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Thought for the Week: *Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.* Charlotte Carpenter

## URGENT!

Local dentist is searching for his lost youth. Last seen at Bo's Disco, Terre Haute, doing the hustle, wearing parachute pants, and sporting a mullet. May be in the company of these friends. If you have any information regarding the recovery of this youth, please contact Kevin Deakyne!



Happy 50th Kevin!  
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you don't have a church home or other invitation for the morning, we would love to have you come worship with us for this special presentation.

### 1/2 PRICE SALE

The Bargain Basement will be having a 1/2 price sale on all Christmas items this weekend, December 18 & 19 from 9 to 4 each day. Stop in and see what's available. They might have just what you need.

### FREE AT PHARMACY

The Warren Pharmacy has two choices of 2010 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2009 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family, and each day has a Bible verse to meditate on. These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2010 Norman Rockwell 13-Month Pocket Planner. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Small enough to fit in a purse, each Calendar starts with December 2009, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family.

The Warren Pharmacy also has the 2010 Farmers Almanac. It is available FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

### MEDICARE FRAUD

With the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit open enrollment period underway, older adults and persons with disabilities need to be aware of the direct mail solicitations and tele-marketing calls they receive.

"During this time and up until enrollment closes on December 31, Medicare beneficiaries should not experience door-to-door contacts or multiple telephone calls from anyone who offers products and services that may not be Medicare approved, or who says they are a Medicare representative," advises Tamra Smith, Director of the Indiana SMP Project. "Medicare does not make home visits or unsolicited phone calls."

The Center for Medicare Services enacted new marketing rules last year to protect consumers from widespread abusive and fraudulent marketing practices.

If someone contacts you and pressures you to buy, Smith says you should hang up your phone or close your door. Beneficiaries should contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging at 1-800-986-3505 to report violations of the rules.

If you have questions about the viability of products or services being offered for sale

via mail, these can be explored on your own. Making sure you understand what you are buying, what is covered, what the cost of a product or service is, and how to cancel if you change your mind are all important questions you should be able to find answers to on websites. If you can't, then you should probably throw away the offer.

Smith offered additional tips that will help older adults and persons with disabilities detect and prevent themselves from becoming victims of fraud and identity theft:

§ Never sign anything you don't understand; have an attorney or trusted advisor review it.

§ Stay socially active; isolation increases your risk of becoming a victim.

§ Don't give out your credit card or bank account numbers over the telephone or Internet unless you initiate the transaction.

§ Shred or tear into small pieces all mail solicitations, bank records or any other discarded documents that contain identifying personal information.

§ Be aware of scams; if you're told you just won a prize, you probably haven't.

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### TOY DRIVE

The Local S.A.M. (Salamonie Active Men) are sponsoring a Toy Drive at Dollar General. Please think about contributing a toy for those children in the area whose parents might need a little help this year.

### RECYCLING

At regular meeting of December 14, Warren Town Council opted to accept Huntington County Solid Waste Recycling dumpsters to be placed at the Utility Garage in lieu of a \$3 per household increase in the Trash Fee to continue curbside recycling. The per bag trash limit will be raised from three to six bags. The changes will be made in January, 2010. More information will be included in the January 1 newsletter included with the Utility Bill and in a later issue of the Warren Weekly.

### TOWN HALL

Holiday Closings: December 23-25, December 31, and January 1.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Warren Church of Christ, 3rd & Wayne Sts., invite you to hear their Christmas Choir present "Night of Miracles" this coming Sunday, December 20, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. It is being directed by Betty Yoder (in her 35th year) and features solos by Becky Hartley, Shirley Fussleman, Betty Yoder, Gerald Moreland and Bill Bonham; a trio of Diane Winkler, Liz Richardson and Becky Hartley, as well as a father/son duet by Paul and Bill Bonham. The cantata is a John W. Peterson production and arrangement that has a great message to enjoy and take with you. Bill Cartwright will be the narrator as we share the Christmas story once again. If

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

by V. Neil Wyrick

One of the first harbingers of this season is the arrival of Christmas cards. Depending upon how organized, or not, your friends and family are they may also arrive sometime after Christmas. But why did Christmas cards become so popular? Well, give credit to England's new railway system back in the year 1840. It helped the public postal service work faster and more efficiently. That coupled with the fact a card could be sent for half the price of a letter really got things moving. And as the price of printed cards dropped, more and more, Christmas greetings were sent. This tradition spread to America and though the cards at first were almost entirely religious. Today they run the gamut from baseball players dressed as Santa to the more traditional Santa still streaking across the sky.

