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*Thought for the Week:* You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take. Wayne Gretzky



## OPENS THIS WEEKEND

Elf, Jr. opens this weekend and runs for three weeks. Lots of Christmas chaos with 32 youth (age 7-18), their parents decorating the lobby with more lights than I thought humanly possible and tech crew performing miracles. Here is a photo of Buddy and the elves. More pictures will be coming in the next few weeks.

PHOTO: Front Row (L-R): Abigail Drummond, Taylor Rogers, Thom Greving, Ella McIntosh, Ava DuBois  
Back Row (L-R): Megan Gilleand, Ellie Stephenson, Mya DuBois, Jackson Barlow, Cana DuBois

Performances are scheduled for December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. 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 4:00p.m. The theatre is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street in Warren. Reservations may be made online at [www.pulseoperahouse.org](http://www.pulseoperahouse.org) or by leaving a message at 260-375-7017.

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Heritage Pointe of Warren invites you to their 6th Annual Festival of Trees to be held on Friday December 1st and 2nd. The hours for the show is 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. The trees will be on display in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe.

This year's theme is "Right Down Santa Claus Lane" and Santa Claus will make an appearance on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. to get your last minute Christmas wish list. Mrs Claus will be baking cookies all day along and will be serving hot cocoa.

The head elf, Sugar Plum, will also be with Santa and Mrs. Claus to assist with all the festivities.

## FREE SOUP SUPPER

Come out to the Warren Sportsman's Club on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00-7:00. We will be serving at least 8 different kinds of soup and plenty of great desserts. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. All items and money donated will be given to the Bread of Life Food Pantry to help local families in need.

We hope to see everyone at the Sportsman's Club on Wednesday, December 6th.

We will be serving from 5:00-7:00.

Thanks for supporting the Warren Sportsman's Club.

## SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Wells County 4-H will host a 4-H Scholarship Workshop on Monday, December 4, 7:00-8:00 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton. The event is open to any 4-H youth and adults interested in learning more about the 4-H scholarship opportunities.

Information and tips will be shared about the 4-H Senior Scholarship, 4-H Club Scholarship, and the Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Resume Scholarship.

Families not able to attend the event may pick up the printed materials after December 4th at the Purdue Extension Office, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

All forms are available through a link at [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells). Application forms must be saved to a word document, filled out, completed and then uploaded in PDF form into the 4-H Online enrollment system. Application forms must be entered no later than January 25, 2018.

For more information about the 4-H scholarships, call 260-824-6412.

## FARMERS' ALMANAC 2018

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2018 Farmers Almanac available. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions. Best of all, it is FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

## AT THE LIBRARY

The following items were recently added to the Warren Public Library collection for your enjoyment:

ADULT FICTION: Patterson-The People VS. Alex Cross; Clark-Every Breath You Take; Weir-Artemis; Berg-The Story of Arthur Truluv; Bradford-Secrets of Cavendon; Dailey-Refuge Cove; Cameron-Tom Clancy: Power and Empire; Steel-Past Perfect; Michaels-Holly and Ivy; Macomber-Merry and Bright (Large

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## Second Sunday Market this Sunday at KBC 9a to 3p



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## Kudos, Kicks & Karats

### STAYING IN CONTROL OF THE HOLIDAYS

from the American Counseling Association  
 Yes, you made it through Thanksgiving and only feel slightly guilty about that third helping of dessert. But hang on, the real temptations of the holiday season are still in front of you.

Of course, the odds are pretty good you'll survive the holiday season (unless you drink and drive, but more on that later), but how about a goal this year of successfully being in charge of yourself during the holidays, in charge in a way that lets you enjoy the holidays without feeling tired, overweight and guilty when the second of January rolls around?

