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Thought for the Week: Please have a Very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your family time. ww



PETER PAN JR!

Performances are scheduled for November 27, 28, 29 & December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4:00 p.m. The theatre is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street in Warren. Reservations may be made online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at 260-375-7017.

This production is highly recommended for the entire family. Tickets are going fast, so reservations are recommended.

Pictured above are the Mermaids FRONT ROW (L-R) Hanna Surfus, Ella McIntosh, Ava DuBois; MIDDLE ROW (L-R) Izzy Harlan, Ella Hall, Addie Sabinske, Jaedin Bryan; TOP ROW (L-R) Emily Albertson, Ellie Stephenson. The mermaids are from Warren, Huntington, Bluffton, Andrews and Van Buren.

SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD SALAMONIE OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Warren Public Library Board Dec. 1st - Holiday shop opens has called a special meeting to Students be held at the Warren Public annual Library, 123 E. Third St. in Salamonie School Warren. The meeting will start Dec. 3rd – Holiday shop closes at 6 P.M. on November 30th.

Item to be discussed with be Remembrance Day voting for joining E-rate, Dec. 9th - Salamonie Singers creating a fund to house the E- trip to Heritage Pointe Chapel rate grant, and a timeline for Dec. 16 – Salamonie Singers entertained throughout the the 2016 service year.

SCHOOL **EVENTS**

will have discuss joining the statewide E- opportunity to purchase gifts for rate program. The meeting will their family members at the Holiday Shop

Dec. 7th - Pearl Harbor

will perform for students in the cafeteria

Dec. 16 – Salamonie Singers will perform for family & friends 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 – End of grading period Dec. 18 – Break begins!

SANTA'S SCHEDULE

Friday, November 27

6:00 pm - Santa arrives in a and wagon outfit decorated with Christmas finery in the center of Town, 132 N Nancy, escorted by the Warren Fire Department, to meet and greet children of all ages. Of course, a bit of candy helps the evening along.

6:15 - 6:30 pm Santa, using Christmas magic, oversees the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree and then invites everyone to proceed to the Knight Bergman Center for the rest of the evening.

6:30 - Santa meets and greets children for serious conversation about the items on their Christmas wish list seated in the auditorium of the Knight-Bergman Center. Drinks and cookies will be available to make the evening even better. Mom and Dad, Grandparents, and everyone else is invited to take a seat and visit and share refreshments while the children are ushered around by Santa's elves while taking care of their Christmas business.

Saturday, November 28

10 - Noon Knight-Bergman Center "Santa at the Center" -Children have another opportunity to meet and greet Santa, receive a small gift and share cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. Santa's elves help to ensure that every child is \bar{s}

MEMORIAL RIBBONS

Continuing a long standing tradition, the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce will once again be selling memorial bows to be placed on the Town of Warren Christmas Tree located at Town Hall. At the tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 27th, the bows serve as the only decoration other than lights. When purchased, the person(s) name or the name of the group being honored is written on each of the bows before being added to the tree. White bows are placed in honor of those deceased, red bows in honor of those living, and yellow bows for those who are serving or have served in the military. The bows, this year donated by The Flower Pot, may be purchased at Town Hall or at

The Flower Pot. They may also be ordered through the mail. The cost is \$2 each with the proceeds going toward maintaining and upgrading the Christmas Lighting displays in the Town. Orders may be remitted to Town of Warren, PO Box 477, Warren IN with checks made payable to the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

Huntington County Leadership Board of Directors and Purdue Extension are hosting the 2016 Huntington County Leadership Academy. The classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning Jan. 12,

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DIGITAL PLANETARIUM AT SALAMONIE

Region 8 Education Service Center has recently acquired a Digital Planetarium through a grant from Star Bank. Salamonie School was able to enjoy the planetarium on Monday. All the classrooms were able to view the constellations, moon and sun rotations, and heard about some of the mythological stories from the past. What a great experience for our students and staff members at Salamonie

In the picture are: Mrs. Brooks, 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Swaidner & Mrs. Warpup Kindergarten teachers along with their classes. Mrs. Brooks is explaining the planetarium.



