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Thought for the Week: *Happy Anniversary to the Warren Weekly - 23 Years and Counting!*

TRI KAPPA WEEK

February 17-23, 2008

Tri Kappa Week in Indiana will be celebrated throughout the state the week of February 17 to February 23rd. The purpose of Tri Kappa Week is to show that Tri Kappa is a strong philanthropic organization in the state of Indiana.

Tri Kappa gives over \$1.5 million dollars every year on a local and statewide level to important projects in the areas of charity, culture, and education that helps

babies, children, teens, and adults throughout Indiana. Tri Kappa is a powerful network with 146 Active Chapters and 125 Associate Chapters and over 10,000 members throughout the state of Indiana. It is larger than some national organizations with more members and more chapters — and it is only a statewide organization.

One of the main philanthropic projects supported by Tri Kappa is the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children. The Riley

Hospital for children in Indianapolis has received contributions of over \$1 million and thousands of Riley dolls since it began in 1922. Tri Kappa also supports the Ronald McDonald House.

Tri Kappa supports the Hoosier Salon and awards fine arts scholarships. The Tri Kappa Art Collection, with almost 100 paintings by artists from Indiana, is on permanent loan to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Scholarships of over \$5 million have been given since 1913. Tri Kappa now offers scholarships in the areas of academics, fine arts, and to non-traditional students. Tri Kappa also supports an emergency fund for students-in-need at twenty-seven Indiana colleges and universities. Gifted and talented programs at Purdue University, Indiana State University, Rose-Hulman, and the Indiana Academy of Ball State University receive support from Tri Kappa.

Tri Kappa is a unique organization because its chapters are located only within the boundaries of Indiana. All the money that is raised by Tri Kappa chapters goes to fulfill the objective of the organization, which is to promote charity, culture, and education. This is done by creating or supporting projects, programs and other organizations that support these objectives.

The local chapter of Tri Kappa was started in Warren in August 1927. The organization celebrated its 80th anniversary during the 2007 Salamonie festival. Tri Kappa supports the community for culture, charity, and education. The active chapter's main money making projects are selling nuts and Easter eggs. The earnings from these projects support the donations to Small World Nursery School, the Small World Scholarship Fund, KCC Basketball, Pulse Opera House, Mental Health, Riley Hospital, Warren Fireworks, Salamonie Festival, Warren Library Summer Reading Program, Red Cross Water Safety, Hope House in Bluffton, Education Scholarships for college to high school seniors, Cheer Baskets of Food, and assistance for victims (fire, accident, or illness). The chapter continues to support the state

sponsored projects for charity, culture, and education.

To learn more about the local chapter of Tri Kappa, please contact: Karen Hunnicutt—President, Jen Plummer—Vice President, Karen Pinkerton—Treasurer, Trish Musselman—Recording Secretary, or Sheryl Horst—Corresponding Secretary. The Warren Associate Chapter for Tri Kappa is active and meets several times a year. If you are a past Tri Kappa member and wish to affiliate with the associate chapter, please contact: Joyce Sorg—President, Barbara Souder—Treasurer, or Martha Roberts—Secretary.

SNOW ART

The Van Buren Public Library has snowman pictures on display from Mrs. Schamber's kindergarten class at Van Buren Elementary School. Students with pictures featured are: Savannah, Allison, Hannah, Wyatt, Parker, Simon, Jadelyn, Adrien, Kreigh, Alex, Austin, and Dawson. Please come by and see all of their wonderful works of art!

PLEASE READ
& RECYCLE



LOVE LETTERS

The Pulse Opera House has the perfect night out for your special Valentine. On February 15 & 16, Scott and Kim Nedberg will read A.R. Gurney's classic "Love Letters" in the Pulse Opera House lobby. The play chronicles the relationship of Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace. Beginning in the second grade through middle age, the audience gets to know these characters through the letters they write to each other. Written to be performed reader's theatre style, the play is a perfect Valentine.

A calvacade of stars have performed this piece, including Colleen Dewhurst, Stockard Channing, Swoosie Kurtz, Paul Newman & Joanne Woodward, Jason Robards, Christopher Reeve, Robert Wagner, Jill St. John, Lauren Bacall & Richard Kiley, and many others. The Pulse production features the husband and wife team of Scott and Kim Nedberg. Pulse audiences will remember Scott from his many roles at the Opera House including Oscar Madison in *The Odd Couple*, *Pseudolus* in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and Charlie in *The Foreigner*. Kim's roles include Gwendolyn in *The Odd Couple*, Penelope Toop in *See How They Run* and Mrs. Van Dam in *Under the Lamplight*.

There will be no advance reservations. Seating is extremely limited and is first-come, first-serve. Bob and Cristi Sloan of "Lattes to You" will be serving lattes, hot chocolates and other premium coffee drinks. Admission to the lobby will be \$5 each with all proceeds going to the 2008 season. Seating will be around tables. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the reading will begin at 8:00 p.m.

PHOTO: Scott and Kim Nedberg in *Love Letters* at the Pulse Opera House.



