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Thought for the Week: To play it safe is not to play. Robert Altman

CLOSINGS

Holiday closings for the Town of Warren offices and Utility/Street Departments are as follows:

Christmas - December 22, 26, 27

New Years - December 30, January 2

In case of utility emergency, please dial 375-3424 and let it ring until answered. Emergencies Only and related to Town Utilities only.

OPEN INVITATION

The Heritage Pointe Chaplains are inviting all to attend a Friday, December 23 candlelight service with the Chaplains at Heritage Pointe at 7 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel. The public is invited.

The Chaplains at Heritage Pointe would also like to thank the area churches for helping on the Second Sunday of the Month communion service. Folks have been coming to help serve communion and we appreciate it very, very much.

Warren is such a great community of churches that love each other and love the Lord.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Warren Town Council has scheduled an Executive Meeting for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 5:45 PM for discussion of strategy related to litigation that is either pending or being threatened specifically in

writing. The Regular Meeting at 5:00 PM on the same date will be held as scheduled with a regular agenda.

FAMILY FRIENDLY SERVICE

On Saturday, December 24, 2016, join Mt Etna United Methodist Church for the Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service. There will be songs and skits that kids of all ages will enjoy! Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus will be there too!

The service will be at 7 p.m. with cookies and hot cocoa for all guests.

Mt Etna United Methodist Church is located at 6383 W 600 S, Huntington. For more information please call 260.468.2148 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/mtetnaumc.

HERR RECOGNIZED

A total of 12 Farm Bureau members were honored during Indiana Farm Bureau's annual convention for promoting membership in the organization.

The Top 10 Performer award is presented to the volunteers who sign the most new voting members during the program year.

The Premier Performer award went to Harold Kleine of Allen County, who signed a remarkable 111 new members in 2016. Seventy-five of these new members

were voting (or farmer) members.

Top 10 Performer awards were also awarded to: Jan Uhlmansiek, Dearborn County, 7 memberships; Dean Berning, Allen County, 7 memberships; Brian Morgan, Vermillion County, 7; Shari Fiechter, Wells County, 9; Mark York, Wabash County, 9; Jeff Demerly, White County, 9; Pippa Stam, Bartholomew County, 10; Jim Polarek, Porter County, 10; Elsa Smith, Tipton County, 11; Bruce Herr, Wells County, 13; Robert Harmon, Harrison County, 15.

County Farm Bureaus were also recognized for their efforts to get and retain members. The District Defender Award was presented to counties with the highest overall retention percentage of voting members. This year's winners each renewed more than 97 percent of their voting membership from 2015: Porter County, District 1; Noble County, District 2; Tippecanoe County, District 3; Huntington County, District 4; Vermillion County, District 5; Marion County, District 6; Daviess County, District 7; Brown County, District 8; Dubois County, District 9; and Jennings County, District 10.

Marion County was recognized as the Superior Defender.



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Historic Warren presented Lancaster Elementary School PALS with a \$100.00 donation from proceeds from the Donkey Basketball game. Pictured left is Candice Couch from Lancaster PALS and representing Historic Warren is Carly Brubaker.



It's getting to be that time of year.

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MAKING HOLIDAY PARTIES A POSITIVE, ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

from the American Counseling Association

Tis the season for parties - office parties... social events... get together with friends or relatives. It should be, and can be, a fun time of the year, but it also presents opportunities for difficulties and outright disasters.

While sitting home and not socializing may seem a safe answer, that's really just punishing yourself and can leave you feeling left out and depressed. Instead, follow a few common sense rules to help you enjoy the season and avoid disasters.

- Don't skip that party. Whether it's an office party, family gathering or neighborhood get-together, you only damage your reputation by being a no-show. If you're hesitant to attend an event, minimize your exposure by showing up early in the party, staying for a short time, then thanking your host and leaving. And, in some cases, you may find you're actually enjoying yourself and want to stay longer.

- Be Informed. - If you're anxious about how to dress for an event, or unsure whether there will be gift giving, ask a few questions ahead of time. A little information will lessen that anxiety. And remember gag gifts should never be something risqué or embarrassing.