One starting point to making the holiday season more manageable is simply to do some planning. If this is a season of gift buying for your family, start making lists now of what things will do the job and keep you within an affordable budget. Holiday gift giving can be fun and exciting. January credit card bills can only be depressing, especially if December spending was all last minute impulse buying. And yes, homemade gifts, or truly thoughtful gifts, are always what will be the most appreciated, and usually won't break the bank.

How about not letting holiday overeating this year be another source of guilt when you step on that scale in January? Most of us will face multiple temptation opportunities from office parties to visits with friends to family gatherings. Each event will usually offer plenty of chances to consume too many high-calorie treats. Should you avoid all the parties and those food temptations? Nope. That will just leave you feeling deprived and unhappy. Instead, enjoy all your favorite things, but do so slowly and in moderation. The main thing is to make sure you're in control. One serving of holiday dessert is lovely, but two or three means the party is in control of you.

And speaking of staying in control, the place it matters most is holiday drinking. One drink too many has led to countless DUI tickets, serious accidents, or even just a career disaster thanks to what was said or done at that office party. Especially if you're normally a non- or very light drinker, don't let the holiday spirits do you in. Soft drinks, a wine spritzer, or just one drink slowly enjoyed throughout the party are all good choices compared to over-indulging.

Enjoying the holiday season while staying in control is a nice formula for a good time without January regrets.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

#### ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

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

#### BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8294S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.

#### BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heining, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

#### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

#### HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —

**5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship

#### DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

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

#### HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

#### THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

#### HERITAGE POINTE

Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

#### HILLCREST

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
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[www.hillcrestnazchurch.org](http://www.hillcrestnazchurch.org)  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

#### SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

#### LANCASTER WESLEYAN

3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday:

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

#### Aaron Westfall, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.  
 Monthly Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm

#### LIBERTY CENTER

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Daniel Schreck  
 Assoc. Pastor Diane Samuels  
 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

#### McNATT UNITED METHODIST

375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Nick Miller, Youth & Family Pastor  
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

#### MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45-11:30a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Come as you are for all services

#### PLUM TREE

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691  
 Jill Miller, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.

#### SALAMONIE

#### CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor  
 Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

#### VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431  
 Pastor Cindy Osgood  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://www.vanburenumc.org)

#### WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth:

K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm

#### WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Pator Rusty Strickler  
 Youth Directors  
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship .....10:00 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 School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
 Youth Group .....6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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# AREA NEWS

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Print); Evans-The Noel Diary; Miller-A Snow Country Christmas; Hilderbrand-Winter Solstice

**ADULT NON-FICTION:**  
Fodor's The Carolinas & Georgia

**CDs:** Stefani-You Make Me Feel Like Christmas; Now That's What I Call Merry Christmas; Kidz Bop Christmas

**CHILDREN'S:** Polinsky-Yo-Yo Maker: Pedro Flores; Polinsky-Pokemon Designer-Satoshi Tajiri; Polinsky-Mr. Potato Head Inventor: George Lerner; Polinsky-Monopoly Mastermind: Charles B. Darrow; Polinsky-American Girl Entrepreneur: Pleasant Rowland; Hannigan-Dirt+Water=Mud

**DVDs:** Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature; The Glass Castle; Brigsby Bear; Deep; Leap!; The Lion King 2: Simba's Pride

**SPORTS REPORT**

Congratulations to the winners of the weekly Pool Tournament at Heritage Pointe. Winners for the week of November 24 were Bud Purdom and Mel Dooley.

Runners-up were Bob Slusser and Glyde Griffith. Great job guys. There were 14 players this week. Good luck to all for next week.

Wi-Fi bowling started again this week. The winners were Bud Lee with a 169, Floyd Minnich with a 161, Dick Lintner with a 160 and Mary Dungan with a 135.

Good job guys and gals. Watch for results next week.

**TREE PRUNING WITH A PURPOSE**

Fall is a great time to be outside admiring the trees in our landscapes. We take stock of which trees are looking good and which seem to need a little help. If we discover trees that look like they've seen better days, we instantly want to solve the problem. It is natural to want to do something to help a plant – prune it, fertilize it, polish it – we can't help wanting to touch it in some way.