As to Santa, he really was real - a Christian leader in Myra (modern day Turkey) in 4 AD. Tradition tells us that St. Nicholas was a shy, good man who wanted to help the poor, but anonymously. To make sure no one knew where the gifts or money came from, he sometimes had to be very inventive. One time, or so goes the story; wanting to give a poor family money for the wedding of their third daughter, he found he could not throw the purse in through an open window, as he had done with the other two daughters. So he climbed up on roof and dropped the purse down the chimney. Fortunately, it landed in one of the stockings that had been hung to dry over the warm hot coals. And thus the Christmas stocking.

And how did we get to know him as Santa Claus? It came about as a mispronunciation of the Dutch SinterKlaas which was their way of saying St. Nicholas.

Keeping alive the International flavor of this article may I remind that in Hungary, children clean their shoes and then put them outside next to the door or window. For them it is the equivalent of hanging a stocking. If they have really been bad, they may find a golden birch placed next to the candies. This symbol for a spanking probably got the message across. Were you ever threatened with the promise of a piece of coal in your stocking if you didn't behave? Some older folk can still remember.

In Finland, many families visit cemeteries to place candles on the grave stones of family members.

In Belgium, a special sweet bread called 'cougrou' is served for Christmas breakfast. It has been made in a shape meant to represent the baby Jesus.

Hopefully your Christmas is more of holy and not of humbug And the answer to which is true depends on what you emphasize. So here are some thoughts on how to make this Christmas even better than last year. Well, if not necessarily better, at least to some degree different.

How about having a cookie exchange with a neighbor? That way you each get to sample each others favorites.

If you live where it snows, don't just look out the window at it, go for a walk in it. And if there is a park nearby, even better.

Have a game night as Christmas approaches. Checkers or monopoly if you still have an old board lying around. Or better still

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Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.              Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>              Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199              Pastor - William Shelor</p> <p>Youth Leaders - Heath &amp; Kelly Jones              Worship .....9:30 a.m.              Sunday School .....10:40 a.m.              Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.              Youth Group ..... Sun 6:30p.m.</p> <p>Handicap Accesible              Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA</b>              Pastor Richard Evans              260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Service .....10:30 a.m.              Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b>              8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779              Dick Case, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wed - Circle of Friends              (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b>              101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726              Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.              2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b>              Sunday Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.              OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT              Tues, Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat              Chapel Services .....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b>              SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto              Steve Sutton, Pastor              765/728-2065 for more info              Sunday Worship.....10:30a.m.              ThursdayPrayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE MINISTRIES</b>              9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana              Jim Graham, Pastor              260/494-6753 260/489-1456              260/375-4224</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30am              Morning Worship ..... 10:30am</p>	<p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>  <b>375-2510</b>              Rev Mark Davis              Bus Service 375-2510              www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST</b>              227 N Main St, Warren, IN              375-3873              Kathy Newton, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.              Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b>              468-2411              Doug Sharrard, Pastor              David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.              Worship .....10:30 a.m.              Wednesday:              CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b>  <b>694-6622</b>              Pastor Dan Sommer</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.              Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.              Worship ..... 10:15a.m.              Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>              Pastor Devin Cook</p> <p>Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.              Sunday School .....10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST</b>              375-4359              Bill VanHaften, Pastor              Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.              Worship .....9:15 a.m.              Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.              Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST</b>              260/468-2148              Tony Johnson - Pastor</p> <p>Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.              Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.              Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN</b>              Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.              Worship .....10:30 a.m.              Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.              Mid-Week (Wed) .....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>  <b>375-2691</b>              Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.              Worship .....10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b>  <b>468-2412</b>              Mel Zumbun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship .....9:30 a.m.              Church School .....10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>  <b>375-2102</b>              Pastor Scott Nedberg</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.              Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.              Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.              Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>  <b>765/934-3321 Parsonage</b>              Jeff Wass, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>  <b>765-934-1431</b>              Pastor Blake J. Neff</p> <p>Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.              Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.              Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.              Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.              UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.              www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>  <b>375-3022</b>              Gerald O. Moreland, Minister              Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries</p> <p>Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.              Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister              www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.              Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.              Sunday School .....10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Youth:              K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm              Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm              TNT, Thur ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH</b>              Corner of N. Wayne &amp; Matilda Sts.              Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship              Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life              Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.              Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.              Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00p.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH</b>  <b>375-2330</b> 6th &amp; Nancy Sts. Warren              Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor              Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.              Worship .....10:15 a.m.              Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.              www.warrenwesleyan.com</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>              11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN              765-934-3609              Pastor - Dan Metz</p> <p>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</p>
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## AREA NEWS

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§ If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you suspect someone is trying to coerce or steal your information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505.

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, founded in 1978, advocates for quality programs and services for older adults and all persons with disabilities. The IAAAA works with all of the 16 Area Agencies on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were created by state statute in 1973 to deliver services under the Older Americans Act. AAAs are not-for-profit entities providing services to older adults and persons with disabilities of any age and their caregivers.