- Avoid the alcohol. Even one or two alcoholic drinks can affect your judgment and lead to a party disaster. Sticking to juice or soft drinks lessens your chances of saying the wrong thing or doing something foolish.

- Don't Be Critical. A holiday party isn't the place to vent frustrations or to negatively critique others. It's almost a guarantee that negative comments will get repeated later to all the wrong people.

- Use Your Best Manners. Yes, that buffet looks tempting, but don't overeat or walk away with an overloaded plate of food. Do the things your mother taught you. Politely introduce yourself to others and be sure to thank your host or hostess when leaving.

- Stay Away From Problem People. If there's a co-worker with whom you always clash, avoid him or her and spend time with people you like. If there's a relative who always has to argue with you, simply refuse to respond and excuse yourself politely.

Holiday parties need not be feared. They can, and should be enjoyable events, even when you feel "required" to attend. Plan on staying sober and on being polite and sociable, and you may just find yourself having a very good time.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 6:00p.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 Leader - 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 —
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.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.

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.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Bus Service 375-2510
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
 Paul Burris, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 Pam Thompson, 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 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Josh Johnson
 Morning Worship9:30 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. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.
 Come as you are for all services

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 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 Cindy Osgood
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
www.vanburenumc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Youth Directors
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p
 Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School9:30 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 Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

SEEK PROPOSALS

Huntington University is seeking proposals for a public art commission for the inner lobby wall of the Merillat Centre for the Arts (MCA). Regional artists within 150 miles of Huntington University's home campus and HU alumni nationwide are encouraged to submit proposals.

"We are looking specifically for a work of art that reflects the creative vitality and artistic expression of Huntington University's visual and performing arts programs," stated Rebecca Coffman, professor of art.

The MCA is the center for the visual and performing arts, housing the Robert E. Wilson Gallery, Zurcher Auditorium as well as the Department of Visual Arts, Theater, Music and Broadcast Media, and it serves as a hub for regional art, performance, music and other year-round campus and community events. The MCA lobby also serves as the entrance to the university's Welcome Center and hosts more than 6,000 visitors to campus each year.

The MCA's architectural design affords a spacious, open lobby with a large wall space on its east side. This inner façade is brick covered and measures 35' wide x 10' high. The façade offers the artist an exceptional space for the creation of art that reflects the life, vitality and spirit of Huntington University and the MCA.

The "call for public art" is the first phase of the application process.

Submissions will be judged on their use of space, material, color, scale, proportion and other aesthetics, as well as their ability to creatively and accurately convey the artistic life that resides within the MCA. Applications must have; 1) letter of interest, 2) artist resume or CV, and 3) three to five examples of work. All applications must be in a single, small-file PDF format. The deadline for the first phase is January 17, 2017.

In phase two, three selected applicants will be awarded \$500 to develop two concept proposals containing; 1) a written description detailing their art, 2) a set of finished drawings depicting the art, 3) a production timeline, 4) a budget, and 5) a material list. An all-inclusive award of \$8,500 will be awarded to execute one of the approved concepts. The award includes artist fees, and all costs associated with the engineering and fabrication of the art work, delivery and installation.

For more information and photos of the MCA's inner façade, go to www.huntington.edu/CallForArt. All questions regarding the project can be emailed to Rebecca Coffman at rcoffman@huntington.edu. All submissions should be sent to Jason Bleijerveld at jbleijerveld@huntington.edu.

Huntington University is a comprehensive Christian college of the liberal arts offering graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic

concentrations. U.S. News & World Report ranks Huntington among the best colleges in the Midwest, and Forbes.com has listed the university as one of America's Best Colleges. Additionally, Princeton Review has named the institution a "Best Midwestern College." Founded in 1897 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington University is located on a contemporary, lakeside campus in northeast Indiana. The university is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

Holiday Hours

In observance of the Christmas holiday, iAB Financial Bank will be closed on Monday, December 26th.

Please note these important banking cut-off times for your transactions.

Wires submitted after 4:00 pm on Friday, December 23rd will be processed on Tuesday, December 27th.