One basic housekeeping chore that might help a struggling tree would be pruning. Pruning is an oft-needed maintenance treatment for good tree health and safety, but pruning without a good reason is not good tree care practice. Pruning just because your neighbor is doing it may not be beneficial for the tree, and could result in too much live tree tissue being removed. This can cause the tree to become stressed, and perhaps decline. In the fall, limit the amount of live tissue being removed and focus mainly on removing dead or broken branches.

In fact, industry tree pruning standards (ANSI A300) say no more than 25 percent of a tree's foliage should be removed in a single growing season. If the tree is of a species that cannot tolerate a lot of pruning, even less should be removed.

When determining how much pruning your tree can

tolerate, a qualified arborist may consider if the tree:

- is healthy
- is still growing rapidly or has matured and slowed its growth
- had its roots severed or damaged recently or in the past suffers from disease
- is a species tolerant of heavy pruning

"All that said, fall is a good time to evaluate a tree to plan future pruning that may be needed to meet certain tree health goals," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP\* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association.

A qualified arborist will work with you to set an objective for the pruning job (i.e., what you want accomplished when the work is done). Pruning objectives usually include one or more of the following:

- reduce risk of damage to people or property
- manage tree health and direction of growth
- provide clearance for vehicles or roadways
- improve tree structure
- increase or improve aesthetics
- restore shape

"Once tree pruning objectives are established, the arborist can provide specific details on how your trees could be pruned to get

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**CHILI COOK-OFF**

Thank you to the Chili Cookoff participants and the fantastic crowd for donating to great causes!

\$200 was donated to "The Way", Warren Area Youth. \$242 was donated to WAMA, Warren Area Ministerial Association. Thank you for giving back to our Community!

Pictured above: Solid Rock's Pastor Paul, Chili Cookoff chairperson, donating to Pastor Alan representing The Way & WAMA.

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**Community Calendar**

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

Dec 3	9-3p	Second Sunday Market @ KBC
Dec 4	5:00p	Veteran's Banquet @ Banquo Christian Church
Dec 6	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ Assembly Hall
Dec 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Dec 8	9-1p	Holiday Cookies, Candy & Craft Sale, iAB Heritage Hall/ Htgn Co Fairgrounds
Dec 11	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Dec 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Dec 20	7:00p	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](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)

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the desired result," says Andersen.

The pruning process can be overwhelming to those not familiar with the pruning of shade and ornamental trees. A qualified tree care expert trained in tree and woody plant health care can answer your questions, as well as help you with your tree-pruning goals. Make sure to ask for tree pruning to be done according to ANSI A300 standards, the generally accepted industry standards for tree care practices.

Find a Professional  
A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best care for your trees. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. TCIA has more than 2,300 member tree care firms and affiliated companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and

quality in business practices. For more, visit [www.tcia.org](http://www.tcia.org) or [www.treecaretips.org](http://www.treecaretips.org).

An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on [www.treecaretips.org](http://www.treecaretips.org).

\*Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Treecare Safety Professional

### Cozy Up!

If you're a cozy person, you probably love being inside in stormy weather. Now that winter is here, do you get the urge to cozy-up the place? Webster defines cozy as: enjoying warmth and ease, marked by the intimacy of family or a close group. It takes a warm and easy person to make a home comfortable. In every warm and comfortable home, you'll find a happy family.

When I was growing up, our house was always cozy, but as the holidays came closer, the coziness factor seemed to rise. Do you think it could be genetic? If it is, I got my cozy gene from Mom who got hers from Granny.

Every home that Granny made was warm and comfortable. Three of her homes that I can recall, were only two rooms. I remember one winter, Mom, Dad, my baby sister Peggy and I, had

to live with Granny and Grampa for more than a week. The Northwest experienced what they call a Silver Thaw. I think I understand what happens when one hits. First of all, the air nearer to the ground is below freezing and the air a little higher up is above freezing everything, turning the landscape into a sugary, slippery wonderland.