PAINTINGS BY DELLAMAY

Della always loved art, but never had formal training before striking out on her own about 20 years ago. Since she has studied with the staff at a William Alexander seminar, including Susan Yawn, Brenda Harris, and Buck Paulsen. Other teachers who helped her to develop her style: Fred Wetzel, Sue Quinlen, Cathy Goodale, and Barbara Bartells.

Each painting she does is a new experience and a learning process, but never the ultimate "masterpiece." So the desire to paint goes on and on. She hopes others enjoy her love of nature as she expresses it with paint.

She has been pleased to have some of her work chosen for exhibition in the Fremont Colorado Center for the Arts, the Grant County Indiana Art Association shows, and the Warren Artisan Fest. Her work is hanging in homes in many states and at least one foreign country.

Originally from Michigan, she met her husband at the University of Colorado. After retiring, they moved to Colorado and she was thrilled to be able to paint the mountains first hand. Last year they moved to Indiana and now she has an opportunity to portray lovely rural scenery.

Currently, she is enjoying teaching small classes about oil painting, hoping to instill a sense of wonders, as others did for her.

If you or someone you know would like to join her classes, please call 260.375.3773.

Della Mae Thomas' work will be on display February 17th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Pointe Fults Recreation Room. The public is invited. There will be more than 75 plus paintings on display by "Dellamay."

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SMALL WORLD THANKS

Small World Nursery School would like to thank all individuals, churches and businesses for donations given to our organization over the course of this past year. This includes donating to our scholarship and general funds; scarecrow festival, balloon launch and student fundraising sales. We live in an awesome community that is very generous when it comes to the needs of others. Through the scholarship fund we have the ability to help more families in need of financial assistance so that their child has the opportunity for pre-school and the head start most need to prepare for kindergarten.

SWNS will soon be taking enrollments for students for the 2008/2009 school year. If you are interested in helping our non-profit organization so that we may help others, please feel free to do so at: Small World Nursery School, P.O. Box 598, Warren.

Thank you!

SWNS Board Members and Teachers

BY THE RULE OF LAW

Several times throughout this year we have heard, more than once, that we Americans live by the Rule of Law. We hear that we are a country that is ruled by the law. We boast that we are a country that lives by the law. I partially agree with that concept, but I partially disagree.

Consider the following: We have been taught in history and government text books that for any representative democracy like ours to exist and to prosper for a very long time, we must be willing to be governed; that we as citizens will obey the laws of the land, and the laws must apply to all citizens, races, religions, government officials, rural Americans, urban Americans, poor, rich, you name the category. All laws are to apply to all citizens. Sovereignty rests in the people. The people elect the persons that they want to represent them. Those representatives enact laws. And following, the citizens are to obey them, even politicians.

Today there seems to be a game on. And it goes something like this. We will pass laws that will help us be elected or re-elected. We will pass those laws that are narrow and many times directed to control what we politically cannot gain at the ballot box. And then we pick and choose what laws we are going to obey.

We can't hire enough policemen, secret service men, FBI, CIA men to force the citizens to be law abiding. If the citizens choose to break as many laws as they can, we are in chaos. For us to be a country of laws and for us to have the rule of law in our America, we must be willing to be governed.

This whole concept of government must have as its base a respect for our fellow man and a healthy attitude about the basic principles of the founding fathers who put our country on its feet over two hundred years ago. Without God, without the basic Judeo Christian basis of honesty, integrity, faith in God not ourselves, we will not remain strong.

We have a good country. We make our mistakes. We are not perfect. We are not a perfect union. We are selfish sometimes. We are greedy sometimes. We are stupid sometimes. We are naïve sometimes. We are patsies sometimes. We are gullible sometimes. But on the other hand we are just the opposite of these things sometimes. We are not selfish, we are thinking, responsible people. We try to do too much sometimes. We are ambitious to a fault sometimes. But we are not all bad. For the most part our people are law abiding. For the most part we care about people, no matter what their color, lot in life, male, female or whomever.

Some of us are rude. Some of us are bull headed. Some of us are out spoken. Some of us are not good managers. Some are not good students. Some of us are not good on computers, cell phones, etc. Some of us don't dress in the latest styles. We all don't drive cars made in America. Some of us don't vote like many others would have them. Some of us don't dress in the attire that would make others happy. All of these things are true. But these things don't make us bad.

Today, we have a few men and women who try to tell us that the Good

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Gary Riley, Pastor

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
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Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.

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Youth Minister Lynne Payne
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
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 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th). 6:00p.m.
 Wed - Circle of Friends
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 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.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

**HILLCREST
 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
375-2510

Rev Mark Davis
Bus Service 375-2510
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622

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

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Dan Helm, Pastor

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

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

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

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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Jeff Wass, Pastor

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

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 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.

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Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

*Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of
 Preaching and Discipleship*
*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of
 Family Life*
Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

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

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.
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AREA NEWS

MEETING DATES

Wayne Township Future Farmers 4-H Club lists club meeting dates: February 18th, March 24th, April 21st, May 19th, June 23rd.

All club meetings are held at the Banquo Christian Church from 630pm – 730pm. Leader: Gayle Melcher 260 672 2702

CLUB RENTAL

If anyone would like to rent the Warren Sportsman's Club please call the offices of Greg and Eva Witkamp at 375-3635. Someone will be happy to check the calendar to find a day that you would work for you. The rental is \$75.00 per day. That is for the entire day. We will open the doors for you whenever you may need it. Give us a call. The clubhouse is perfect for wedding receptions, graduation parties, family reunions, meetings, or any kind of party. We hope to hear from you soon.