The SMP programs, formerly known as the Senior Medicare Patrol programs, recruit and teach senior volunteers and professionals such as doctors, nurses, accountants, investigators, law enforcement personnel, attorneys, teachers and others to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries become better health care consumers. For more information or if you suspect someone is trying to coerce or steal your information to contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505.

The National Consumer Protection Technical Resource Center provides key services to health care consumers and AoA's 54 SMP programs and 15 SMP Integration projects located throughout the country including the District of Columbia, Guam, U.S. Virgin

Islands and Puerto Rico.

### REDUCTION IN HOURS

Roush Lake shooting range will reduce its hours this winter, during slow times and when temperatures plunge.

The reduced hours will save labor, utility and snow removal costs while continuing to provide services at the times visitors have historically frequented the range. Plans are to revert to original hours around March 1, 2010, when the weather usually moderates.

The Roush Lake facility opened in August 2005. Visitation has increased each year since. More than 50,000 people have used this state of the art range since it opened.

Roush had an exceptionally good spring, summer and fall in 2009. Visitor usage increased 15-20 percent. In previous years, range usage has slowed during the winter months. The facility has closed in the past when temperatures dropped below 25 F.

From the time range opened, it has operated under a schedule of being closed on Mondays. That will continue this winter, but it will also be closed on Tuesdays.

Wednesday through Friday, range hours will be 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. On weekends, hours will not change, and the range will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Winter hours will be in effect from December 2009 through February 2010.

The property manager will continue to close the range each day temperatures drop below 25 F.

For additional information about the shooting range or other facilities at Roush Lake, visit [www.dnr.IN.gov/parklake](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/parklake).

### TRAINING OFFERED

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be providing free tax preparation assistance to people with low-to-moderate income this year. Anyone can volunteer for the free tax preparation program as the IRS provides free tax law training and all the materials needed to prepare basic individual income tax returns.

Training classes for volunteers will be held Tuesday December 15th from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Saturday January 9th from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., and Saturday January 16th from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. All trainings will be done at Pathfinder Community Connections office located at 1316 Flaxmill Road in Huntington. Volunteers will have the option of completing their tax return training and certification online, through IRS E-learning, Link and Learn.

Volunteer opportunities are available from the week of January 25, 2010 through April 15, 2010, and volunteers can work as many or as little hours as they wish.

To register for one of the training classes please contact Beth Stevens or Katie Rodgers at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 or e-mail them at [bstevens@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:bstevens@pathfinderservices.org), or [kr Rodgers@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:kr Rodgers@pathfinderservices.org). Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a credit designed to help people with lower incomes to keep more of what they make.

Pathfinder Community

Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org) and has provided over \$9.7 million in down payment assistance to over 1,300 families since 1997.

### 5 NEW SHOWS

Five new shows were recently added to the Honeywell Center's 2010 concert bill. Tickets for Phillips, Craig and Dean, the Canadian Mist Bob and Tom Comedy All-Stars Tour, Mary Wilson of The Supremes, Church Basement Ladies, and the Golden Dragon Acrobats from China will go on sale Fri., Dec. 18 at 8 a.m.

WBCL welcomes musicians and full-time pastors Randy Phillips, Shawn Craig, and Dan Dean. Since the formation of their group 18 years ago, this successful trio has released 10 albums producing 16 number-one hits, and have been nominated for nine Dove Awards. Guests will experience their uplifting message of perseverance when they group takes center stage on Fri., Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is sponsored by Halderman Farm Management Service and Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service. Tickets are \$12, \$18, \$24, and \$50.

On Sat., Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Canadian Mist Bob and Tom Comedy All-Stars Tour makes its way to Wabash. The show, which includes some mature content, will feature Bob and Tom star Chick McGee and regular guests Bob Zany, Greg Warren, Greg Hahn, and Donnie Baker. Tickets will be \$15, \$33,

and \$50.

Mary Wilson recorded 12 #1 hits as a member of the popular 60's trio The Supremes. The hits included "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop In the Name of Love," and "Back in My Arms Again." 105.9 The Bash will welcome Mary Wilson as she presents those hits on Sat., Mar. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, \$34, \$44, and \$75.

WBCL welcomes The Church Basement Ladies, a musical comedy full of wacky acting and charming tunes that will have you rolling with laughter. This celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there will entertain during two performances on April, 22 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$18, and \$25.

Representing a performing art form that began more than 25 centuries ago, The Golden Dragon Acrobats from China are recognized internationally as a premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company. The 27-member troupe from Hebei, China, have performed numerous sold-out shows while performing in all 48 lower U.S. states. The acrobats will be performing on Sun., May 16 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for the balcony, and \$20 for the main floor. A \$4 discount is available for kids through high school.

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at the box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling (260) 563-1102, visiting [www.honeywellcenter.org](http://www.honeywellcenter.org).