ACH Files and Transfers submitted after 4:00 pm on Friday, December 23rd will be processed Tuesday, December 27th.

Transactions for these below items after 7:00 pm on Friday, December 23rd will be processed on Tuesday, December 27th.

Online bill payments, Remote Deposit Capture checks and Transfers.

BEEF MEETING

Beef producers are invited to attend an upcoming meeting hosted by the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) and Purdue University Extension. This meeting will take place on Wednesday January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Columbia City, IN at the Eagle's Nest on 125 S. Glen Trail.

The meeting will feature great food and valuable information on beef issues from a Purdue Extension specialist. IBCA will provide an update on policy and programs.

If you would like to attend the Area XI beef meeting, please RSVP by calling the Huntington County Extension Office at 260-358-4826 or via e-mail

(emfarris@purdue.edu) by December 29. Note that the counties in Area XI include Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley.

Cattle producers can keep up with the latest beef industry news on the Purdue Animal Sciences Beef Blog at <http://www.thebeefblog.com/>. It includes timely

news, issues, and management tips that have the potential to affect the beef business and decision-making process. This blog was created by the Purdue Beef Team as an educational forum for beef producers and Extension educators.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture

and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 South Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

NEW ITEMS

Items recently added to the collection at Warren Public Library for your enjoyment include:

ADULT FICTION: Macomber-The Twelve Days of Christmas; Graham-Angel's Touch; Evans-The Mistletoe Secret; Kingsbury-A Baxter Family Christmas; Brunstetter-The Christmas Secret; Hilderbrand-Winter Storms; Connelly-The Wrong Side of Goodbye; Dailey-Sunset Canyon; Woods-Sex, Lies & Serious Money; Grisham-Answer the Call; Castle-High Heat; Sandford-Escape Claus

ADULT NON-FICTION: Andrews-A Walk One Winter Night; Gaines-The Magnolia Story; Tebow-Shaken; Wise-Gifts in a Jar; Keller-Hidden Christmas

AUDIOBOOK: Clipston-A Plain & Simple Christmas CDs: WOW Hits 2017; Rascal Flatts-The Greatest Gift of All; Trans-Siberian Orchestra-Christmas Eve and Other Stories; Now That's What I Call Merry Christmas

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Riordan-The Hammer of Thor; Riordan-Ford Magnus Chase; Langdon-Gilt

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Dec 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Dec 9	9-1	Holiday Cookies, Candy & Crafts, Heritage Hall, Htgn.
Dec 19	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
Dec 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Dec 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 31		NEW YEARS EVE
Jan 1		NEW YEARS

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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Hollow; Riggs-Tales of the Peculiar; Niven-Holding Up the Universe; McGee-The Thousandth Floor; Maniscalco-Stalking Jack the Ripper; Lu-The Midnight Star; Evans-Fall of Hades; Dashner-The Fever Code; Meyer-Heartless; Asher-What Light; Corp-Forever Doon

CHILDREN'S: Kinney-Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down; McVeigh-The Lego Christmas Ornament Book; Baker-Hap-pea All Year; Barnett-How This Book was Made; Becker-Return; Cronin-Click, Clack, Surprise!; John-Penguin Problems; Rylant-Mr. Putter and Tabby Hit the Slope; O'Connor-Fancy Nancy: Best Reading Buddies; Sayre-Squirrels Leap, Squirrels Sleep; Stead-Samson in the Snow; Willems-We Are Growing!; Willems-Nanette's Baguette; Fleming-Giant Squid; Ford-The Marvelous Thing that Came from a Spring; Grob-The Alphabet from the Sky; Weing-The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo; Beasley-Gertie's Leap to Greatness; DiCamillo-Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln?; Pilkey-Dog Man; Children Just Like Me; Factastic: A Lego Adventure in the Real World; Price-So You Think You Know Indiana?; Arnold-Fly Guy's Ninja Christmas; Griffin-The Twelve Days of Christmas in Indiana; Shannon-Duck on a Tractor