Before the Silver Thaw, it had snowed about six inches. When the ice storm hit, it covered the snow with such a thick layer of ice that we could walk across the snow and not crunch through. The ice collected enough to pull huge trees over. Power lines were powerless to escape the accumulation of the frozen water and electricity was cut off for more than a week. That's why we went to Granny's. Our home was all electric. Granny had a wood stove.

Although I can't remember the details of our stay that winter, I can still recall how thankful we all were to be warm and together, with plenty to eat. When the Silver Thaw melted, we went back to the convenience of an all-electric home. Granny stayed in that house with just a wood stove for many years and when she and our grandpa moved to another two roomer, it too had just a wood stove for heat and cooking.

Granny's coziness could be attributed to three things; simplicity, cheerfulness and gratitude. Her life was very simple. She didn't have much in the way of material goods. Three of her most valuable possessions were a bottle of ink, a fountain pen and pretty stationery. She possessed the most beautiful penmanship I've ever seen.

Her cheerfulness was undeniable. (I inherited her ability to be easily amused.) Granny got such a kick out of little things. She loved nature, animals and plants. She had a prized collection of fourleaf clovers. She liked to press pretty leaves in books Grandpa read and watch spiders spin their webs. She loved to walk.

Her thankfulness was profound. She actually seemed wealthy by her praise and gratitude for life. Anyone who didn't know her, could easily have felt sorry for her. After all, she was poor. Self-pity was not in Granny's vocabulary.

It's easy to feel cozy when I think about Granny. Although she didn't leave a very big mark on the world, she certainly left one on my heart. She died in 1976, but as the holidays approach, her memory becomes bright along with my desire for simplicity, joy and gratitude. Happy cozy to all the Grannies in the world.

Now let's cozy up! Get out your warm, cozy pajamas and robe. If you have a fireplace and it's getting cold outside, build a nice crackling fire. I'm going to go make a stew in my slow cooker.

For more from Pam Young, go to [www.cluborganized.com](http://www.cluborganized.com). You'll find many musings,

videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view. All Pam's books are available on Amazon.

### MULE KICK A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

A woman watched as her husband put new horseshoes on a rather ill-tempered mule.

That mule hauled off and kicked the man, sending him rolling across the barnyard.

The frightened wife quickly grabbed the phone and called the doctor.

"Come quick," she screamed into the phone. "The mule has kicked my husband."

"Calm down, ma'am," the doctor said. "Tell me where the mule kicked him."

"From the barn about half way over to the corn crib," she said.

Mules have proven they can be troublesome, dating back to biblical times. You may remember that King David's son, Absalom, was once riding a mule that took him under the thick branches of an oak tree. Absalom's head caught in the oak, and he was left hanging as the mule kept going.

A rebellious young man, Absalom had tried to overthrow his father as King. When his plan fell apart, he was riding fast, in a hurry to get away. Absalom is proof positive that, when we're speeding in the wrong direction, we can get ourselves into some serious

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## GENEALOGY

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trouble. It tends to be the fleshly nature of man to go the wrong way, as Absalom did.

The good news is that when people come to the realization that they've gotten nothing but complications, heartaches, sorrows and guilt on the paths they've chosen, they have a true friend ready to come alongside

them. His name is Jesus, and He will put us on a straight and narrow road that leads to Heaven. He also will minister to the hurts we accumulate while on the broad way that leads to destruction.

Jesus says "come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

No one knows better than Jesus that life on this earth can be difficult. He spent about 34 years here doing good, and ultimately was arrested, put through a mockery of a trial, beaten with a whip until his flesh was so torn and bloody that he was unrecognizable, then nailed on a cross where he died a tortured death.

"Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted" (Isaiah 53:4).