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Kudos, Kicks & Karats

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

Well its my turn again. Moms doing a recharge and getting her decorations all up, so I figured I would take my turn before I get

started with all of my decorations.

Thanksgiving is here already and we know what follows that, the most wonderful time of the year!! Many of you know it is my favorite time of the year too. I don't know why but it just is. I think its all the decorating, all the good food, family and friends, but I really think I like the food the most. I am sure my hubby is terribly shocked I didn't say Christmas trees, so I will explain.

I have a terrible addiction to Christmas trees. I have a tree in every room of the house. Most of my trees are over 6ft but I do have smaller ones. My tree for the kitchen is a pencil tree that is decorated in gingerbread, my living room and entry hall are both well over 6 ft and I usually change them from year to year. Those trees are the ones that go to the Festival of Trees Uptown and at Heritage Pointe. My tree in our office is a Colts tree but only 3 ft tall. My laundry room is a half tree that hangs on the wall and I have it done in mittens. The bathroom is one of the smaller trees at about 3 ft. and it is done in purple and silver. Our bedroom is a newly decorated tree this year. I am working on burlap decorations for it in red, gold and a touch of the brown. I am kinda excited to see how it turns out. It is also a 6ft tree. Sometimes I put one up in the dining room but it is a table top tree with lighthouses on it. Even Tut my outside cat has a Christmas tree

So the story goes, John clearly informs me "if you bring one more tree home....." well lets just say he hasn't divorced me yet over the trees. He just makes it clear that "you will be putting them up without my help, but since you are putting up all those trees, I think I should get a present under each one!!" That's another story for later, because I am a practical gift giver, I only buy useful gifts.

Last year at Thanksgiving we did something a little different. Most of the family doesn't really care for turkey, so we decided to change it up a little. I decided to go with an Italian style menu. We did the spaghetti with Sicilian spaghetti sauce with fresh grated parmesan cheese, an Italian style tossed salad and bread sticks, and a cream cake and of course a selection of wine to drink. It was so much fun and very good food that we went with a German Christmas and my sister took on the fixing for that meal and of course it was a very good meal too. We even went as far as hiding the pickle in the tree.

This year we did a kinda traditional thanksgiving but I put the southern flare with it. Cajun turkey breast, and a slow baked ham, oyster dressing and cornbread dressing, seasoned green beans, sweet potato soufflé, homemade dinner rolls, pumpkin pie,

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BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35

Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

Service **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, 21/8 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 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST **CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

375-2510

Rev Mark Davis 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 9:00 a.m. Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm Fellowship 9:55a.m.

Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Chad Yoder 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

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 The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am

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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: (Start back up in the fall) K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

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 Sunday School9:30 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 Sunday Adult Bible Study...... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Classes will meet bi-weekly until May 31, 2016. All class sessions will be from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Purdue Extension Office located at 1340 South Jefferson Huntington.

enhance their leadership skills and use those skills to maintain and improve the quality of life in Huntington County. Students especially O negative, will learn to identify their own leadership style, to lead through interpersonal communication, to manage conflict, to serve on non-profit board, to build a healthy community and many other topics. The tuition fee is \$300 per student. For details about scholarship opportunities, e-mail Tabitha Brown Tabitha.brown@bendix.com.

academy are available online at www.huntingtoncountyleadersh Note that the ip.org. application deadline 12/29/15.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension Huntington County Office, 1340 South Jefferson St., Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

holiday season. the Red Cross urges American individuals to give something that means something - a blood platelet donation. This simple, potentially lifesaving act can give patients in need another holiday season with loved ones.

"During the winter months and especially around the holidays, donations tend decline," said Rodney Wilson,

communications manager of the Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "Long holiday weekends, like Thanksgiving, pose an extra challenge when many donors are traveling to be with family and friends. The Red Cross encourages people to The purpose and goal of this make an appointment to donate class is to help the participants blood or platelets and give a meaningful gift to a patient this holiday season – the gift of life."

