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Thought for the Week: We don't know what we want, but we are ready to bite somebody to get it. Will Rogers

#### DOWNTOWN UPDATE

Tuesday, July 23

Although some work continues on the interior of NAPA, there has been delay in fortifying the building due to the condition of the bricks. The engineers and contractor are working to revise the planned shoring up of the building and until that decision is made, work has slowed. Construction fencing has been added to the site to provide protection around the rubble and to provide an additional perimeter if another wall would fall. It is anticipated that the project will be ongoing for another four weeks.

As to the structural inspections of the downtown buildings, work continues from the Clerk's office in the supplying of information to the Structural Engineers. It is anticipated that the inspections will begin on August 5th with two teams of two persons each working two days per week for at least three weeks. The assessments, for those owners which have agreed to interior as well as exterior inspection, will include all facets of each building including exterior and interior brick conditions, wood or other types of framing conditions, any support structure including flooring and basements, and any other feature which would involve the stability of the building. Exterior inspections will be done on each building. Building owners and tenants will be notified of the schedule prior to inspections.

#### **TURTLE CLEANING CLASS**

This is just a reminder that there will be a Turtle Cleaning Class at the Warren Sportsman's Club on Saturday, July 27th at 7:00 pm.

Come out and learn a new skill. Bringyour lawn chair and a drink. This is a free class and open to the public. You will also get to try some deep fried turtle nuggets. We hope to see you at the Sportsman's Club on Saturday evening, July 27th.

#### OFFICE CLOSED

The Warren Clerk Treasurer's Office will be closed on Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th. For utility emergencies, call 375-3424, but for any other business please leave a voice mail. Messages will be checked as often as possible during the closure. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 31st but may be relocated at 131 N. Wayne, directly across from Town Hall. The office number will remain the same, 375-2656. While relocated, utility payments can be made but credit cards cannot be accepted. The payment slot at Town Hall may also be used. While this is a scheduled closure, at any other time during the work on NAPA and the demolition of the building at 124 N Wayne, the office may be relocated to the 131 N Wayne Street Address or closed. That work is expected to continue for up to four weeks.

#### **AUDITIONS**

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

A classic tale of terror is coming to the Pulse Opera House. This non-musical story is told from the perspective of Newcomen, the inspector from Scotland Yard who is assigned to this case. He has the grim task of finding the murderous man or beast who has terrorized all of London.

Auditions for the show are Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Roles are available for 4 men (18 years old and up) and 2 women (18 years old and up) and include RACHEL LANYON, an artist; INSPECTOR NEWCOMEN, of Scotland Yard; JEANNE POOLE, Dr. Jekyll's housekeeper; DR. HENRY JEKYLL, practicing physician and medical researcher; DR. DAVID LANYON, Rachel's brother, a surgeon & professor of medicine; DOWLING, Lanyon's butler; MR. EDWARD HYDE, a man with "no visible means of employment" (doubled by actor playing Jekyll); LORD DANVERS CAREW, M.P. (doubled by actor playhing Dowling).

Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Rehearsals will be held Mon-Fri evenings beginning August 12. Performances are September 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 and October 3, 4, 5. The Pulse Opera House is located at 1271/2 Wayne Street in Warren,

### PERSONALIZED PLATES

#### **S**USPENDED

R. Scott Waddell, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), issued the following statement announcing a temporary suspension of the BMV's Personalized License Plate (PLP) program:

"The PLP program is one of the BMV's longest standing programs. However, the program has come under scrutiny as a result of a recently filed class action lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of certain aspects of the PLP program. In response, BMV is suspending the PLP program pending the outcome of the

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#### MARKET SPOTLIGHT

This weeks Farmer Market Spotlight is Van Buren Lions Club. For those of you have never tried one of their breaded tenderloins. Do not wait any longer. You can purchase them freezer ready, to take home and cook for lunch or put in the freezer for later. The Lions Club can be found in Lafontaine during Ashland days in June. They also sell them in upland or during the popcorn festival. There has been a new face



selling them this year at the Market, but in the past Max has been faithfully there each Saturday. Although we enjoy the "new guy" we sure do miss you Max! Hope you are feeling well.

Vegetables are starting to pour into the market. So for all of you who enjoy healthy foods come and see what we have to offer. It is cheaper and tastes better than what is at the store. Saturday 8-



#### **BUCCANEERS AT PULSE**

Rebecca Short as Enid Arabella in the musical "Buccaneers" at the Pulse Opera House. Performances are July 25, 26, 27 and August 1, 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations can be made at pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017. The Pulse Opera House is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street in Warren, Indiana. Highly recommended for the whole family.



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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS



#### USS SALAMONIE BANQUET

Members of the USS Salamonie Organization were on deck Saturday, July 6 at 6 p.m. in the Knight Bergman Center for a banquet in their honor.

Our own Lilly Nutter was responsible for several presentations for the evening.

A plaque was presented by VFW Post 2689 and it's Auxiliary's "For outstanding contributions to support the Troops of the U.S. Military stationed throughout the world.