When we feel like we've had just about all we can

take, when we're tired and worn out and feel we can't take another step, aren't you glad we can look to Jesus, the one who loves us with a love beyond measure?

When we feel like we've been kicked around in this world, worse than what the mule did to that woman's husband, just know that Jesus is there, ready to pick us up.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at [rogeralford1@gmail.com](mailto:rogeralford1@gmail.com).

### THROW A HOLIDAY PARTY LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

(BPT) - As much as holidays are about tradition, many have an insatiable drive to outdo the festivities of years past and make this holiday season the most memorable yet.

How can you outshine yourself this holiday season? The answer is simple: Think big. Don't be confined to the party supplies you have around your house; stretch out and rent equipment like professional party planners use.

Here are some ideas to jump-start your holiday party planning.

1. Serve your food the right way. Preparing a holiday meal is a labor of love, but even for small gatherings, it can be a real challenge to make sure that delicious food stays warm and is served at its optimal temperature. Renting chafing dishes for main courses and hors d'oeuvres can ensure that the temperature and flavor of your food stays just right and that those masterpieces you cook up taste better than ever.

2. Add some smoke, snow or bubbles. Whether you want to bring some snow to a Christmas party or some cool smoke and fog effects to ring in the new year, renting a snow or smoke machine can create a party atmosphere like none other.

3. Drink in style. To throw a truly stellar holiday party, there are some items you must have. On the top of many people's list is a full-service bar. If you don't have a built-in bar in your home or party venue, you're in luck. Why? Because you'll have more options to choose from when you decide to rent one. Whether it's an illuminated bar, modernist style or a classic stone-top design, renting a portable bar to fit your party is key.

4. Fountains of deliciousness. To really go all out, you need to think bigger. You need to plan as though you were throwing an A-list celebrity party. Renting a champagne or chocolate fountain is a sure way to do this. A perfect blend of luxury and deliciousness, a fountain will leave guests talking about that tumbling tower of liquid chocolate or bubbling champagne for years to come.

5. Focus on the details. For many holiday get-togethers, it's all about having the right plates and serving ware. For a reasonable price, you can easily rent fine china and exquisite glassware that will wow your guests. Best of all, you won't have to spend a fortune on items you only use a couple of times a year!

Visit [www.RentalHQ.com](http://www.RentalHQ.com) for more holiday party ideas.

### PEARSON

Lee A. Pearson, 60, of Liberty Center, passed away on the morning of Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at the Markle Health & Rehabilitation Center.

He was born June 16, 1957, in Bluffton, to Alfred L. Pearson and Colleen M. Huss Pearson. Lee was a 1975 graduate of Bluffton High School. He was employed at the Indiana Department of Transportation. He enjoyed baseball, softball, and hunting. He enjoyed friends and family and loved his little town of Liberty Center.

He is survived by his brothers, Tony Pearson of Fort Wayne and Bruce Pearson of New Haven; his sisters, Penni Young of Liberty Center and Lisa Pearson of Decatur; a daughter, Hollie Inostroza of Bluffton; a son, Justin Pearson of Fort Wayne; and one grandson.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Pammy Jo Pearson.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at the Midwest Funeral Home & Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, in Fort Wayne. Tony Garton will officiate at the service. There will be visitation one hour prior.



### HCCF AWARDS KIDS KAMPUS \$1,000 KUDO GRANT

The Huntington County Community Foundation (HCCF) awarded Pathfinder Services Kids Kampus with a \$1,000 Kudo Grant at their annual Kids Kampus Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving morning. 1,117 people competed in this year's event which raised over \$20,000 to the benefit the children served by Pathfinder Kids Kampus.

HCCF Associate Executive Director, Matt Ditzler describes Kudo Grants as "a great way for HCCF board members to engage, support, and promote our local nonprofits and their fundraising efforts." HCCF board members Nancy Breiner, David Daugherty, Rick DeLaney, Roger Dyson, Steve Eisenhut, Steve Kimmel, Marshall Sanders, Fred Scheiber, Greg Smitley and Seth Whicker each directed \$100 towards the Kids Kampus Kudo Grant.

