, but preparing for holiday gatherings along with the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping can often be stressful and time consuming. In fact, Thanksgiving is the most stressful holiday for home cooks as more than one in three Millennials plans to host a gathering at their home and 57 percent have noted feeling pressure when preparing a holiday meal, according to the Allrecipes' 2013 Annual Holiday Survey. Following are a few easy tips to simplify your holiday planning so you can spend more time with loved ones.

Shopping survival

From picking up last minute items on your gift list to gather-

ing groceries for the big dinner, holiday shopping can be hectic. Before you shop 'til you drop, pack a quick and easy snack in an insulated cooler bag to get through the midday craze (and hunger pangs). Bag assorted fresh veggies and pair with a dip like Marzetti Otria Greek Yogurt Veggie Dip. The dips are available in five different flavors from Garden Herb Ranch to Cucumber Dill Feta - a great way to add extra flavor to veggies.

Mingle at the veggie bar

Before guests arrive, create a colorful vegetable bar away from the kitchen for snacking and mingling before the big meal. Arrange the bar with a unique array of pre-cut veggies such as snap peas, asparagus, mushrooms, and peppers. Accompany the veggies with a variety of Marzetti Otria Greek Yogurt Veggie Dip flavors like Spinach Artichoke and Caramelized Onion. These quick and tasty snacks keep guests occupied before the meal and helps keep last-minute stress at a minimum.

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The season for recipe sharing
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by friends takes the worry out of trying a new recipe.

"Friendsgiving" potluck

Not traveling home this year and still want to celebrate the holiday? Invite your friends to join in the celebration by hosting a "Friendsgiving" potluck. Friendsgiving is becoming an annual tradition celebrated either on or around the Thanksgiving holiday among friends, according to the 2013 Evite Holiday Party Trend Report. Ask each friend to bring their favorite holiday dish and swap recipes after the meal is complete. A potluck is a fun way to lighten the load in the kitchen, try new recipes and it makes cleanup much easier.

For more recipe ideas to fit your holiday menu, visit www.marzetti.com.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR ONLINE

SHOPPING TRAPS

(BPT) - It doesn't matter if it's the day after Thanksgiving or the night before Christmas, cybercriminals don't take a holiday.

"People are spending with reckless abandon this time of year," says Christopher Elliott, consumer advocate and author of "Scammed: How to Save Your Money and Find Better Service in a World of Schemes, Swindles and Shady Deals."

To avoid falling victim to these creative crooks, financial services company USAA advises consumers to watch out for these five common cyberscams.

Fake shopping sites

With all the hype about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, consumers go into shopping mode expecting to find good deals. But it is possible to get sucked in by websites selling counterfeit goods or overseas-based sites

that take your money and provide nothing in return.

"Deals that are too good to be true are a huge red flag," warns Scambook.com, a site that collects consumer complaints.

* Never follow links sent by email. If you're going to follow search engine results, learn about the site before you make purchases or provide personal information.

* Watch out for sites with names that sound similar to popular sites or include a brand name in the URL. Research the site by typing its name into a search engine with the word complaints. You can also put the name in the Better Business Bureau database. If you don't find anything wrong, that doesn't necessarily mean you're home free. It could indicate the site was recently created. Scam sites often pop up overnight and quickly disappear when enough people catch on. SiteJabber.com also publishes user reviews of sites.

Promises of free stuff

Promotions to like a company's Facebook page in exchange for a \$1,000 gift card or getting texts with similar ploys have become more prevalent. Why? Because people fall for them. Identity thieves count on consumers entering their personal and financial information to get the freebie.

A company is not going to give away a \$1,000 gift card in exchange for a like and won't randomly text you with a similar deal. If you see one of these come-ons, delete it.

Buying through online auctions or classified sites

If you're looking for a deal or an offbeat item, turning to online auctions or classified sites could make sense. But they are also home to numerous scams.

* Use a credit card when buying online. Credit cards can protect consumers against fraud.