JOY CLUB

J.O.Y. Club will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 19th for a free lunch in the Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall, the Van Buren Happy Red Hatters will entertain followed with Bingo, prizes will be awarded to the winners. For reservations please call 765-934-9960 or 786-934-1431, J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

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It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy.

REGISTRATION

It's time again to register for Huntington County Baseball and Softball. All boys ages 7-14 and girls 9-12 who are interested in the playing for the Warren Area teams need to register by March 1st. Please call Tim Leidig at 375-3340 or register at the Knight Civic Center on Saturday, Feb 23rd from 9:00-12:00.

EASTER EGGS

The Union Church Youth Ministry is making Chocolate covered Peanut Butter or Butter Cream Easter Eggs! These 6oz Eggs are only \$2.50 each and will support their summer mission trips.

You can sign up for this annual treat with any member of the Union Church Youth Group, or at the Warren Pharmacy! Eggs will be delivered 3/14/08.

KIDS CLUB

The Warren United Methodist Church will be starting their spring season of Kids' Club on February 20th. The sessions will continue on Wednesday evenings through April 16th, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Children between the ages of preschool and 5th grade are welcome to join us.

We will have silly science experiments, amazing music, crazy challenges, Bible truths, along with other surprises. Hope to see you there!

FOOD MINISTRY

A new food ministry is beginning soon for the Warren area with the cooperation of the Warren Area Minister's Association and the Warren Church of Christ. WCC has been accepted as a Host Site where food will be ordered and picked up. ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES is a christian organization based out of Georgia that supplies families with packaged units of food for half the cost of the same items from the supermarkets. A family of 4 can eat for a week and a single senior adult could eat on these units for a month. They deal in volume and reach over 500,000 families each month with quality brand named foods that bring huge savings to those who participate in the program.

An informational meeting will be held at the Warren Church of Christ, downtown Warren, on Friday evening, February 15th, at 7:00 p.m. to show a DVD of the ministry as it comes to us from ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES in Monroe, GA. We will give you examples of the food packages, hand out informational brochures, explain the program and answer any questions you may have. With no food chain grocery stores in town, we thought this could be a huge benefit for families in the Warren area and not only save half the cost at the supermarket but also save on the gas bill. A team from the churches are attending a training session in Ft. Wayne next week and we'll be ready to share what the process involves at our public meeting on Friday, Feb. 15. This program is

open to EVERYONE, regardless of social, economical or financial status. No special requirements are needed to participate. COME LEARN ALL ABOUT IT! Any questions before the public meeting can be addressed by calling 224-4844. See you there.

BREAKFAST

Sausage gravy and biscuits, and egg casserole will be served Saturday morning, February 23 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at McNatt U.M. Church. Join us for good food and fellowship. Freewill offering.

SOUP SUPPER

Jefferson Center United Methodist Church invites you to join us for a hot bowl of soup and great fellowship on Tuesday, February 19th, at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. We will be serving vegetable, chili or chicken noodle soup from 5:00pm to 6~30pm, with a beverage, cookies and ice cream. We want to thank the community for supporting our projects through out the year by warming your soul with a hot bowl of soup. Join us on the 19th or with Pastor Kathy Newton on Sunday morning for our 10:00am worship service at the Jefferson Center United Methodist church located at the intersection of 900 S and 300 W in Huntington County.

SUPPER PLANNED

The Salamonie Church of the Brethren Men's Work is sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" Fish, Chicken & Tenderloin Supper on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. This supper will be held at the Salamonie Church of the Brethren, located on State Road 1 24. The supper will be served from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dan's Fish Fry of Huntington will be preparing the fish, chicken and tenderloins.

SUMMER CAMP

Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council is taking registrations for summer 2008 camp sessions. Sessions begin June 16 and continue through August 1.

At McMillen Program Center Day Camp, held each day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., girls participate in songs, games, water fun, trail walks, sports and cookouts. Older girls can experience the Climbing Tower and Zip Line.

For resident campers, Camp Logan offers more than 200 acres of woods, meadows, wetlands and

an island. Because girls spend their days and nights at Camp Logan, they develop real friendships that will last a lifetime. During the day, girls might be taking a hike, canoeing or kayaking in the lake or perfecting horseback riding skills; no matter what their activities, girls progress at their own pace.

As American Camp Association accredited camps, McMillen Day Camp and Camp Logan resident camp meet or exceed the more than 300 nationally recognized standards for safety, health, staff training and program quality identified by the American Camp Association (ACA).

For more information about day camp and resident camp opportunities, families should call the Camp Registrar, Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council, (260) 422-3417 or 800-283-4812, ext. 130.

The Summer Camp brochure is also available at www.girlscouts-limberlost.org.

TRAIN SHOW/SWAP

The Maumee Valley Rail Road Club, Inc., a not for profit organization, will be sponsoring a Model Railroad Show & Swap on Saturday, February 23, 2008, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Coliseum Bingo, 911 W. Washington Center Rd. Fort Wayne, IN, (260) 490-9999.