DVDs: Florence Jenkins Foster; The Great Gilly Hopkins; Milton's Secret; Skiptrace; Christmas Eve; Finding Dory; Paw Patrol: Pups Save Christmas; Star Trek Beyond; Nine Lives; Who Gets the Dog?; Warcraft; Ghostbusters Answer the Call; Nerve; Pete's Dragon; The Darkness; Batman Assault on Arkham; Ice Age Collision Course; Wild Oats;

The Shallows; The Legend of Tarzan; X-Men Apocalypse

Don't forget the sale room is open the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CHAUTAUQUA

On December 2, 2016, the Chautauqua Literary Club held its December meeting with President Schweikhardt presiding. After she welcomed everyone, and the Collect was repeated, the business meeting was held. The answering roll call topic was "A favorite Hoosier man", with many differing replies. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given, and pictures were taken for the scrapbook.

Karen Hunnicutt introduced Sharie Wagner, the program for the day. Shari is the present Hoosier Poet Laureat, and as such she has been going around the state to clubs, schools, libraries, Parks with a Bicentennial flavor and celebrations. She presented information about her life, and read examples of her poetry that have been published. She mentioned her website where anyone who wants to can send poems. Each month celebrates Indiana in some way, and has a special topic. The site can be found at "Read Poems @ Freida Mossburg "A Poem". Shari is a teacher at the Indiana Writers Center in Indianapolis, and enjoys hearing others' poems also. Shari's first book, "Evening Chores", describes her early life growing up. Two poems she read are "Farm Wife Sells Her Cows", and "James Deans' Grave". Her poems tell stories of her many and

varied interests Great to hear!

Her book, "The Harmonist", relates tales of Indiana and memories of the Markle area. Historical Research is one of her main interests, so she is familiar with the history of her poetic subject, as with the covered bridge she writes about. Her program was delightful!

Peggy then read the children's book,"The Nativity Play", and wished everyone a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sue Blair and Karen Hunnicutt were hostesses to Janet Beavens, Nancy Bonham, Freddie Couch,Barb Engle, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Judy Lewis,, Colleen Oden, LuEllyn Pond, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Carol Spangler, Sandy Thompson,Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Joan Huffman, Ellen Laymon, and guests Jean Pond and Shari Wagner.

The next meeting will be held January 6, 2017 in the Calico Room.

HERITAGE POINTE WINNERS

Heritage Pointe winners this week: Congratulations to the pool winners this week who were Bud Lee and Kay Mounsey. Runners- up were Bob Slusser and Ruby Childs. There were 16 players. Good luck to all for next week.

Wi-Fi winner this week were Bud Lee with a series of 196, and a high game of 218. Then it Sawdust Minnich with a series of 168. Next was Bob Slusser with a 161 series and Dick Lintner with a 149 series.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Measureable snowfall is expected across most of Indiana today. In anticipation of difficult driving conditions, AAA Hoosier Motor Club has the following tips...

- Stay Alert.
- Avoid driving if you're tired. Getting the proper amount of rest before driving in winter weather reduces accident risks.
- Never warm up or operate a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full.

Be cautious when driving in winter conditions.

- Slow down. Adjust your speed to the road conditions and leave yourself ample room to stop. Allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you. Accelerate, turn and brake gradually.
- Do not tailgate. Normal following distances of three to four seconds on dry pavement should be a minimum of five to six seconds when driving on slippery surfaces. The extra time will provide additional braking room should a sudden stop become necessary.
- Watch the traffic ahead. Slow down immediately if you see brake lights, skidding vehicles or emergency flashers.
- Never use cruise control on slippery roads.
- Avoid unnecessary lane changes. Changing lanes increases the chances of hitting a patch of ice between lanes that could cause loss of vehicle traction.

- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads may only result in spinning your wheels. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach a hill and let the inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill as slowly as possible.

- Minimize the need to brake on ice. If you're approaching a stop sign, traffic light or other area where ice often forms, brake early on clear pavement to reduce speed. Vehicle control is much more difficult when braking on ice-covered roadways.

- Know your brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS) and need to slow down quickly, press hard on the pedal. It's normal for the pedal to vibrate a bit when the ABS is activated.

- Do not brake and turn at the same time. Brake first, then turn, then accelerate.

If you begin to skid...