The Honeywell Center is north central Indiana's premier arts and entertainment facility with more than 3,000 events and 150,000 visitors annually. Concerts, conferences, charity galas, art exhibits, and educational outreach programs are among the diverse events at the Honeywell Center. All

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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.

Dec 16	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 17	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 21	Knight Bergman Center Board Mtg, 5:30 at KBC
Dec 22	Warren Town Council, 4 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 31	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 6	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 11	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jan 14	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 18	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr Day

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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### FORECLOSURE COUNSELING

Today Pathfinder Community Connections, the community development organization of Pathfinder Services, Inc., announced that homeowners who receive foreclosure counseling are 60 percent more likely to avoid losing their homes to foreclosure than homeowners who do not receive foreclosure counseling, according to findings in a recent report of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling (NFMC) Program.

NFMC Program counselors help homeowners reduce their mortgage payments an average of more than \$5,000 per year. Pathfinder Community Connections is a grantee of the NFMC program, and an affiliate of NeighborWorks America, which was selected by Congress to administer a homeowner counseling program to address the national foreclosure crisis.

As a result of NFMC Program funding, families in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Starke, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties along with families across the nation who sought and received foreclosure counseling were provided much needed information, assistance and guidance to address their risk of foreclosure, which helped them find a solution to foreclosure.

The report, which analyzed NFMC Program activity during the first year of the program (January 1-December 31, 2008), also found that NFMC Program clients were more likely to receive a loan modification than homeowners who did not receive counseling, and NFMC Program clients who received loan modifications lowered their mortgage payments significantly more than homeowners who received loan modifications without NFMC

Program counseling.

NFMC Program clients, with the help of their counselors, secured loan modifications that lowered their monthly mortgage payments \$454 more than the clients who received modifications without foreclosure counseling, which results in an average annual savings of \$5,448.

"The report is extremely accurate as in the past year alone we have provided 341 families with foreclosure assistance," said Jan Baumgartner, Director of Pathfinder Community Connections. "We continue to offer one on one counseling, budget assistance, loan modification assistance, and an assessment of our customer's financial situation."

While the report analyzes the program data through December 31, 2008, to date more than 750,000 families have received foreclosure counseling as a result of NFMC Program funding.

The NFMC Program was created by Congress to address the nationwide foreclosure crisis by dramatically increasing the availability of housing counseling for families at risk of foreclosure. The \$180 million program was authorized through the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Bill, which named NeighborWorks as its administrator. An additional \$180 million was appropriated to this effort on July 30, 2008 through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, and the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 appropriated another \$50 million to the program on March 11, 2009.

For more information about the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, visit [www.nw.org/nfmc](http://www.nw.org/nfmc).

Homeowners in Northeast Indiana who would like to receive foreclosure counseling at Pathfinder Community Connections can contact Mike Davis, [mdavis@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:mdavis@pathfinderservices.org), or at (866) 892-0513 or (260) 424-1831. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found at [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org) for additional information.

Homeowners can also visit [www.findaforeclosurecounselor.org](http://www.findaforeclosurecounselor.org) to find additional NFMC

Program-funded counseling agencies in our area.

Pathfinder Community Connections is the Community Development Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., a not for profit Human Services organization with offices in Huntington, Wabash, and Plymouth. Community Connections began in 1997 and since March 2007 has worked with over 2,000 families facing mortgage foreclosure or delinquency.

### MAKE A RESOLUTION

While many New Year's resolutions go by the wayside, one resolution can last a lifetime: donating blood.

"When you resolve to donate blood in the coming year, you're committing to something that can help change lives—including your own," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross.

A single whole blood donation may help save the lives of up to three people, and may be given through Red Cross blood drives at schools, churches, community centers, businesses and other organizations. Every day, hospital patients need blood products such as red cells, platelets and plasma for the treatment of cancer and serious diseases, as well as for emergency and trauma care. Last year, nearly 5 million people needed blood transfusions. And that need, Red Cross officials say, will be constant as an aging population and advances in medical care place demands on the need for blood.

Consistent and steady blood donations are needed year-round to meet patient need. And while the need for blood is constant, blood donations can sometimes slump. Collecting blood during the winter, for instance, often presents a challenge since cold and snowy weather can sometimes prevent donors from making and keeping appointments.

"Your donation is needed and may give someone another day, another week, another life to spend with loved ones and friends," said Whitman. "That's a New Year's resolution worth keeping."

UPCOMING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES:

Saturday, Jan. 2, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Central

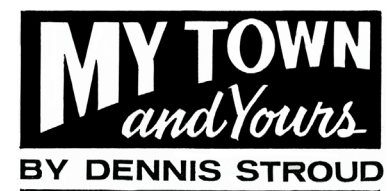
Christian Church, located at 500 MacGahan in Huntington.