Admission is \$3.00 for Adults. Families are \$5.00. Children, 12 and under, are free. We will have dozens of tables of model railroad bargains, at least two operating model railroad layouts, and a special area: "Hands on Trains — For kids Of All Ages." The public is welcome and invited.

This is our 13th year of hosting these events. The MVRRC is comprised of local area residents from NE Indiana & NW Ohio who are all members of the National Model Railroad Association. One of our club's goals is to promote the hobby of model railroading. We also volunteer our time to participate in other area model train

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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 cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Feb 13	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Feb 15	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 18	PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 20	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Feb 22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
Feb 25	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 1	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 6	Warren Chamber of Commerce lunch, noon, Assembly Hall
Mar 6	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time 2a.m.
Mar 11	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 12	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Mar 13	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Mar 15	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 18	SSF Committee Meeting 6 p.m.
Mar 20	1st Day of SPRING!!!!!!
Mar 20	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

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

Soup for the Soul

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events, including: Train Fest at Science Central last November and The Great Train Expo in Indianapolis last month, The National Train Show in Detroit last summer, and The Railroad Heritage Weekend in Van Wert, Ohio, last year, and again next July, 1.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6 in the Council Room at Town Hall. The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with president Tony Manry leading the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A bill had been received for the tornado siren. Batteries had been replaced twice in the siren. Plans were to check on the warranty for the siren and what it covers.

Officer Pat Collins reported he had submitted an application for a grant to purchase a radio for the Police Department.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported the recently installed water lines had been repaired.

There had been a lot of problems with dogs running loose around town.

Webb had made a list of houses around town considered to be unsafe. Plans are to talk with Area Plan about these dwellings.

The next Council meeting will be Feb. 20.

include farming, politics, weather, and stories (new and old). Indiana basketball is a major topic and usually the college teams get the most air time. D. Fox thinks there are lots of IU and Purdue fans here, maybe even a Notre Dame fan or two. Bill Couch is known to relate a lot of interesting stories about school kids and Ed Clark is the local humorist. In fact, the day I was there Ed had on a very interesting white tie. He is also a chaplain at the facility, so perhaps that was what the tie was all about.

On my second pass through "The Cove" at about 10:00 a.m. another group was forming. This group meets on Mondays and Thursdays and began several years ago as the Methodist Church ladies. Oma Dee Zent was one of those ladies. Eventually the Methodist group evolved to just those ladies who lived on Oma's street in the townhouses, but now it is just a group of ladies. And, do they have a good time? Some folks have nicknamed them the Sunshine Girls and others call them the Joy Club. When I was there they were discussing the Academy Awards among a host of other things. I asked them how long they met and was told, "Until the mail is up!" Upon departure they gather up their own mail along with some of their neighbors' mail that they deliver on their way home. Home for these ladies is also the villas, the townhouses, and the residential areas.

Other things besides visiting go on at The Applegate Cove. For example, February 12th is Pie Day. From 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. you can get a piece of black raspberry, lemon meringue, sugar cream, or butterscotch pie at very reasonable prices. Every Friday is ice cream day with several varieties offered. You can get a whole bowlful for fifty cents. From time to time they also have sundaes and other goodies. Rosemary Manifold summed up The Cove experience best, "It is better than Starbucks! You can get a great cup of cappuccino for only fifty cents."

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club met February 1, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe.

Vice President, Jane Ruble, called the meeting to order and led in everyone repeating the Collect.

She introduced Freddie Couch and we welcomed her as a new member. Roll call was answered by 22 members telling about their favorite First Lady. Secretary report was read. Treasurer reported a balance of \$162.52. Jane reminded us to bring an Easter Hat for next month.

Ann Brauchla introduced Freddie Couch who showed us many ways to use a silk scarf. Very interesting and fun for all.

Flo Mott and Elaine Eckman served a delicious dessert to: Lucille Beavans, Ann Brauchla, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubart, Joan Huffman, Georgina Laymon, Ann Miles, Lu Ellyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent, Freddie Couch, Mary Brown, Peg Christner, Mary Emma Huffman and Bertha Turner.

Meeting next month on March 7, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

STRINGS AT HU

Mossburg Strings will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Zurcher Auditorium of Huntington University's Merrillat Centre for the Arts.

Mossburg Strings is a string quintet comprised of the oldest five of nine Mossburg children. They play many different musical styles and have performed in a variety of venues. Some of the group's more memorable performances have been for First Lady Laura Bush and for Gov. Mitch Daniels' Inauguration Gala. Mossburg Strings also has been named Grand Champion at the Indiana State Fair Talent Competition four years and has won many additional scholarships and awards.

To purchase tickets, call the Merrillat Centre for the Arts Box Office

at (260) 359-4261. Ticket prices are \$8-\$12 for reserved seating, \$5 for Huntington University students, discounted by \$2 for students 13 and older as well as seniors, and half price for students 12 and younger.

For more information about MCA events, log on to www.huntington.edu/mca.

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BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Venture Works, a resource center for entrepreneurs, will host a series of business planning workshops at Huntington University. These free sessions will be open to the public and are recommended for all participants in the inaugural Huntington County Business Concept Challenge for high school and college students and for all participants in the second annual Huntington County Business Plan Competition.