- Control the skid by continuing to look and steer in the direction you want to go. DO NOT slam on the brakes. Doing so can make a skid worse.

Drive distraction free.

- Do not text or engage in activities that will distract you while driving. If driving with a passenger, ask him/her to carry out activities that would

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WEAVER

Paul H. Weaver, 72, of Van Buren, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at 11:17 a.m. at Marion General Hospital in Marion, IN.



Mr. Weaver was a graduate of Walnut Grove High School. He retired from General Motors Fisher Body in 2010 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Fisher Body Sympathy Club, United Auto Workers, Van Buren American Legion Post 368 and the Indiana National Guard Tipton Unit. He was also a member of the Marion Bowling Association Hall of Fame and the Grant County USBC, where he served as vice president.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1944, in Noblesville to Robert and Rose Schubert Weaver. He married Dianna J. Bennett on Feb. 19, 1967, and she survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Todd A. Weaver, of Hartford City, IN; a daughter, Chanda (Terry) Nail, of Springhill, LA; a sister, Shelly Thomson, of Michigan; a brother, Eldon Weaver, of Florida; and five grandchildren.

Calling is Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. A service will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Heath Jones officiating. Interment will be at Grant Memorial Park, in Marion.

WEHR

J. "Guilford" Wehr Sr., 94, of Warren, IN, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at 8:20 p.m. at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Mr. Wehr was a 1942 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Huntington County. He was the owner and operator of his family drainage business, Wehr Farm Drainage Inc., which started in 1959. He was a member of the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church. He was a 50-year-plus member of Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge 333, Scottish Rite Valley, Fort Wayne; Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne; Huntington County Shrine and Order of Eastern Star of Indiana 65. He was a past 4-H leader, past president of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractor Association and was one of the original founders of the Huntington County Drainage Board, where he served on the board for 25 years. He was also involved with the Huntington County Red Cross. He was born March 1, 1922, in Clear Creek Township in Huntington County to John C. and Lela Wysong Wehr. He married Doris McIntire on June 23, 1946, in Mt. Etna; she preceded him in death on May 29, 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol (Don) Shull, of Columbia City; a son, J. Guilford Wehr Jr., of Warren; a brother, Joe Wehr, of Muncie; a sister, Louise Smith, of Hawthorne, CA; a

grandson, Sam (Christie) Whitton, of Columbia City; two stepgranddaughters, Nicci (Gus) Rosen, of Huntington, and Tabitha (Brett) Suman, of Bluffton; five great-grandchildren; and former daughter-in-law, Debi Johnson, of Warren.

Calling is Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m. A service to celebrate his life will be Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with calling one hour before the service. Rev. Edwin Clark will officiate. Interment will follow in the Lancaster Cemetery in rural Huntington.

FULLER

Norine D. Fuller, 87, of Warren, IN, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at 7:36 p.m. at IU Health Blackford Hospital, in Hartford City.

Mrs. Fuller graduated from Warren High School and received her nurse's certificate through the World War II program. She was a member of the Blackford County Humane Society.

She was born Sept. 22, 1929, to Norval and Lela Neebeck Herring. She married Francis Ellis Fuller in September of 1952, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristie Fuller, of Warren, and a sister, Regina Coulter, of Liberty Center.

There will be no calling or service.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, is in charge of arrangements.

SMITH

John E. Smith, 98, of Bluffton, passed away at 9:02 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, at River Terrace in Bluffton.

He was born May 28, 1918, in Frankfort, Ind. to John E. and Marie S. (Barton) Smith.

John graduated from Bluffton High School in 1936, and worked for many years at McDowell Lumber Company in Bluffton. He also worked for 21 years as a group leader for Franklin Electric, retiring in 1981. He attended Mulberry Street Wesleyan Church, and currently a member of Epworth United Methodist Church and was a member of the Wells County Historical Society.

On Sept. 2, 1940, in Covington, Ky., John and Mary Matson were married. They were married for 68 years before she preceded him in death Sept. 9, 2008.