Sunday, Jan. 10, from 7:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at Huntington Consolidated Catholic Elementary Schools in the SS Peter and Paul Reiter Auditorium, located at 820 Cherry St. in Huntington. This is a Pint-Size Heroes Blood Drive.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

About the American Red Cross - The Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region serves northern and central Indiana and northwestern Ohio, and needs to collect about 500 units of blood a day to meet patient need in more than 60 hospitals. In addition to providing blood to our community, the American Red Cross also provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts.



P. H. Beck was born, in Ohio, in 1863. In his early days, he had ambitions for educational advantages and graduated from Ohio Northern University. He married Amanda Clevenger, in 1883, and moved to Pleasant Lake, Indiana where he was superintendent of schools. In 1898, he came to Warren to take charge of the local schools and spent two years of doing that. In 1900, he, with Ralph Myers opened a dry goods store under the name of Myers and Beck. He spent the rest of his life devoted to the interests of his business.

One thing stands to his credit as a citizen of Warren and

Salamonie Township was the Warren Library. From the very beginning of the movement, to establish a library here, he gave freely of his time and energy to the up building of that institution.

Mr. Beck was one of the original seven board members, was the first president and served continuously as a member until his death in 1926. There were few meetings of the board at which he was not present and much of the library's success was due to his good judgment.

Few men have ever touched the community life of Warren at more points or made their influence felt in the twenty-eight years he lived in Warren.

### POULTRY WORKSHOP

Indiana 4-H will host a workshop for 4-H Poultry members on Saturday, January 9th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, O.V. Winks Building, Noblesville, IN.

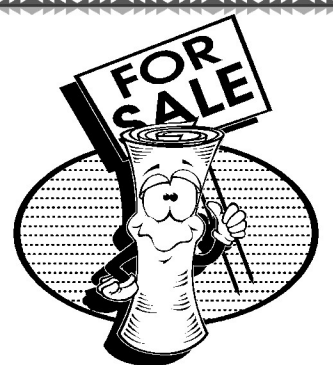
Topics for this year's workshop will include: Judging Exhibition Chickens; Selecting Quality Exhibition Waterfowl; Selection, Feeding, and Characteristics of Commercial Poultry; Poultry Biosecurity for your Backyard Flocks and a general question and answer session.

Participants are encouraged to bring 12 eggs from their flock for free testing in the biosecurity session.

Directions to the fairgrounds can be found at <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/Hamilton/directions.htm>

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For more information call 800-601-5826, ask for Doug Keenan, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Noble County.



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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### JAMES

Urana Irene James, 80, of Van Buren, IN, passed away at 4:21 AM, on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at Her Residence in Van Buren, IN.



She was born on Tuesday, March 26, 1929, in Blackford County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Homer Ross and the late Florence (Miller) Ross. She married Wm. O. "Mort" James on June 5, 1948 in Van Buren, Indiana. Mr. James survives.

Irene was a housewife and mother all of her life in Van Buren, before she married her husband, she had lived in Roll, IN. Blackford County. She attended Roll High School, Blackford County. Irene also worked for Skip & Jo's Bar in Van Buren, IN, in the kitchen for 15 years. Also she had baby-sit for a large number of children over the years. She attended Central Christian Church in Van Buren, IN.

Survivors include her husband of Van Buren, Ind., Daughter Debbie (husband, Larry) Abney of Van Buren, Ind., Brothers Dale (wife, Joy) Ross of Marion, Ind. and Rosco (wife, Janet) Ross of Montpelier, Ind., Sister Thelma (husband, Bill) Thomas of Hartford City, Ind., Grandsons Billy (wife, Sondra) Abney of Delight, Ark. and Larry (wife, Angie) Abney of Marion, Ind., Granddaughters Kathy Bollen of Van Buren, Ind. and Twana (husband, Jason) Lamb of Delight, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Jene Allen James, sisters Joan Glancy, Ruth Wetzell and Rachel Shelton, and brothers Kenneth Ross, Jack Ross and Everett Ross.

Arrangements were handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, Van Buren, Ind. Services were held at Central Christian Church, 201 South 1st Street, Van Buren, IN, with Pastor Will Shelor officiating. Interment was at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Ind.

Memorials to: The Family For Help With Funeral Expenses.

### JACKSON

Rev. David G. Jackson, 73 of Heritage Pointe, Warren passed away at 6:10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 5, 1936 in Derby, New York, a son of Peter and Sarah (Staubit) Jackson.