Blood donors with all types, negative and A negative, are urged to give. Platelet donors and those with type AB blood are also continually needed. To encourage donations around Thanksgiving, those who come to give blood or platelets from Nov. 25-29 will receive a limited-edition Red Cross mixing spoon with recipes celebrity chefs John Besh, Applications for the 2016 Richard Blais, Rocco DiSpirito, Mike Isabella, Ellie Krieger and Ali Larter, while supplies last.

How to donate blood

To make an appointment, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can use RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from a computer or laptop. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to get started. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also

weight requirements.

Blood drive hosts needed

This time of year, there are also fewer blood drives on the calendar. Many sponsoring groups postpone blood drives while people are busy with holiday activities, and severe weather may cause scheduled blood drives to be canceled. With fewer opportunities for donors to give, the Red Cross typically experiences a seasonal decline in blood donations. Because more than 80 percent of blood donations are made at blood drives, organizations are needed to host blood drives this winter to help ensure sufficient supply blood for need. patients in More information on hosting a blood is available redcrossblood.org.

ANNUAL COOKIE/CANDY SALE

Huntington County Extension Homemakers are sponsoring their Annual "Holiday Cookies and Candy Sale" on Friday, Dec 4th at the NEW COURTHOUSE ANNEX located at 1350 S Jefferson St. next to Wertenberger Tire. Note the NEW LOCATION.

The sale begins at 9:00AM and goes till 12:30PM (no early sales please). This year we will have our popular "Tray of Cookies" available again. Only by preordering, you will be able to purchase a "Tray of Cookies".

These will include assortment of 3 doz cookies for \$13. These must be pre-ordered by Nov 22. Orders can be made by calling Earlynn Worster @

have to meet certain height and 260.359.6282 or Judy Lockwood @ 260.356.2184. The trays will be available for pick-up during the sale hours.

> same as years past. When you arrive, you are given a Styrofoam container allowed to choose the cookies work the same for buying the

Prices this year will be: Cookies/\$3.50 per dozen and Candy/\$4 per ½ lb. This year, proceeds will go to help defray medical expenses for Griffin Brundige. Griffin is a Junior at their violation. Huntington North and was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. His mom, Liz, works in the Extension office.

Extension Homemakers is a nonprofit group whose purpose is to reach out to all segments of society in an effort to nurture families and homes across the state with compassion and without prejudice. We teach basic life skills and develop partnerships with other groups and organizations.

VB COUNCIL

Wednesday evening, November 18, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

A citizen in attendance reported that a neighbor had moved their camper on the back of a trailer and parked it where it shut out the light from their window.

Another citizen in attendance asked about rules for putting up a privacy fence.

A citizen who expressed Our regular sale will work the concern at an earlier Council meeting about people loitering around the Library, said that the situation had improved.

Council passed Resolution 6you wish to purchase. It will 2015 for tax abatement for Modern Machine.

> Officer Pat Collins gave the police report. He reported he had sent two more letters for nuisance violators. They have ten days to comply. One had put up a privacy fence to hide

> One of the new reserve deputies is now in their 40 hour training.

> Council signed a contract with ABA for new curbs benefit the

> Donnie Plummer gave the Utility report. He said they plan to put up Christmas lights next

All meters had been read in November

Council approved a quote for replacing a blower at the wastewater plant. The bid of \$2,850 was from Republic Pneunauts.

Council approved water bill adjustments.

Council wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The next Council meeting will be December 2.

DOMINOS PLAY

There were six players in the October 31st domino tournament. Scores ranged from a low 30 for "Engineer" Ruble, "The Swede" Forsberg was 2nd with 33 points and won 6 individual games, "Sawdust" Minnich had 40 for the high point man, "Captain" Hall had 37. "Corncob" Hinton had 33 and "Farmer" Bonham had 31. We had 6 in the November 9th game with "Curly" as the winner with 22 points, "Captain" with 25, "Farmer" at 27, "Engineer" at 29, "Popcorn" with 34 and "Sawdust" high man again with 35 points.