* Don't make a payment using a money transfer service to anyone you don't personally know, and use the same caution when asked to pay with a prepaid debit card.

* Don't pay upfront. If you're buying something locally, pay upon receipt of the item.

Phony Black Friday or other ads

If you're planning to shop on Black Friday or Cyber Monday, you want to see the big sales in advance. Cybercrooks know that so they create sites that try to capture traffic from searches for sales fliers. The goal is to get your personal information or have you click a link that loads your computer with malware that captures and transmits your information to them.

* Don't click on random links, and don't download attachments from people you don't know.

* Be sure your malware and virus protection software is up-to-date and turned on.

* If you're looking for Black Friday ads, find legitimate sales information at sites such as BlackFriday.com or DealNews.com.

Holiday vacation deals you don't want

If the idea of spending the holidays on a cruise or lying on a warm beach appeals to you, you may be tempted by an offer laden with freebies. "Anytime you see the word 'free,' alarm bells should go off," Elliott says. "Free cruise. Free all-inclusive vacation. Free flights. All of those things are signs that you are probably looking at a scam."

In these sorts of deals, at some point you're going to be asked to pay "taxes" or a fee. "Once you buy in, they'll promise you the world and they'll ask you to wire money," Elliott says.

* Use only trusted travel sites and rental agencies when booking.

* Don't fall for gimmicks that make a pricey vacation look like something you can get for a fee or a couple of hundred dollars. When those tantalizing promises are dangled, Elliott says, "don't walk away - run."

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MOMS CHAMPION

TRADITIONAL TOYS EVEN IN A

DIGITAL AGE

(BPT) - As smartphones and tablets are more frequently finding their way into kids' hands, many parents may wonder about the implications of increased screen time, and question what role traditional toys should play in their children's lives.

While there is no denying the benefits of digital devices and it is becoming commonplace for parents to pass their tablets to Junior, research shows many want to limit the time their kids spend on screens, large and small. Parents also actively encourage their kids to play with toys that may help them reach critical developmental milestones. So how have traditional toys stood the test of time?

The various ways in which children play have remained largely unchanged throughout time. In many cases, technology can help amplify play by helping to introduce characters or tell a compelling story. When Mattel, the world's largest toymaker, asked moms their opinions about toys and technology, it found that even in a digital age, moms continue to place a high value on traditional toys.

"Kids today are digital natives and are immersed in digital experiences," says Dr. Michael Shore, vice president of Global Consumer Insights for Mattel. "However, when you walk into a child's room and see what is visibly present and displayed on the shelves, you won't see an app on the wall as an expression of who the child is, what he or she loves, or as markers of the childhood experience. For that, toys will continue to endure as ideal gifts for children. After all, you can't wrap an app."

However, as experts and media debate whether digital devices will one day replace dolls, cars, trains and action figures, most moms do not think smart digital devices and traditional toys directly compete with one another

as a source of kids' entertainment. Rather, each category remains fundamentally different. While 75 percent of kids today play with devices like smartphones and tablets, Mattel's research found the time they spend with these devices actually competes with the time they spend with other screens, such as televisions and computers. In fact, 59 percent of moms felt that smart portable devices will one day replace other electronic devices, not traditional toys.

According to Mattel's findings, moms frequently associate toys with social activities since toys are often used to play with others, whereas digital devices are generally associated with solo play (for example, keeping a child entertained when waiting at the doctor's office or on a long car ride). Moms also credit toys with providing opportunities for active play that allow kids to exercise and burn off energy. Further, moms see toys as a great way to help kids spark their imaginations and flex their creative muscles.

Knowing that the leaders of tomorrow will be those who think differently and solve problems in new ways, imagination is more important than ever before. Dr. Shore offers some tips for using play as a catalyst for fostering imagination and creativity:

Make sure your kids have time to play.

In an increasingly overscheduled world with a variety of things competing for kids' time, it is easy to overlook the importance of dedicating time just for play. Give your child the time and space to play, and watch his or her imagination soar.