He was a 1953 graduate of Lake Shore High School in Angola, New York. He was a 1960 graduate of The University of New York in Buffalo. In 1964 he graduated from Huntington College Divinity School. From 1963-1966 he worked as Dean of Men for Huntington College. In 1969 he was ordained as a minister of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

He was a long-time member of College Park Church where from 1968-1979 he gave dynamic leadership to the Children of Faith Youth Ministry. From 1966-1979 he worked as the United Brethren in Christ Church denominational director of youth ministries and later as the general treasurer. From 1979-2007 he was executive director of Christian Endeavor International and the World Christian Endeavor Union.

Survivors include three nephews: Ross Jackson of Amherst, NY; Shaun Jackson of Getzville, NY; Dale Jackson of Clarence, NY and two nieces: Myra Kerr of Tonawanda, NY; Jill Jackson of Amherst, NY and a sister-in-law: Lottie Jackson of Tonawanda, NY.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Donald Jackson.

Services were held following visitation at the College Park United Brethren Church with Pastor Gary Dilley and Dr. Ray Seilhamer officiating.

Additional services were held with Rev. Brooks L. Fettes officiating at the Addison Funeral Home, 262 N. Main Street, Angola, New York.

Interment was at the First Church of Evans Cemetery in Derby, New York.

Memorials are to College Park United Brethren Church or to World Christian Endeavor Union in care of Myers Funeral Home 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

### PIERCE

Delight Pierce, 92, of Roll, Indiana, passed away at 3:25 AM, on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion, IN.

She was born on Sunday, December 24, 1916, in Blackford County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Alanzo Marion Spaulding and the late Verna (Williams) Spaulding. She married Arnold Dewight Pierce on June 9, 1934 in Blackford County, Indiana. Mr. Pierce preceded her in death on December 2, 1975.

Mrs. Pierce was owner/operator of Pierce Grocery in Roll, IN. She was also a Washington Twp. Trustee, and worked at Community Care Center in the Housekeeping Department. She was a member of the Roll United Methodist Church and also a member of the United Methodist Women. She was a lifetime resident of Blackford County, IN.

Survivors include: Daughter-Ethel (husband, Richard) Hall of Marion, IN, Son in Law-Jack Whitsell of Roll, IN, Grandchildren-Kelly Saylor of Marion, IN, Tom Whitsell of Anderson, IN, Paul Whitsell of Hartford City, IN, Bill Whitsell of Hartford City, IN; Great-Grandchildren-Derek (fiancee', Kim), Michael, Jennifer, Kristy, Derek N., Brayden, Jaycee, Jenna and Kameron; Great Great Grandchildren-Holly and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, daughter-Carol Whitsell; sister-Opal Crockett and brother-Virgil Spaulding.

Services were held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, with Rev. Steve Landis officiating. Interment was at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier, Ind.

### PULLEY

Dale F. Pulley, 93, of Montpelier, IN, died at 10:20 AM, on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at his home in Chester Township- Wells County, IN.



He was born on Thursday, August 10, 1916, in Grant County, IN. He was the son of the late Homer and Ethel (Boller) Pulley.

Mr. Pulley had been a lifetime resident and farmer of Southern Wells County. He was a 1935 graduate of Chester Center High School and had served in the Army during WWII serving in Japan. He was a longtime member of the Asbury Chapel United Methodist Church, the Mt. Zion Conservation Club, Farm Bureau and he enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include daughters Janet Kraner and Judy Buckland of Warren, 9-Grandchildren, 10-Great Grandchildren and 1-Great Great Grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1st Wife-Madge (Berrier) Pulley, his 2nd Wife-Anna L. (Schmidt) Pulley, Daughter-Joyce Bantz, Son-Jim Pulley and Brother-Glenn Pulley.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind., where the family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, December 17, 2009. Funeral service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:30 AM Friday, December 18, 2009, Rev. Phillip Freel officiating. Interment will be at Asbury Cemetery in Wells County, Ind.

Memorials to: Asbury United Methodist Church 1100S - St. Rd. 3 Montpelier, IN 47359 or the 5 Points School in Wells County.

### BIRTH

Blaine & Charis (Daniels) Hitzfield (Pharmacy Technician at the Warren Pharmacy) are the Blessed parents of Bryton Tex Hitzfield, born 12/12/09 at 8:53 A.M. at their home near Roanoke. Seven pounds twelve ounces and eighteen and a half inches long, full head of dark hair.

The Grandparents, Lee and Beth Hitzfield of rural Roanoke, Terry and Melinda Daniels of Warren, give thanks to the LORD for His mercy and grace through a short labor and safe delivery.

Matt and Stacy Gilbert would like to announce the birth of their 7th child, a son, Cash Eugene. Cash was born on October 31, 2009 at 5:51 p.m. at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Cash joins brothers, Drake 10, Rhett 4, and sisters, Tess 8, Callie 7, Regan 2 and Sylvie 1.

Grandparents are Andy and Pat Wagner, Tom and Donna Gilbert, and Jim and Dottie Irwin. Great-grandparents are Jeannie Wagner, John and Kate Gilbert, and John and Ann McCammon.