A certificate from State Representative Dan Leonard recognizing the Veterans of the USS Salamonie "for their dedication and  $generosity to our men and women serving in {\it Active Duty}. \ Thankyou$ for your generosity of over \$12,00 in donations for postage on packages being sent to the troops. Your group represents everything that is right with America. I wish you all the best and may God Bless vour organization.'

A letter from President Obama stating, "Thank you for your dedication to our Nation's Veterans and your community. As beneficiaries of their courage and sacrifice, we have an obligation to those who have risked their lives to defend our freedom.

Across our country, Americans are doing their part for the brave men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States. By supporting them and paying tribute to their service, they help improve the lives of others and embody what is best about our Nation.

I hope you take pride in your commitment to our veterans and active duty service members. May God bless and protect all those who serve, and may God bless the United States of America."

Lilly also presented a Flag that she had received to Denny Stroud, museum curator. The flag had been flown during an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission on October 10, 2008.

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#### **ASBURYCHAPEL** UNITED METHODIST

8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

Worship Sunday School .. Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m. BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

#### 8294S 900W 35

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

#### **BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones

Youth Leaders - 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 — MAJENICA

Pastor Wayne Couch

260/224-3376

Sunday Prayer... .. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School .......9:30 a.m. Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m Wednesday Bible Study ...... 7:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship Service **DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN** 

888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Dick Case, Pastor 1st Worship Service ...... 8:15a.m. Sunday School ......9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service ...... . 10:30a.m.

#### HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor ...8:30 a.m. 1st Worship... Sunday School .......9:45 a.m. . 11:00 a.m.

### HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship .... ..... 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

#### Chapel Services ... . 9:00 a.m. 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. ThursdayPrayer Meeting ...

#### **NEW HOPE MINISTRIES** 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana

Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/375-4224

Sunday School ..... 9:30am

#### HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

375-2510 Rev Mark Davis

Bus Service 375-2510

www.hillcrestnazchurch.org Sunday School ......9:30 a.m. Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship. Youth Group (Wed.)..... ..6:00 p.m. SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST

#### 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873

Kathy Newton, Pastor Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. ... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....

#### LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School ...... 9:30 a.m. Worship .. 10:30 a.m.

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

Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School ...... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship ...... . 9:55a.m. Worship .. .... 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... . 7:00 p.m.

#### LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Devin Cook ....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ...... Sunday School ..

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.

#### 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Wed. .... MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor Trad. Worship ..... . 9:00 a.m Fellowship ...... 10:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship ...... 10:30 a.m

#### .... 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday Youth ... **MOUNTETNA WESLEYAN**

Pastor Brian Holland www.mountetnachurch.com Sunday School ..... ... 9:30 a.m. Worship ... .....10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Wed)..... ...... 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m. Youth (Wed)... ... 6:30 p.m.

#### **PLUMTREE** UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

#### SALAMONIE **CHURCH OF BRETHREN**

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

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr 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 Wass, Pastor

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

## VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431

Pastor Leon Pomeroy Worship Service ..... 9.30 a m Sunday School .......10:30a.m. Not Home Alone - Wed ...... 2:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)...... 7:00 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed ......7:00 p.m. Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m. Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ........... 12:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org

#### WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -Secretaries

www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship ..... .....9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion ......9:30 a.m. Sunday School ...... 11 to 11:40 a.m. Youth: (Start back up in the fall) . 6-7pm K-5th grade, Mon..... Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ... . 6-7:30pm

#### WARREN1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher

Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship .. ..10:00 a.m. 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

Pastor Richard Ladouceur 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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litigation.

Indiana is not the first state to see its PLP statutes challenged, as this has become a widespread topic of debate across the nation. In order to protect Hoosier taxpayers from the considerable expense that these types of lawsuits bring, BMV will suspendits program pending theoutcome of the class action lawsuit.

Individuals who currently have a PLP will be able to keep and renew their existing plate, if desired. Effective at 6:00 p.m. EST today, the BMV will not accept any new applications for a personalized plate until a determination can be made on this most recent filing."

#### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's time for students in the **Huntington County Community** School Corporation to register for the 2013-2014 school year. All elementary students, and all new middle and high school students should visit the school

they will be attending on one of the following dates: Wednesday, July 31 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Students who are new to the corporation need to bring their certificate birth and immunization record to registration.

In addition, HCCSC families

should mark their calendars. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, Aug. 14.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross has immediate openings for Volunteer Receptionists at the Lutheran Hospital donor center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. These volunteers assist with answering phones, donor sign-in and providing general blood information to donors. By volunteering, candidates will enhance their business skills, earn documented community service hours, meet new and interesting people, and be part of one of the world's most trusted and recognized organizations.

Volunteers are central to the work of the American Red Cross in communities across the country. On average, the American Red Cross has 15 volunteers for every one employee. Volunteers are also needed to serve as drivers transporting donors to blood drives as well as delivering lifesaving blood to area hospitals. Training is provided and flexibility in scheduling is offered.

The Red Cross is also encouraging people who have been thinking about volunteering to take the plunge. People wanting to make a difference should contact the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross to learn more about getting involved.