Since 1991, HCCF strives to match the issues and organizations you are passionate about with impactful solutions that improve the overall quality of life in Huntington County. With assets of over \$15 million, HCCF represents a collection of legacies created by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations all for charitable purposes within our county. Annually, these legacies award over \$400,000 to local nonprofits through grants and students through scholarships. For more information on how you can create your own legacy, call 260-356-8878 or visit [huntingtonccf.org](http://huntingtonccf.org).

Pictured (from left) – Kids Kampus Interim Administrator and Early Head Start Director Elizabeth Hire, HCCF Board Member Fred Scheiber, Pathfinder Services President John Niederman, HCCF Associate Executive Director Matt Ditzler, Pathfinder Services Senior Director of Business Development Loretta Mottram

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### **SQUASH THE BUGS, NOT YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT, WITH THESE PEST- PREVENTION TIPS**

(BPT) - The holiday season and guests go together like twinkling lights and fir trees, or peppermint and chocolate. However, while you might be eager to welcome family and friends to your home, you'll probably be less excited to receive a visit from another all-too-common type of holiday "guest" - pests.

Pesky insects invade houses through a number of routes during the holidays. Indian Meal Moths can ride in with grains you purchased to make baked goods. Merchant Grain Beetles, despite their name, can take up residence in cake mixes and boxes of pasta. Spiders and other insects can hitch a ride indoors on Christmas trees. Boxes of decorations that were stored in attics, garages or outbuildings during the rest of the year can yield up a variety of insects - and even rodents - when you bring them inside for the holidays.

The National Pest Management Association offers some tips for keeping your home pest-free during the holiday season:

Ditching pests before decking the halls

Holiday decorations evoke the spirit of the season, and decorating the house is a fun tradition for many families. Take steps to ensure that

when you deck the halls, your decorations are pest-free.

Greenery like trees, wreaths and garlands can harbor spiders, mites, moths and other pests, as well as their eggs. Holly boughs, pine branches, pine cones and other natural items commonly used in holiday DIY projects may also host insects. Before bringing anything indoors, give it a good shake outside. Then, inspect items for pests or eggs that may be hiding in branches, or on leaves and needles. These steps will help ensure you don't bring anything into the house with natural decorations.

Decorations you reuse - and store from year to year in the attic, garage or outbuildings - can also become infested. Insects and rodents can find their way into storage areas and boxes throughout the year, so when you bring decorations out of storage, unpack boxes outdoors first. Check for pests like mice. Rodent droppings and gnaw marks - especially on light strands - are evidence of mice. Discard any decorations that appear to have been chewed on, especially electrical items.

At the end of the year, give yourself a head-start on a pest-free holiday next year by storing decorations properly. Use sturdy, hard plastic containers with secure lids to store decorations in the garage, basement, attic or

outbuildings. This will help ensure rodents and insects can't get into the decorations throughout the year.

Feasting is for family, not pests

Cookies, gingerbread houses and even fruit cake - many families love the tradition of holiday baking. However, nothing spoils holiday baking plans faster than finding bugs in a box of flour. Beetles, ants, earwigs, weevils, pillbugs, moths and a variety of other critters can get into stored food and infest an area in a short amount of time. Flour, dried fruit, nuts, chocolate, grains and other baking items are at risk.

Fortunately, you can take steps to ensure pantry pests don't dim your holiday spirits:

\* Did you know that most pantry pests ride home in items like paper grocery bags, cardboard or plastic bags? When you shop for groceries, inspect the packaging of all items before putting them in your cart. If a package is open or shows even slight signs of damage, don't buy it. Promptly recycle any grocery bags you bring home, or - even better - use your own washable cloth grocery bag to carry items. You'll not only have peace of mind knowing that no pests are riding home in shopping bags, you'll also be doing something good for the environment!