Each workshop session will be held twice to allow for conflicts in schedules. Workshops will be held at Huntington University, Loew Building, lower level, room 065. Workshops will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for participants in the business concept challenge and 6 to 7:30 p.m. for participants in the business plan competition. The workshop schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, Feb. 18, or Tuesday, Feb. 26

Title: Boot Camp I: Business Concept Basics & Creating a Winning Plan

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Every community has one, but this establishment is "rockin." What am I talking about? The Applegate Cove located under the chapel on the first floor of Heritage Pointe. When you walk through the double doors it is quickly apparent that this area is the heartbeat of the facility's community.

The U.S. Post Office is a very important part of this area, and the lounge area housing one of the aviaries is also great. But the best part of this area is the kitchen/dining area affectionately called "The Cove." Everyday beginning around 8:00 a.m. Manager Kathy Pugh gets the morning started for her regular customers. Kathy lives in Warren, used to volunteer in the ceramics room, and enjoys people. She has been the manager now for about two years.

Folks begin to gather from the townhouses, the villas, and the residential areas as the day unfolds. Several men and women come and go and almost always, the table is full. The ages of these people vary considerably. Mike Ternet is the youngest in his early 60's and Helen Jo Strassner is the oldest. However, age is irrelevant and unless you asked you'd never guess, until somebody tells a story.

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HALL



The brother of Wells County and Warren residents, Phillip Lowell "Phil" Hall, 81, of Madison, died at Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky. Born in Van Buren on Nov. 7, 1926 to Ernest and Gladys (Stallings) Hall, he married Joan Mary Schramm on Jan. 15, 1949; she survives.

A 1944 graduate of Van Buren High School, Mr. Hall was a Navy Veteran of World War II and served in the reserves and the Indiana Army National Guard afterward. He was the Veteran's Service Officer for three years in Marion. He also worked for Fisher Body in Marion, and as a probation officer in Marion. He worked as an insurance agent for Federated Insurance for 12 years. In 1975, he founded Hall's Laundry and was chairman of the board until his death.

Other surviving relatives include three sons, Thomas C. Hall of Gilbert, Ariz., and Christopher James Hall and Matthew Steven Hall, both of Madison; one daughter, Leslie Joan Kucek of Oregonia, Ohio; three sisters, Wilma Embree and Martha Weaver of Grant County and Glenna Plummer of Wells County; two brothers, Clare Hall of Warren and Glenn Hall of Avon Park, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. Hall was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Charles "Chuck" Hall, who died with his wife and two daughters in a plane crash in 1986, and two brothers, Maris and Jay E. Hall.

Funeral services were held at the prince of Peace Catholic Church in Madison. Burial was at St. Patrick's Cemetery, with full military honors conducted at graveside.

Preferred memorials are to the "Chuck Hall Family Scholarship" or to Friends of Shawe and Pope John Schools.

ALLEN

Roma B. Allen, 94, Warren, died at 10:50 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2008 at her residence.

Mrs. Allen was born July 29, 1913 in Grant County to Van R and Mary Belle (King) Havens. She married Cleatus M Allen on January 11, 1947 in Grant County.

She attended Washington Township School in Grant County and worked at Utah in Huntington for 13 years. She then worked at Shacks Rubber Company in Huntington for 13 years and as a nurse's aide at Heritage Pointe in Warren for 13 years. She was a member of Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include two sons, John Curtis (Garnet M) Allen of Warren and Larry W (Mavis) Allen of Greenfield, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, four sisters, Lovey Highley, Clara May Marsh, Geraldine Bragg and Susie Havens, and four brothers Neeley Havens, Alvin Havens, Cecil Havens and Raymond Havens.

Calling hours will be Thursday, February 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes H Brown & Son Chapel before services at 2:30 p.m. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dan Swan. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W Water St, Berne IN 46711.



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Date: Wednesday, Feb. 20, or Monday, March 3

Title: Boot Camp II: Marketing Elements of a Sound Business Plan

Date: Monday, Feb. 25, or Tuesday, March 4

Title: Sleuthing the Internet (Research) & Capital Sourcing Options

Date: Tuesday, March 25 (OPTIONAL)

Title: Critiquing the Plan: Presentation Practice and Facilitator Feedback

The registration deadline for the Huntington County Business Concept Challenge is Monday, March 31, 2008. Participants must complete an application, include a \$10 non-refundable application fee and provide a three- to five-page executive summary of their business concept.

The registration deadline for the Huntington County Business Plan Competition is Monday, April 7, 2008. Participants must complete an application, include a \$10 non-refundable application fee and provide a three- to five-page executive summary of their business concept.

To RSVP for the workshops and for answers to questions about the Huntington County Business Concept Challenge, contact Joanne Green at (260) 359.4310 or jgreen@huntington.edu.

Applications for the competition may be obtained either online at www.hcuedventureworks.com, via email from Joanne Green, jgreen@huntington.edu, or picked up at the following locations:

Enterprise Resource Center, Huntington University, Loew-Brenn, Suite 067
2303 College Ave., Huntington, IN 46750

Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation, 8 W. Market St., Huntington, IN 46750

Huntington County Chamber of Commerce, 305 Warren St., Huntington, IN 46750

Venture Works is a resource center for entrepreneurs established by Huntington County United Economic Development, in partnership with Huntington University, Northeast Indiana Innovation Center, Huntington County Commissioners, and Huntington County Chamber of Commerce.