November 18th saw 6 players again. This time "Sawdust was the winner with 27 points, "Curly" close behind with 28, "Corncob" in 3rd at 31, "Clancy" & "Engineer" tied for 4th with 35, and "Captain" high man with 46 total points. Curly" won the most games, and he let the rest of us win at least one game each, out of the goodness of his heart.

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.

Nov.26		THANKSGIVING
Dec.02	Noon	W-Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Dec.02	7p	V - Town Council Meeting
Dec.04	9- 12:30p	Htgn Co Extension Homemakers Cookie/Candy Sale At Huntington Courthouse Annex
Dec.14	5pm	W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
Dec.16	7p	V - Town Council meeting

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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FRIDAY POOL

There were 22 residents in the The Indiana Builders Association November 20th pool tourney. The winners were Norm Hiser and Kay Mounsey, with Herb Grover placing 2nd. The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room and residents are welcome to come and watch or play. There will be no tourney this week so you can with family, OR GO SHOPPING!!!

WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS

Ouabache State Park's annual "Wonderland of Lights" display will be open for public viewing Nov. 26-Dec. 20, every Friday through Sunday, and every night during Christmas week, Dec. 21-27.

Viewing of campground light displays will be available from 5:30-9 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite site.

Special readings of ""Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be held at Trails End Shelter, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 24, from 5:30-7

Entrance to Wonderland of Lights costs \$5 per car.

For more information, call (260) 824-0926.

CRAFT SHOW

The Craft Show Village at Van Cleve will be held December 5th. Doors open at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 503 East Van Cleve, Hartford City.

For more information call Debbie at 765.499.5163 or email joyblack2001@ gmail.com.

SHOP SMALL

(IBA) is encouraging Hoosiers to shop at small businesses on Saturday, Nov. 28 during Small and Dick Hinton Business Saturday.

> Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to strengthening the community by supporting local small businesses. Created by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday serves as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for small businesses across the U.S.

"The vast majority of IBA members are small business owners or employees of small businesses," said IBA President Linda Rogers. "Small businesses build a strong economy and strong communities. In fact, 15% of the U.S. economy relies on housing. A healthy housing industry means more jobs and a stronger economy."

IBA recognizes the importance of supporting small businesses, the jobs they help create and the culture they instill in local communities. According to the **Businesses** Small Administration, as of 2014. small businesses nationwide accounted for 63% of net new private-sector jobs created and represented 99.7% of all employer firms.

"Small Business Saturday provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of small businesses and their vital contributions to the economy, creation and communities," said Rogers. "Shopping at small businesses can help keep the money you spend in the place you call

Merchants and consumers can the learn more about Small Business Saturday and how to get involved by visiting ShopSmall.com and the official Small **Business** Saturday Facebook page.

STUFF A STOCKING

Give the outdoor lovers on your list the gift of Indiana's state and state recreation areas, state park inns and Outdoor Indiana magazine, all in one bargain package, without ever leaving your home. The \$99 State Park Holiday Gift Pack includes a 2016 resident Annual Entrance Permit, an Indiana State Park Inns gift card worth \$65, a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, and a 2016 Outdoor Indiana full-color calendar. New this year is an option for those 65 years and older, which costs \$89. A non-resident option is also available for \$119.

The buyer of the standard \$99 deal saves \$31 over the regular price of the items purchased separately.

Choosing the upgrade option of a \$134 State Park Holiday Gift Pack upgrades your \$99 State Park Holiday Gift Pack to include a \$100 Indiana State Park Inns gift certificate. The option for those age 65 and older costs

Inns gift certificates can be used for lodging, dining and souvenirs.