John is survived by a sister, Beverly Niblick of Bluffton; four nieces, Gloria (Thomas) Mayne of Bluffton, Janet (Roy) Schoeff of Poneto, Doris Smith of Keystone and Cindy (William) Priester of Bluffton; and a nephew, Michael (Susan) Gerwig of Liberty Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary; and a sister, Nora Bishop.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday Dec. 14, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Tony Garton will officiate. Calling hours will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, prior to the service. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

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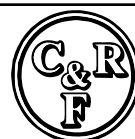
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5 WORDS TO GUARANTEE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We can't ignore the fact that the Christmas season is in full swing! For almost two months we've been flashed with tons of emails squawking about Holiday Sales on everything from food and kitchen appliances to fake Christmas trees and yard decorations. We get inundated with sparkly catalogues hyping the urge to get new furniture (for holiday entertaining) and glossy pages advising us to consider getting new china for that holiday table and maybe even a new car (red or green of course).

We complain about the commercialism and materialism of the holidays, yet put us in our local

Starbucks slurping a yummy Carmel Brulee Latte from that festive red and green cup and we brim with excitement and anticipation about spending time with family and friends. Love is really what the holidays are all about.

Starting with Thanksgiving, a holiday that marks our gratitude, to Christmas with its message of peace, love and joy, it's a magical time and love is behind it all. The 5 words to remember are:

BEHIND THE MAGIC IS LOVE
If we remember, as we move through this magical time of year, that behind the magic is love, then we won't be lured into doing too much to get the magical feeling. We can get the feeling just by looking at the commercials for all the festive products. We don't have to get the stuff to get the feeling.

Anyway, those commercials are created to arouse the child in us and that's where the magic really begins. But beware, that part of you that still believes in Santa Clause, loves hot chocolate with marshmallows on top, twinkly lights and the aroma of a fresh Christmas tree and beautifully wrapped gifts is also that part of you that doesn't have a mature concept of having or doing too much. That child within is a little "over-goaling machine." Sort of like if you gave a nine-year old a toy catalog and said, "Pick everything you want," you'd need a semi to hold the load.

I wrote this poem about such a person.

I Want a Magazine Christmas

I want a magazine Christmas
With a tree in every room
I'll hire a choir to sing on our porch

With a bazillion poinsettias in bloom

My gingerbread house will be perfect

And I'll sew a Christmas dress

I'll bake cookies and pies and make candy

And I won't leave the kitchen a mess

I want a real live Nativity Scene

Using kids from the neighborhood

We live by a farm so I'll borrow a cow

And a duck and a lamb would be good

They'll stand on our lawn in a spotlight

Each night for an hour or two

My kid is too old to play Jesus

So Joseph or Mary will do

I'll make all the presents and Christmas cards

And the bows and the Christmas wrap too

I'll deck all the halls with the holly I'll cut

From a tree that I found near the zoo

Our car will look just like the jolly old sleigh

I'll paint it a Christmas red

The only thing missing on Christmas day

Will be me, because I'll be dead

Data by the Pew Research Center showed that 86% of Americans plan to attend a gathering of family or friends on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day; 86% plan to buy gifts for family and friends; 79% say they'll put up a tree; 65% want to send holiday cards; and 16% hope to go Christmas caroling.

If love is behind the magic, and it really is, then as you go about the activities involved in Christmas gatherings and you remember it's all about love, you'll enjoy this season as it was meant to be enjoyed. When you give gifts, remember love is behind

them. When you get your tree and decorate it, remember love is behind it.

When you send your Christmas cards, remember love is behind them. And when you go Christmas caroling, remember love is behind it.

In the religion I was raised in, I was taught that God is love. If that's true then God is behind it all. Nice to remember.

Merry Christmas!

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

TOP TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND PAYING BACK YOUR STUDENT LOANS

(StatePoint) With an estimated \$1.3 trillion in student loans outstanding, it's safe to say student loan debt is a reality for millions of Americans. While this figure may sound daunting, experts say that greater financial literacy can help students and graduates better understand their loans and pay them back.

"The reality is, people out there are hungry for information. They want to understand the facts when it comes to paying back student loans and the best way to do it," says the educator turned hip hop artist Dee-1, who celebrated paying off his student loans by writing the song "Sallie Mae Back."