CHICKEN & RIBS

Kids Kampus child care center of Huntington is holding a Nelson's Chicken and Ribs BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, February 16th from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. in the parking lot of Juergens Do-It Center in Huntington. This year Kids Kampus will be selling BBQ Ribs as well!

Tickets can be purchased in advance by stopping by Kids Kampus located on 435 Campus Street in Huntington between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday. Tickets for a tasty ½ BBQ Chicken and Chips can be purchased for \$5.75 in advance and \$6.25 day of the event. Tickets for a rack of BBQ Ribs and Chips can be purchased for \$7.00 in advance and \$7.50 day of the event. All proceeds from the BBQ will go towards Kids Kampus child care center.

Currently there are enrollment openings in the Playgroup for children ages 18 months to three years old. Also there are enrollment openings at Kids Kampus in the three and four year old rooms as well as the Premier Preschool for three and four year olds.

Kids Kampus, Huntington, offers child care and preschool services to children from infancy to age 12. Kids Kampus is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and is the only licensed childcare center in Huntington County. Kids Kampus is a division of Pathfinder Services,

Inc., a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington. For more information on Kids Kampus, please visit www.kidskampus.org or call (260) 356-0123.

SACRED CONCERT

The Mississinewa Valley Band presents a Sacred Concert on Sunday, February 24, at 6 pm hosted by College Wesleyan Church. The church is located at 38th and Washington Streets on the Indiana Wesleyan University campus in Marion, Indiana. The Mississinewa Valley Band is Grant County's community band and is headquartered in Marion. During its eight years of operation, the band has presented seven sacred concerts at various churches in Marion. They are pleased to return to College Wesleyan for their eighth sacred concert which will include various sacred and some classical arrangements. The concert will also feature the Mississinewa Valley Swing Band. Admission is free.

The Mississinewa Valley Band is always open to new members. The band rehearses Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 in the Marion High School Orchestra Room. Tuba and percussion players are most needed at this time. For more information, contact John Brane 764-934-2076.

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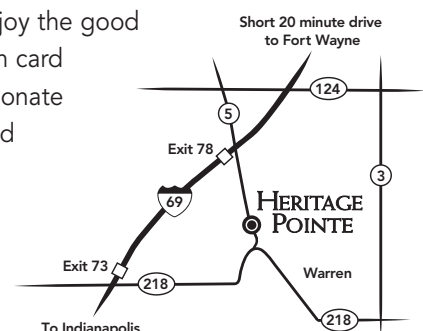
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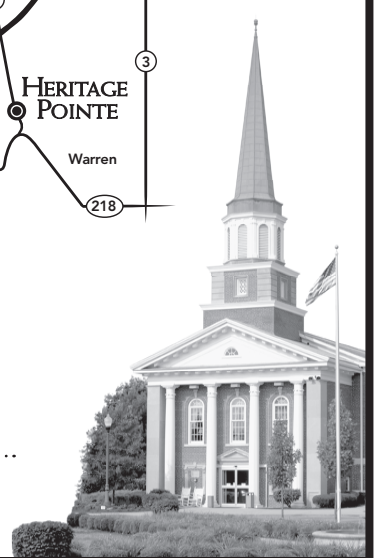
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CHILDHOOD ACADEMY

The Huntington County Early Childhood Academy will meet again on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Courthouse Annex 2nd floor meeting room. All childcare and preschool providers are encouraged to participate. Networking will begin at 6:30pm. Please feel free to bring any items that you would like to share with others in your profession, this includes upcoming workshops, conferences, trainings, engaging ideas for holiday fun with the kids, and any other information or ideas you would like to share. At 7pm, Kay Stine, Huntington City Township Public Library, will be presenting Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library. Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. You can help children learn important skills now so they can become good readers. Mem Fox stated, "Experts tell us that children need to hear one thousand stories read aloud before they can begin to learn to read for themselves." Please RSVP by calling 260-258-4826.

CLOSE TO HOME

Ann Hamilton-Shields, a Bluffton native now living in Germany, returns to the Wells County Public Library to share collected stories about German POWs who worked in the Wells County area during WWII. Her fascinating program, "WWII POWs Close to home" will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Shield, who presented this program at the library in 2006, has interviewed nearly 40 local

residents who shared stories of German POWs. She also includes interviews with several German POWs who were held in Midwestern camps during WWII.

According to Shields, new information includes photos of the 1592nd Company CCC, Camp S-93 CCC Camp at Ouabache and the construction of the park where the POWs were housed. A few additional stories from Bluffton sources have surfaced, plus new accounts from German sources about POW experiences in Russia which contrast sharply with the Midwestern camps in the US.

"We are excited about hosting Ann's program at the library again and to see her new information," Deb Perry community relations manager at the library, said. "So many people attended the 2006 program that it was standing room only. With our newly expanded meeting rooms, we can seat twice as many guests. We are expecting a large turnout, so I'd suggest that people arrive early."