Order at InnsGifts.com. Orders ship within three to five business days. Orders received by Dec. 9 will ship by Dec. 16 or earlier. The offer is available through

Indiana has 32 state park properties throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for one carload to all of 2016 for all state parks and reservoirs operated by the DNR Division of State Parks. The DNR annual entrance pass is also honored at

three state forest recreation areas that have gates (Deam Lake, Starve Hollow and Ferdinand State Forest).

The gift card can be used at any of seven state park inns lodging facilities, as well as the award-winning Pete Dyedesigned golf course at Fort Harrison State Park Indianapolis.

Outdoor Indiana is a bi-monthly magazine that brings you the best of the state's outdoors in 48 pages of full color.

AVOIDING THE "HELICOPTER PARENT" TRAP

from the American **Counseling Association** As parents we all want our children to be safe and happy. It's a natural reaction built into our genes ever since our cave man ancestors had to protect the young ones or the odds were good that the kids simply wouldn't survive.

as frightening and dangerous, but our offspring still need a lot of care and attention, especially as babies. That's a time when "helicopter parenting," hovering over virtually every aspect of a child's life, makes The problem comes when that desire to always be there protecting and helping goes on too long.

It's difficult for parents to accept that sometimes children actually need to make bad decisions, to learn from natural consequences and possibly to just flat out fail. As a parent, you're all too aware of the mistakes your child may be heading for and the temptation is almost always to want to jump in, to stop the bad things from happening and to help your child avoid problems.

Yes, parents do need to help keep truly dire consequences

from occurring ("No, taking a loaded gun for show and tell is not a good idea!"), but you also want to encourage your children's natural growth and independence by letting them learn on their own. Your staying up all night doing that school project does not help him or her prepare for the future.

Children with overly protective parents often have trouble making their own decisions because they know Mom or Dad is always there to point the way. Kids who have been constantly helicoptered may also end up rebelling strongly as their desire for independence grows.

Stopping yourself from being a helicopter parent can feel difficult, but it's important for healthy development children have space to make their own decisions, good or Yes, you can talk your children through their dilemmas and help them find solutions, but it isn't your job to find the solutions for them.

Help vour children build Today's world usually isn't quite independence and confidence by encouraging them to try new things, even things that may scare them a bit. sympathy and understanding when something goes wrong, but don't always jump in to make it right. When a child is allowed to face possible failure, and sometimes to experience it, he or she is learning valuable lessons about growing up.

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"An Afternoon that Seemed to Stretch Forever," that was the title of a magazine article I didn't have time to read, but wished I did. I was just too busy. Still the idea haunted me throughout my hectic day and on into the packed weekend.

"Don't you just love this sentence," I asked my friend as we put the lids on the last canning jars of applesauce. "An afternoon that seemed to stretch forever."

of an afternoon you're having!" (She'd just spent a nerve fraying, toxic weekend camping out in a leaky tent with a wild toddler and two cranky teenaged pubicydes belonging to her husband's relative.)

I hadn't even thought about how awful it is when a lousy day drags on and on. Since I laid eyes on the words, my brain had been creating for me a perfect, November afternoon. It would season.

start the day before. Everything would be done that had to be; the laundry hampers and ironing basket would be empty so that everybody would have stuff in their closet to choose from to wear the next morning to church. Nobody would need to hunt for a thing, and just knowing that, would ensure a good night's sleep. (Looking good would also ward off an intransit church fight. Instead of being mean to each other in the car on the way to the sanctuary, each one would be part of a carload of kind spirits on their way to celebrate the Sabbath!)

The house would be clean, but comfortable. The floors would shine and the oven wouldn't

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smoke and stink when it was time to use it. The refrigerator would be fully stocked so that having to run to the store on Sunday for something for a recipe would simply not happen. The pantry would be practically spilling over with the bounty of the season's harvest. Since everything in there would be delicious anyway, the biggest decision would be what to choose. And choosing would be like being a chef in a four-star restaurant. The menu would be planned in vivid color and with "That all depends on what kind the list of ingredients accounted for; a bit of preliminary chopping, peeling, pitting and

paring would make things run

smoothly in the kitchen when it

came time to start the dinner.