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### SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

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The scholarship fund was created by Bert Marquardt, a farmer in Allen County who donated his 210 acre farm in 1974 to Purdue University so that 50% of the yearly profit could go to the School of Agriculture scholarships. Through the years, several hundred students have benefited from the scholarship fund thanks to the vision and foresight of Bert A. Marquardt.

For more details and an application, go to [www.ag.purdue.edu](http://www.ag.purdue.edu) and follow the links to prospective students, scholarships, College of Agriculture Scholarships. You may also direct questions to Lori Barber, 765-494-8470 or [lbarber@purdue.edu](mailto:lbarber@purdue.edu)

### THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
All of our lives we have spent putting out fires. These fires were started by our perfectionism and our procrastination. Along with panic of these fires come the squeals of martyrdom and yells of dissatisfaction. We have all done this and it is our family who have had listen to it.

Why do we torture our family with hurtful words? I can tell you why! You are so stressed out and feeling like a martyr! This has got to stop! I can help you get rid of the stress, but it us

up to you to curb those angry words. The first step is to follow our directions for your routines, getting dressed to shoes, hair and face.

It is up to you to change your attitude toward your family! Once you change your martyred outlook to one of blessing your family and giving teaching moments, you will see a change in them. I know that you don't believe me, but you can only change yourself. It is by your example that your family will begin to help and support your efforts to secure a peaceful home.

What does your wicked tongue do to your children, your husband and most of all you? It doesn't tell them you love them. It makes them feel less than; it hurts their self-worth. They feel that they have no say in things. It makes your husband feel that he is married to his mother! I don't even want to go there. They feel like servants, instead of family members. Those harsh words are worse than a whipping. You cut your family out of the conversational loop. The family can't even say what is on their mind because they are afraid of you. Home life is based on the fear of not making mother mad. Your family members hide from you. They become afraid to tell you when something happens.

After those words have come from your lips, just how do you feel then? Do you feel laden with guilt or do you even realize you are barking nasty remarks their way. Oblivious to the torture you have inflicted upon your loved ones.

There is absolutely no excuse for this. I don't want to hear that this is the only way I can get my family to do anything. This is the lie that you tell yourself to

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not feel guilty. It is time to forgive yourself and then ask them to forgive you.

Many times in our lives we are faced with things that are difficult. As sidetracked people we allow our perfectionism to hurt us and our children. We just do not know that is what is causing us to be raving banshees.

Now you have a chance to change by taking actions. You may not have known how to change in the past but you are learning. Take these words into your heart and forgive yourself. You know the things you have said. This can be the beginning of a new relationship with your

family.

I would like to suggest that you start writing your feelings down too. Not just the pain you are feeling but how you can change. First you have to forgive yourself. You are just learning these things; the more you write the more you will discover about yourself. You are not expected to be perfect. Love yourself enough to take these words and go forward from here. This is not the end but the beginning of a new life. After you forgive yourself and get in touch with your own feelings; then you can ask for forgiveness. My heart goes out to you! My prayers are with you and your whole family.

You can do this; you found us because you were looking for a change in your life. You are willing to make changes.

Your tongue can criticize or it can encourage. The choice is all yours. If you have not changed your attitude, then how can you expect to see a change in them! It has to come from the heart. If not they will see right through you. They may not even believe it at first, because you will not be sounding like the mother that have been used to all your life.

The children may think the aliens have taken their real mother away. Prove to them and their father that you have changed. Sprinkle your words of love, encouragement and teaching, all over your home. Apologize for your tongue. Don't play the martyr game anymore. No one loves a martyr. Not even you!

It time to FLY without the Guilt; forgive yourself!

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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### "WEAR IT"

Waterfowl hunters throughout Indiana are being strongly reminded by Indiana Conservation Officers that a life jacket will not work unless it is being worn.

"Our 'Wear It' campaign to promote life jacket use is not just for the warm weather months" said Michael Crider, director of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. "Under stressful conditions, there is just not enough time to put on a life jacket, and with the frigid water pulling every ounce of warmth from your body, it won't take long until you won't be able to swim anymore."

Crider said that there are reasonably priced inflatable life vests offered by a number of manufacturers that are comfortable and non-restricting, with most available in camouflage. Prices range from \$50-\$150.

Those who want a device that offers more protection from the elements, yet still acts as a life jacket need look no further than a float coat or jacket, which are available in camouflage. Prices range around \$150. Float coats and inflatable vests can be purchased through your favorite sporting goods store or catalog retailer and would be a great Christmas gift for a waterfowl hunter.

Indiana law requires there be one United States Coast Guard-approved wearable lifejacket per person in any boat, and that boats more than 16 feet in length have one throwable life-saving device on board.