Shield's points out that an unusual twist to her program is the unexpected commonality between the POWs and the large segment of Wells County residents of direct German heritage. She explains the role of federal and local POW labor program and includes a display of WWII POW items.

But the emphasis, says Shields, "is always on the human experience and the stories that have been entrusted to me".

"WWII POWs Close to home" is free and open to the public. Anyone who has information, documents or photos related to this topic are encouraged to bring them to share with the speaker.

The Wells County Public Library is located at 200 W. Washington Street in Bluffton. For more information, call 260-824-1612 or visit www.wellscolibrary.org

GLEE CLUB AT HARTFORD

The Purdue Varsity Glee Club, directed by Gerritt VanderMeer, will perform in the Blackford High School gymnasium at Hartford City on Sunday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Hartford City Arts Council, is free and open to the public.

Since the group's founding in 1893, the men of Purdue Varsity Glee Club have become known around the world as ambassadors of good will for Purdue University. Countries that have hosted Glee Club tours include Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, China, the United Kingdom and several nations in Europe and Asia.

In early January, the Glee Club sang at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Previous trips to New York have included appearances at historic Carnegie Hall. Several trips to California, most recently in 2007, have included participation in televised Sunday worship services at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove.

Purdue Varsity Glee Club shows typically feature "something for everyone" with a wide range of musical styles including contemporary, country, standards, gospel and more. A number of solos and specialty groups add variety to the shows.

Each year in December, Purdue Varsity Glee Club and other student ensembles of Purdue Musical Organizations present the annual Purdue Christmas Show with

seven performances in Elliott Hall of Music. This year's Christmas Show, Dec. 12-14, will mark the 75th anniversary of the event.

CALENDAR AVAILABLE

If thoughts of warmer days and upcoming visits to Indiana's state parks and reservoirs are dancing in your head, you may want to take a look at the special events calendar on the internet at interpretiveservices.IN.gov and start planning your trips for the year now.

You'll find information about upcoming hikes, fossil digs, holiday fireworks, re-enactments, historic home tours, music in the outdoors, special autumn family weekends and even a 500-mile bike ride.

But you don't have to wait for spring to enjoy these nearby travel destination; many are staging events you can enjoy now. For example, late February features the Indiana Art Fair at the State Museum (Feb. 22-23), and a maple syrup festival at Mansfield Mill (Feb. 23-24). In March, bird-related activities take center stage. Bluebird box-building workshops will be held at Spring Mill State Park (Feb. 13) and Brown County State Park (Feb. 15) and a beginning birding class will be offered at Fort Harrison State Park (Feb. 22). Of course, egg hunts for the kids will be held throughout March at various properties.

No matter what your interest, you'll find entertainment, adventure, relaxation and outdoor learning opportunities in any season. Many events are free with entrance gate admission. Some events include a fee to help cover the cost of materials and preparation.

For up-to-date information about the many other daily or weekly

programs, nature brochures and hours for state park and reservoirs interpretive centers, check the Web site listed above frequently. For information about events at state historic sites, visit IN.gov/ism.

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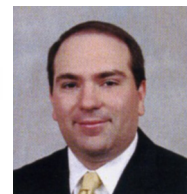
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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

HAPPY RABBIT TRAILS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
It has taken me years to find a simple morning meditation book that sets my mind on something to think about. As you all know I am such a SHE and if something seems too long I am not likely to take the time to read it. But I can do a couple of paragraphs. I also figured out when was the best time in my morning routine to piggyback this moment of thought.

I needed to do it before my day headed in many directions and while my mind was a blank page. This is why I keep my book in my bathroom. At this time of the morning there is no noise in my home other than a few barking puppies. I take the minute to find the silk ribbon marking my page, I open the book, I read the passage and then the rest of the time while I am in the bathroom I allow my mind to take the passage and run with it.

My mind never stops thinking about ways to help you in your quest for peace. Today's passage was about dusting, imagine that. Dusting is easy with a feather duster in hand. When we love the books we have collected. We can also get sidetracked while dusting. A book can take us away to another time and place. I love it.

My sweet darling loves his books and his morning paper. This holiday season there were a few missed deliveries of his morning paper. He seemed lost without it because it is part of his morning breakfast routine. He gets dressed, walks down our long driveway, plays with the neighborhood dogs, comes back home, our dogs smell him to see who he has petted and then fixes his coffee and breakfast. With everything arranged just to suit him he sits down to read his paper and eat his breakfast slowly. He doesn't know that I watch him. I really just stay out of his way and don't break his train of thought. I'll bet I could set a clock to his routine. This is what works for him. He even factors in extra time for when his drive is shorter. He loves his morning routine.

I have a different routine, but it is still a routine. Mine does not have to be like his to work for me. I don't read a newspaper. If there is something in there that he thinks I need to know he will fold the paper and leave it on my computer to get my attention. Robert starts every day sitting in a rocking chair that his aunt used to sit in and read to them when they were children while the adults would talk in the parlor. He has many fond memories of her stories. He has made himself a place in our home that is his reading/breakfast area. This rocking chair, small table with a drawer, a stack of three books and he sits in our picture window looking out over our front porch, pond and

birdfeeders. Shall I say perfect? Well to him is it just right!