The dinner would be fit for company, but fixed just for the family. The last of the autumn chrysanthemums from the garden would take their place of honor at the dining room table, waiting to greet the family when everyone sat down be an old-fashioned Sunday that together for the perfect oldwould capture the soul of the fashioned Sunday dinner. At the table, there would definitely be Actually, the perfect day would a roast with heaps of fluffy mashed potatoes and a gravy pitcher of wonderful gravy! There would also be a freezer of homemade ice cream that each one in the family had taken a crank at.

> After everyone was stuffed and said so, the table would be cleared and the happy people who had gathered together to share the meal would casually separate and move to other parts of the house. Some would

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GENEALOGY REPORT

FISHER

Dr. Walter Earl "Wally" Fisher, 87, of Heritage Pointe, in Warren, IN, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, at 5 p.m. at Heritage Pointe.

Dr. Fisher, a former resident of Hartford City, worked as an engineer for the State of Illinois Highway Bridge Office; for the United States Air Force, in Albuquerque, NM; for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Cincinnati, OH, and in Champaign, IL; and at China Lake Navy Base, in California, where he retired in 1990. He moved to Hartford City in 1991. He earned bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in civil

engineering from the University of Illinois. He had served as a scoutmaster and was a deacon at the First Baptist Church, in Champaign, IL, for several

He was born Oct. 9, 1928, in Chicago, IL, to Walter H. and Lillian Jenner Fisher. He married Rosalie Beale on March 21, 1953, in Springfield, IL, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Forrest (Debbie) Fisher, of Wilsonville, OR, and Leonard (Beth) Fisher, Upland; and four grandchildren, Stephanie, Melody, Jacob and

Calling and services will be private. Burial will be at Jefferson Cemetery, in Upland.

Jones-Smith Funeral Home, Upland, is in charge arrangements.

GRESSLEY

Dean A. Gressley, 95, of Huntington, IN. died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, at 10:09 a.m. at the Visiting Nurse Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gressley graduated from Huntington Township High School in 1938 and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired from Kaiser Ag Chemical, in Markle, and had also worked for Hunckler Products, Simpson Grain, Wabash Magnetics and John Deere, in Huntington. He served as sexton of St. Peter's First Community Cemetery for several years.

He was a member of St. Peter's First Community Church, in Huntington, for more than 67 years and bowled on the church bowling team for more than 60 years. He was a 20-year member and past president of the former Exchange Club, in Huntington. He was a member of the National Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 160, in Roanoke.

He was born April 13, 1920, in Huntington to Walter J. and Lena Gailbreth Gressley. He married Barbara Dumbauld on June 27, 1948, in Huntington, and she preceded him in death in December of 2005.

Survivors include a daughter, Denise (Pat) Alles, of Roanoke; a son, Kent (Crystal) Gressley, of Van Buren; two brothers, Kenny Gressley, of Columbia City, and Jerry Gressley, of Andrews; two JoAnn Garver, of Youngstown, OH; and Ruth Ann of Auburn; nine Griffie, grandchildren, Erin K. Working, Megan D. Anderson, Honesty Sorlie, Danielle VanLandingham, Nicholas A. Alles, Ethan A.R. Gressley, Seth

A.R. Gressley, Mollee K.M. Gressley Abbie M.M. and Gressley; and 17 great grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a service following at 11 a.m., at St. Peter's Community Church, Huntington. Rev. Raymond Scribner and Rev. Richard Strick will officiate. Burial will be at St. Peter's First Community Cemetery, in Huntington, with military rites conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689, of Huntington.

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watch the football game, some Department would play cards, others would go for an after dinner stroll. But everybody would be cozy and contented and each one would wish that the old-fashioned Wherever." Sunday afternoon would stretch forever.

This article was written 23 years ago, but it's still a dream that's stayed in my head and it never happened in real life. If you're in the middle of raising a family, just enjoy it, in spite of the mess it's in (even the intransit church fights). This whole life thing is a miracle, so don't Wherever." miss it waiting for some perfect day.