### THIS HOLIDAY'S MOST-WANTED GIFT? CASH!

(StatePoint) It's easy to shop for, makes a great last-minute present and fits in your pocket. Best of all, everybody is happy receiving it.

Cash is the perfect gift, and most consumers dream of getting green for the holidays, according to a new survey by Western Union. A clear majority (56 percent) would rather receive \$100 in cash than either a gift card from a store or a present of equal value.

"This year, more people are looking hard at their budgets and are hoping to receive cash as gifts or choosing to give money," said Jorge Consuegra,

senior vice president, U.S. product management for Western Union. "More Americans are opting to give cash gifts, as they feel it helps them stick to budgets and keeps them in better control of their finances than relying on credit cards."

Of those respondents who would prefer receiving cash, 45 percent said they would likely apply it toward basic necessities like gasoline and groceries. That is more than double the number who would spend it on treats and three times those who would save or invest this "found money."

In this economy people tend to not spend money on extravagances, even when money comes to them unexpectedly, say experts. This season it's all about staying on top of everyday family living expenses. And as far as sending gifts, many consumers consider the extra cost to wrap and ship gifts to be too expensive.

To help facilitate long-distance, gift giving needs, Western Union has launched "\$50 for \$5," a U.S. holiday promotion. This promotion enables consumers to send up to \$50 to loved ones in the U.S. for a \$5 fee through December 26, 2009.

"With so many people pressed for time and a majority of consumers having someone close to them who need that little bit extra to help on their daily expenses, using a money transfer service can make you a hero. The cash is available fast and you can track its receipt," stressed Consuegra.

Consumers looking to send money via Western Union can visit any of the more than 45,000 participating locations in the United States or can log onto westernunion.com to send the gift of cash this holiday season.

Although many people surveyed prefer cash over a specific gift, this holiday season has yielded some surprises. Think older people cling to the nostalgia of unwrapping gifts while the younger generation prefers to take the money and run? Think again. According to the new surveys, Americans aged 18 to 24 are the most likely to prefer receiving a specific present over cash or a gift card, while those 65 and older are the least likely.

The new surveys were conducted by GfK Roper Public

Affairs and Media, polling 1,004 people 18 years old and older this past October.

### 'CREATIVE' WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

(StatePoint) There's good news for parents who want to help their children get a college education but don't know how to pay for it.

We all know that scholarships are available for talented athletes and students with straight A's. But what if your daughter would rather pick up a paintbrush than a basketball? Or your son is a brilliant writer but doesn't get the best grades?

Each year, cash awards and nearly \$4 million in tuition scholarships are made available to creative teens nationwide, through The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, now in its 87th year.

Young artists and writers can earn money for college by using their talents in a variety of disciplines, including poetry, video game design, short stories, sculpture and more.

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the nonprofit that administers the awards, is now accepting entries from students in grades 7-12. To find out more, visit [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

"In our 87th year, we expect to see the trend continue of more submissions and even more superior work, thanks in part to the extraordinary teachers guiding these talented youth," said Virginia McEnerney, Executive Director at the Alliance.

If you or someone you know has ever received a Scholastic Art & Writing Award, share your success story with the Alliance at [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org).

### ANTIBIOTICS DON'T WORK ON COLDS OR FLU

(SPM Wire) Are you aware that colds, flu, most sore throats, and bronchitis are caused by viruses? And did you know that antibiotics do not help fight viruses?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), taking antibiotics when you have a virus may do more harm than good, as it could increase your risk of getting an infection later that resists antibiotic treatment. The CDC urges those prescribed with an

antibiotic to take it exactly as the doctor orders. Complete the prescribed course even if you are feeling better. If treatment stops too soon, some bacteria may survive and re-infect you.

### SCAREWARE ATTACKS ON THE RISE

(SPM Wire) Computer experts are reporting that scareware -- yet another sneaky technique used by hackers to steal personal information and spread viruses online -- is on the rise. Recently, companies like Google, Twitter and the New York Times have been exploited by hackers as part of scareware attacks on consumers.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice for protecting yourself from attack: never let your guard down, as these attacks can happen on trusted sites; protect your computer with the latest software updates and antivirus software; and take immediate action during an attack, such as forcing the window to close through your task manager.

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make up a game or two on your own. A kind of family project. They may not be the greatest games ever played, but they will be all yours.

There are many kinds of gifts that can be given at Christmas. Obviously, the nicest one is a nicer you, so work at being a better person than you already are. Work on your smile power. Pack away some patience for use when things get hectic.

This idea isn't for everyone, but think about it. Is there a widow or widower down the street with family a thousand and more miles away? How would they feel if you asked them to be a part of your family at Christmas time?

Almost everyone makes New Year's resolutions. This year make some at Christmas time as well.

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