He has his place in our home. His special place. I rarely sit in his rocker. I never put anything on his table. This is his area and I don't horn in.

Do you have a place in your home? That is yours. A place of peace to sit and have a cup of tea and read for a few minutes. A place for you to have the children at your feet as you read to them. Making memories and creating an aura of peace in your home with a simple routine can start your day off in a lovely way.

Don't you just love how my morning meditation weaves it rabbit trails.

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BEAT BOREDOM

The kids are home and cooped up in the house. Think you're going to lose it? Don't let the "I'm bored!" whine get the best of you and your family. Kids.gov provides a fun and educational outlet for hours of indoor amusement.

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Loaded with great tips, facts, projects, games, and exercises, there is always something new and exciting on Kids.gov. Consider it your escape route when the kids are inside and restless. Bewarned: it may be hard to pry them away once it's bedtime.

WORRY LESS ABOUT TAXES

(StatePoint) We all worry about keeping our tax bills down, going to great lengths to find every tax deduction and seeking out the maximum shelter from the taxman.

"I encourage people to organize their financial lives around building real net worth, not around paying the least amount of tax. Keep taxes in perspective—the more you pay means the more money you are making!" says Jim Bell, president of Bell Investment Advisors. "It's better to have a tax problem than a net worth problem."

Too many people focus too much on taxes and not enough on making as much money possible. It should be a game of net worth, say financial experts. Of course it's possible to invest wisely and keep your tax bill in mind, at the same time.

Here are some tips from the experts at Bell Investment Advisors to help maximize your financial future while keeping taxes in check:

- * Take advantage of tax-deferred retirement accounts like Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), and 401(k) plans. Many Americans invest in mutual funds, stocks and bonds through these types of retirement accounts. Profits are tax-deferred until the money is withdrawn when you're older and are taxed as ordinary income not as capital gains, typically saving you money.

- * If your employer offers to match your contributions to your 401(k) retirement account, contribute enough to receive the entire match allowed yearly.

- * Don't sell investments within 11 months when you could keep them for 12 months. After a year the profit you make is considered a long term gain which is taxed at a much lower rate than a short term gain.

- * We currently have one of the lowest long term capital gains rate in history. It may not last so take advantage of it. And capital gains taxes are getting even less burdensome for taxpayers in the two lowest income tax brackets, who will pay no capital gains taxes in 2008 through 2010. Many self-employed taxpayers and retirees, in particular, can benefit from this tax break.

- * Sell losers to offset gains. Investing involves risks, which inevitably create gains and losses. To offset taxes you will have to pay on the gains, sell the losing investments. Bell employs this methodology in taxable accounts. "An effective strategy for mitigating taxes is to keep an eye on

opportunities to harvest losses," he stresses.

- * Consider contributing the maximum allowed to your retirement savings account each year to reduce your taxable income. This strategy is especially effective for empty-nesters looking to replace tax deductions, since their children no longer can be claimed as dependents. The more you stash in your 401(k) means less for the IRS.

- * Give a gift! You and your spouse can give up to \$12,000 each to your kids or any other people you so desire, without paying taxes. Neither the giver nor the recipient has to pay taxes on the gift. And you and your spouse even can split gifts, meaning you can give a total of \$24,000 to each recipient, per year. This is a great way to transfer wealth to children and grandchildren.

"The bottom line is simple—focus on building net worth and spend less time worrying about taxes," says Bell.

To learn more about financial planning, visit www.bellinvest.com online.

KIDS & FRUITS & VEGGIES

(SPM Wire) Getting kids to eat healthfully is all about having the right foods available and making them fun and interesting.

Here are some tips from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control on how to get kids to eat more fruits and vegetables:

- * Keep a bowl of fresh fruits on the counter. Refrigerate cut up fruits and vegetables in small bags for easy snacks.

- * Serve fruits and vegetables at every meal. Add grated or cut vegetables into entrees, side dishes, and soups. Top off cereal with fruits or add frozen fruits to smoothies.

- * Set a good example. Snack on

fruit and order low-sodium, low-fat salads, soups, or vegetable sides when at restaurants.

- * Pack the refrigerator, freezer and cupboard with pre-cut, frozen and canned vegetables so it's easier to prepare meals and snacks that include vegetables.

- * Challenge family members to reach their daily fruits and vegetable goal. Reward the winner with a prize.

- * Ask that fruits and vegetables be offered at school functions, after school programs, and in vending machines.

- * Let children choose which fruits and vegetables to serve and how to incorporate them into their favorite meals.

- * Make them fun. Dress up sandwiches with faces and smiles made from fruits and vegetables.

- * Keep trying. For some foods, it may take multiple times before a child acquires a taste for it.

- * Encourage friends or relatives to offer vegetables and fruits to your children.

For more tips, visit www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov.

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Ole USA is bad. We are not good for the world. The world would be a better place if America did not exist. Those people make me sick.

America has a big job on her hands, folks. We have a lot of trouble all over the world. And even though we didn't cause the troubles we continue to try to help. For all of the reasons I have said before in this paper, we aren't perfect. We do make mistakes. But for me, I would rather have my country make mistakes in commission of solving problems, than make mistakes of omission and not even try. And I say this with emphasis.

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