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

HOOSIERS URGED TO BE "READY: WHENEVER. WHEREVER."

Public Service Campaign Encourages Reasonable Awareness and a Plan for Action in the Event of an Emergency

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana of Homeland Security (IDHS) is announcing its campaign: "Ready: Whenever. Wherever."

The "Ready: Whenever. campaign is a continuation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign, which asks the public to be on the lookout for perpetrators of any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

The "Ready: Whenever. campaign recognizes that violent acts and dangerous events can occur anywhere, anytime often with little to no warning. With increased security concerns at the local, state and national levels, IDHS is encouraging

"Discussion, preparation and order, all from a reformed practice allows you and your family to stay calm in the event of an emergency, whether evacuation from a fire, or faced with threatening or violent behavior," said John Erickson with the IDHS. "This campaign is meant to help empower Hoosiers to live without fear and continue attending events and activities according to their comfort level."

The "Ready: Whenever. the approach Wherever." Hoosiers to pause and consider potential safety risks in their surroundings and to identify possible actions they could take to increase their personal safety in the event of an emergency. For example, Hoosiers should:

- Think about different scenarios that could encountered in public settings.
- Consider what defensive violent behavior and to report actions would be appropriate for oneself and one's family.
 - Mentally or actively rehearse actions.
 - · Identify the emergency exits safety barriers upon entering a building.
 - Maintain awareness of other and people developing situations in the surrounding

"We each choose the best way to live our lives, and the safety of our loved ones is paramount," Erickson said.

Indiana residents are encouraged to consider how "Ready: Whenever. Wherever." fits in their homes and communities by talking with family, friends and work colleagues.

For more information, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINTS

Find something on everyone's wish list

(Family Features) No matter who you're buying for this holiday season, your shopping list is sure to be long and complex. Simplify it with these holiday hints, which feature something for everyone on the list. From gifts that keep on giving, month after month, or

handheld latest in functionality to a stylish classic and tasty treats both sweet and rich in flavor, this guide has you covered - right down to shipping your gifts to their intended recipients.

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SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

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(Family Features) The true spirit of the holiday season is giving back to those in need, and there are many ways to get involved in your local community to make a difference. Best of all, the holidays serve as a great time to teach children about the importance of giving back and how far small acts of kindness can go. To get started, here are some ideas that are easy to put into action this year:

Give Back By Writing a Letter -As part of Macy's annual Believe campaign, you can bring stamped letters to Santa to your local store and drop them in the big red letterbox, or send a letter to digitally through Santa macys.com/believe. For each letter collected in stores and online until Dec. 24, Macy's will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish, up to \$1 million, to help grant the wishes of children with lifethreatening medical conditions. The retailer has raised \$90 million for Make-A-Wish since 2003, with \$10.8 million donated over the last seven years through the iconic letter writing campaign. Dedicate an afternoon to writing letters and then make a family trip to the store to drop them off.

Give Back By Starting a New Tradition - Generosity comes in many forms and there are numerous ways to embrace the season of giving. Start by taking a family poll of what give back projects you'd like to get involved in this holiday. From there, you can do research to find out what existing events and initiatives are happening in your community that match your interest areas. Activities could include adopting a family to fulfill wish lists, making cards for hospital patients, participating in clothing drives, volunteering at an animal shelter or taking part in random acts of kindness, such as delivering a care package to an elderly neighbor.

Give Back By Playing Interactive Games - This year, a new element launches as part of the Believe campaign - the Wish Writer stylus and app. Available at Macy's stores and online, the stylus is a new way for children to play interactive games and write magical letters to Santa. Designed to teach children about kindness and generosity during the holiday season, Wish Writer users can play a series of games and earn rewards for good

deeds. In true giving spirit, \$1 from each stylus purchase (retail \$14.99) will benefit Make-A-Wish. The stylus will also come to life in a heartwarming film featuring a little girl and her brother as they discover how a little kindness during the holiday season can go a long way.