\* Before baking season begins, go through your pantry and cupboards to visually check for signs of pests. Sift through powdered ingredients to ensure they

haven't become infested while in storage. Check expiration dates and throw away anything that's been stored too long.

\* When you bring new ingredients home, store them securely in plastic or glass containers with tight-fitting lids.

\* Clean up spills and crumbs on countertops, tables, floors and shelves right away, and don't let trash build up in the kitchen trash container. Dispose of garbage regularly in sealed containers outdoors. From time to time throughout the year, empty cupboards and

the pantry, and clean shelves with soap and water.

\* Check around your kitchen and pantry for any cracks or holes where pests could get in. Seal openings around stovepipes and water pipes. Eliminate sources of moisture, like leaking pipes or clogged drains.

If you catch pests early, you may be able to prevent an infestation. But if an infestation has taken firm root in your home, consult a licensed pest professional to inspect and treat the problem.

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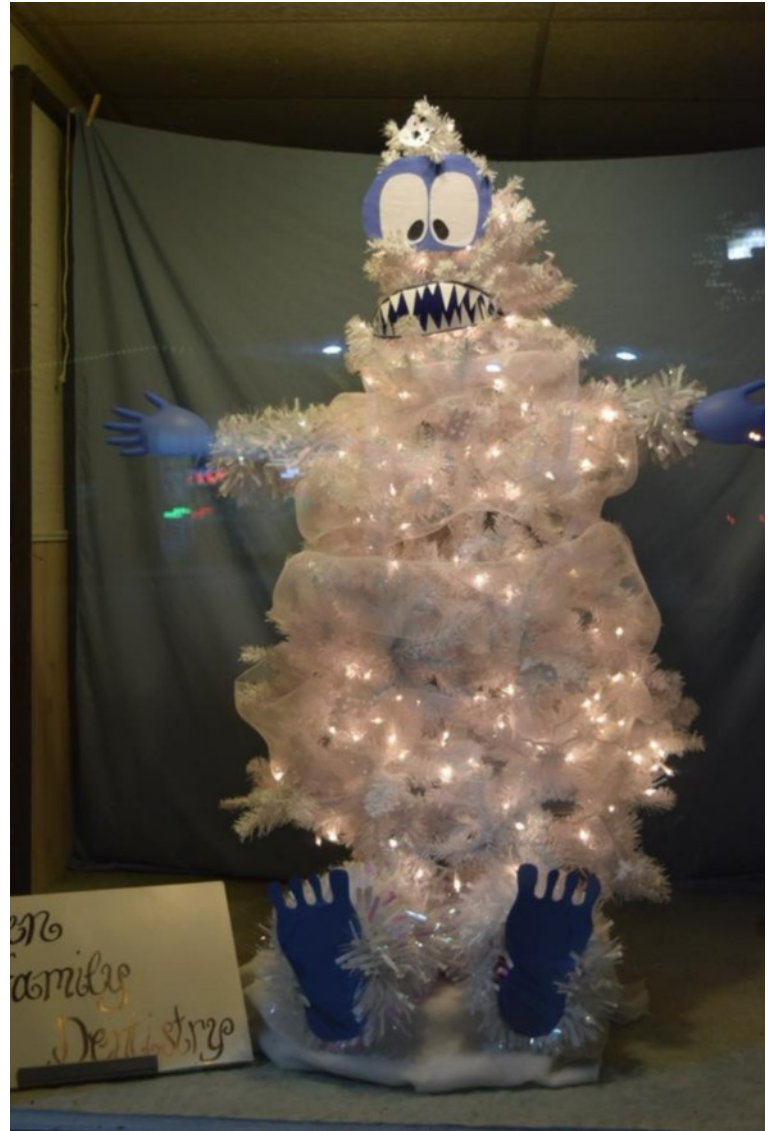
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