To help students get on the right track, Dee-1 has teamed up with Sallie Mae to educate students on

financing college, paying back loans, and managing finances. They are offering the following tips from the top of Dee-1's paying back student loans playlist:

- Know who you owe and how much. Understand if your loan is from the federal government—about 93 percent of all loans are—or a private lender like Sallie Mae. If you are unsure, call your lender or check your credit report. Be responsible. Know your monthly payment amounts and due dates.

- Separate wants from needs. Managing your money means managing your lifestyle. Prioritize payments you must make every month, and make sure your student loan is one of them.

- Exceed your own expectations. Pay more than the minimum amount due each month. If you get a raise or tax refund, use part or all of it to increase your monthly loan payment. The faster you pay off your loan, the less you'll spend in the long run.

- Confront reality. If you run into trouble, don't hide from it, don't be embarrassed by it, and don't give up. Stay positive, focused, and look for solutions. Call your lender or touch base with your cosigner, if you have one.

- Get excited about your future! Be passionate about managing your money wisely and effectively. You can't make your student loans disappear magically overnight, but you can make a plan for paying them back.

"The exhilaration Dee-1 expresses in paying off his student loans is contagious," says Martha Holler, senior vice president, Sallie Mae. "We hope his excitement and his direct, doable tips help newly minted graduates get into the rhythm of repayment."

For more information, visit SallieMae.com, a one-stop resource that includes monthly budget worksheets, loan repayment calculators,

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New tech tools also are making managing loans easier than ever. For example, Sallie Mae recently unveiled a new mobile app — available for Apple and Android — to help customers manage their accounts, access loan information, and make payments from smartphones.

Don't let the prospect of paying back student loans overwhelm you. Financial literacy is a game changer and can position you to move up in the workforce on good financial footing.

KEEPING INFANTS SAFE IN THE SHOPPING CART THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

(StatePoint) Most parents of infants are well-advised of certain dangers. However, there is one safety risk that doesn't get much attention. Nearly 24,000 children are in accidents involving shopping carts each year, many suffering cuts, bruises, broken limbs and even head and brain injuries.

Falls from the cart are among the leading causes of head injuries to young children. How can you ensure your trip to the store doesn't

lead to a trip to the emergency room? The experts at Safe-Strap, the inventors of the shopping cart seat belt, offer the following tips.

- It can be tempting to try to balance your infant carrier on top of your shopping cart, as the carrier may appear like it's designed to fit there. Be advised, this isn't the case. Use a shopping cart outfitted with a docking station, such as Safe-Dock, the first universal infant carrier docking station for shopping carts. This provides an easy transition of baby carrier from car to cart, no matter what the make and model of your US-purchased car seat is.

- Toddlers and pre-school-aged children can be at-risk too. Make sure your children are wearing a safety belt or harness at all times, and that it is fastened securely. Children should never ride in the basket. Remember, it only takes a second for a child to stand up in a shopping cart, which increases the chances of falling or tipping the cart.

- Pay attention. These days, it's all too easy to let your phone be a distraction, but shopping is distraction enough. Keep your eyes on your kids for safer shopping.

- If the stores you shop in don't offer carts with infant carrier docks, talk to a store manager. Your customer feedback is valued, and your voice could help motivate the store to upgrade their carts to include important safety features.

More shopping cart safety tips can be found at shoppingcartsafety.com, where parents can also see if local retailers offer Safe-Dock and request their stores install the system.

It's important to keep in mind that most shopping cart injuries are entirely preventable. Make shopping safer for your baby and more convenient for you by always using a shopping cart with proper safety features.



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Sills has been with iAB since September 2015 as the branch manager for the Bluffton South Office. He graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He has worked in banking for over 8 years and has an agriculture background, having worked in farming equipment sales

and being raised working on the family farm. Extremely active in his community, Sills sits on the board of the Wells County Boys and Girls Club. He also is a Wells County Chamber Ambassador and volunteers with Bluffton NOW!. In his spare time, he enjoys sports and fitness pursuits, working on family farm projects and spending time with his family.

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