Above all, the holidays are a time to reflect, help others and give thanks. To learn more about Macy's Believe campaign and watch the Wish Writer film, visit macys.com/believe.

Now is the Time to Winterize Your Deck

(Family Features) As the leaves begin to fall and change color and cooler weather begins to take over, it's time to start thinking about winterizing your outdoor space. While your deck receives a lot of use during the summer with foot traffic, summer storms, scorching heat and high humidity, fall and winter bring in a whole other slew of wearing elements.

With snow, ice and wet slush that sits on the wood until it melts and a lack of sunlight that increases drying time, your deck is going to need some pampering and now is the perfect time to get started.

With these simple yet effective tips from the experts at Wood. It's Real., you can have your deck ready for the harsh winter elements in no time:

* Pack it up. Now is the time to do some seasonal de-cluttering. Store items such as planters, which can cause decay and discoloration to your decking if they sit out all winter. Also put away furniture and cushions you

deeds. In true giving spirit, \$1 don't expect to use until warmer from each stylus purchase (retail weather returns.

- * Clean it. Use a power washer to remove accumulated dirt and any signs of staining or damage, such as mildew. Remember that cleaning isn't just about appearance, it's also about protecting the woodwork, so be sure to wash both the top and bottom of the deck.
- * Inspect and repair it. Inspect your deck for signs of wear and tear from the warmer months and make any necessary repairs or upgrades. If your deck falls into disrepair, replace boards or the entire deck using Southern Yellow Pine, which is costeffective, high-quality environmentally friendly. Southern Yellow Pine resists the aging process better than most wood and has a slightly porous surface that eagerly accepts any color of stain you want to apply.
- * Protect it. You can easily test whether it's time to add a protective coating to your deck by checking whether water beads or soaks into the wood. You may be able to spot treat with waterproofing or stain by sanding the affected areas and reapplying. However, if the problem area is widespread or you can't remember the last time you stained waterproofed the entire deck, it's probably time to do it again.
- * Maintain it. Shovel snow regularly using a plastic shovel; metal shovels can ding and gouge wood. Use sand rather than salt or ice melt products that can harm the surface of your deck and be sure to brush of any excess when the weather clears.

Find more tips to help get your deck winter-ready at wooditsreal.com.

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cranberry salad, persimmon bread, sugar cream pie. All really good food, even though it was turkey.

Kendra, my daughter, is in charge of Christmas dinner this year at her new house. It will be just us four and mom. My sister is going to see her grandkids in Florida so she will not be there. So its hard telling what Kendra's got in store for us, if its a pizza party so it be.

You know, its not about the food we serve or the decoration and gifts we get, its about being together with family and the true meaning of why we celebrate these two holidays. We as a family like to go all out on these two holidays but the true meaning is to be thankful for all our blessings we have received and to our savior, Jesus Christ.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and may the Christmas season be one that memories are made of for your family

Peace and Love To All!

THANK YOU!

From the bottom of our very grateful hearts we would like to thank those who helped make the 2015 Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees a success!! It certainly would not have been possible without the support and participation of each of the 33 businesses who opened their doors, offered goodies and welcomed customers in; along with the 25 groups/individuals who decorated trees helping to make our downtown Historic Warren a special place to do business!

A special thanks to Brady Smekens for design and printing of posters and maps, Jeff Souder for getting the outdoor trees in the pots downtown, Crumbs Bakery & Jessica Sunderman for donating & decorating the tree voting boxes and Marcy & Lee from the Town Office for all your help!

We also had a number of volunteers who gave of their time Friday evening to help where it was needed--Thank You--Jane Vickrey, Sarah Jones, Erin White, Angie Elzroth, Beth Thompson, Jane, LeighAnn & Lauren Trickle and Sydney Smekens. To anyone we may have forgotten to name, please know we thank you for everything that you did! We look forward to seeing everyone next year for another fun night!

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