Provide a safe place to play and tools for play.

Consider starting a play group in your neighborhood or hosting play dates at your home or local playground. Bring out the toy chest and see what games the kids can create when they play together.

Encourage your kids to play with all that's available - including their imaginations.

Two of the most important tools for play are toys and an imagination. Help your children dream beyond what they see on screen and encourage them to bring those cartoon characters to life using their toys and imaginations.

Get involved and play with your kids.

Don't forget that play is good for grown-ups too. Everyone loves a good old-fashioned tea party or toy car race down the hall. Playing together is one of the most fun and meaningful ways for parents and children to bond and foster creative thinking for both of you.

THE ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP

(BPT) - This season, Americans are embarking on all types of journeys, from romantic weekends to outdoor activity focused getaways. In fact, 28 percent of Americans will take a road trip for the Thanksgiving holiday driving an average of 1,117 miles, according to the Hankook Quarterly Gauge Index. But what defines the ultimate road trip? Hear what drivers have to say:

For the romantic: Long, winding drives through scenic roads are timeless. The Hankook Gauge Index found that the majority of Americans think the most romantic way to get away is to "get in a car and keep driving" (38 percent), followed by taking a scenic train ride (37 percent), and flying far away in an airplane (25 percent).

For the sports fanatic: It is football and hockey season, after all. What better way to celebrate these sports in all of their glory than taking a road trip to catch a game? Better yet, stay fit and enjoy the outdoors by hitting the road for the ski slopes.

For the adrenaline junky: There's nothing quite like zooming around in a sleek, sporty vehicle to get the heart pumping faster. According to the Gauge Index, race cars offer the "ulti-

mate thrill ride," compared to white water rafting, roller coasters and zip lining. For the racing junkies, many professional motorsports series run through the end of November. Take a trip to catch all the racing action in person.

Whether you're planning an epic excursion or taking in the scenic roads with someone special, before cruising away you'll want to keep in mind these Hankook Tire driving tips:

* Check your tire pressure: With frequent weather and temperature changes, air in tires can expand and contract, causing them to lose air pressure. Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

* Plan ahead for wet conditions: Rainfall, snow and other undesirable driving conditions can decrease visibility and cause hydroplaning. Make sure your windshield wipers are in good working condition. If driving on a road with water or ice, slow down and avoid sudden movements with the steering wheel or brake pedal. If you feel like you're floating, a possible indication of lost traction, gently release the accelerator pedal until you feel the tires make contact with the road surface.

* Stock up and be prepared: Extreme weather can cause you to go through lots of windshield washer fluid to ensure you can see ahead of you. Check to make sure all of your vehicle's fluid levels are full with engine coolant and oil, brake fluid and no-freeze windshield wash. You should also check to make sure you have a spare tire, ice scraper, booster cables and a flashlight stored in your trunk.

* Don't overload your car: Check the tire load carrying capacity indicated on the tire or vehicle owner's manual for the maximum recommended load. When replacing tires, the speed rating and load index of the replacement tires must be equal to or greater than that of the tire being replaced to maintain the speed capability and weight car-

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FOR FAMILIES NEEDING ELDER

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(BPT) - More Americans than ever before are now older than 65, and in just four more decades, for the first time in history, there will be more seniors in the U.S. than people younger than 18, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Given those numbers, is it any surprise that many families wrestle with decisions for how to take care of aging parents, grandparents and other loved ones?

Just 20 years ago, families might have had to choose between putting a parent in a nursing home or having one younger family member quit a job to stay home and care for the parent. Today, options abound and it's important to know what's available before making such an important decision.

Many families seek advice and expert assistance, such as from Assisted Transition, that can help ensure their loved ones receive the best possible care for his or her needs. The organization offers information, resources and free placement services to families looking for senior care and housing options. Assisted Transition provides referrals to assisted living facilities, nursing homes, residential care homes, senior housing and other industry resources. To find a consultant near you, visit www.assistedtransition.com.

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