Red Cross volunteers are united

by their service and the feeling that in changing others' lives, their lives are also changed. To volunteer, contact Pam Schroeder at the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. Volunteer Services office at (260) 480-8218 or pam.schroeder@redcross.org.

#### VBS AT DILLMAN

AREA

Vacation Bible School will start on Sunday night, July 29th through Thursday night August 1st, from 6-8:30 p.m. each night.

Dillman Church invites all children to Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong For God.

At Kingdom Rock, kids participate in memorable Biblelearning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience epic Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to stand strong, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take  $home\ and\ play\ with\ all\ summer$ long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day

concludes with Fanfare Finale a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15 p.m. Kingdom Rock is for kids from 3 years old to those who finished 6th grade in 2013. For more information, 260.375.2779.

### COUNCIL NOTES

ON Wednesday evening, July 10 the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room in Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Marvin Surber called the meeting to order. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police Report. He reported that  $one \, person \, still \, had \, not \, complied$ with the junk and abandoned vehicle order. They have been sent a citation.

Plans are underway for the Poncorn Festival.

Superintendent Rod Reeder reported they will be replacing a valve soon on a water main.

On August 5 prisoners will be brought in to clean the streets in preparation for the Popcorn Festival.

Reeder reported that one house is still in violation of the town code. Papers have been taken to the Attorney.

The next Council meeting will be July 24.

#### **DEAN'S LIST**

Samantha Drayer of Warren made the Dean's list for spring semester at The University of Findlay has been announced. She attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and is an equestrian studies major.

#### SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results for Thursday, July 18, at Dogwood Glen. First Place(31): Dean Rittenhouse. Pat Shuttleworth, Max Spahr, Ralph Taylor. Second Place(32): Charles Forrester, Dick Hinton, John Jones, Ted Reinke, Closest to the Pin #3 Dave Banter, #6 Dave Fleeger, Long Drive #8 Charles Harris & Max Spahr. Thank you to Wagon Wheel Cafe for sponsoring this weeks golf balls. And we would like to thank the 41 players for coming out in the extremely warm weather!

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Jul 24 7:00 pm Van Buren Town Council

Jul 29 6-8:30pm Banquo Christian CHurch Bible School thru Aug 2nd.

Aug 7 Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce - Assembly Hall

Aug 7 7:00 pm Van Buren Town Council

Aug 12 6:30pm Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall

Aug 19 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting at KBC

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

#### RECEIVED GRANT

Midge Decker (left), Huntington County Community Foundation board member, presents a Kudos Mini-grant to Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok, Director of the Pulse Opera House in Warren, at their recent fish and tenderloin fundraiser.





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Contact Mandy @ 530-6364 or Kari at 450-8202

## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

#### SEASON FINISHED

The Warren Baseball & Sofball league finished up their 2013 season with the final championship game on July 16th.

The League would like to take this opportunity thank the Town of Warren and the Park Department for use of the facilities, all of our sponsors, league reps, coaches, umpires, concession workers, players and fans for another fun and exciting year with the WBSL.

Special thanks to the Carnival helpers and attendees and Kodi Elliott for dragging the diamonds on Wednesdays. Huge shout out to Barb Trosper and everyone who donated for the new fence on Schwob Field. It looks fantastic!

Also than you to Angie and Rod Sprinkle and Sheri and Michael Yoder for providing Rob something to drag the fields with. The 2013 season went very well and we are already looking forward to 2014.

The Adult Co-ed softball league begins on Tuesday, July 30th. Come up and enjoy some games, we have a lot of teams once again and all proceeds go directly back to the Warren Baseball & Softball Kids League.

Kids League Tourney Winner's are as follows:

American Little League - 1st place - Winter's Painting, 2nd place - Huggy Bear

National Little League - 1st place - Heyde Oil, 2nd place -Glancy Funeral

Junior Girls Softball - 1st place -DeaKyne's DDS, 2nd place -**DeWeese Softwater** 

Senior Girls Softball - 1st place

- Lee Farms, 2nd place - Citizen's Telephone

Pony League - 1st place - Star Insurance, 2nd place - Saturn Wheel

#### COVERED BRIDGE RETREAT

The new DNR-owned Covered Bridge Retreat in Parke County will offer special camping opportunities to the general public on designated weeks in August and September.

Aug. 2-7 is Family Camp Week at the retreat, and Sept. 13-18 is Equine Family Camp Week. During these timeframes, anyone can reserve an individual campsite. Families (no horses) are encouraged to attend the first week, and families with horses are encouraged to attend the second week.

The weeks are special because at all other times the campground is restricted to group camping only and must be reserved in its entirety. The campground offers 12 electric and nine non-electric sites. Each includes a picnic table and campfire ring.

There is a two-night minimum reservation for each week.

Site prices range from \$12.84 to \$31.03 per night and vary according to the week, the day of the week, and whether the site has electricity.

Barn stalls are available during Equine Family Camp Week for \$5 a day. Campers must bring their own horse bedding and buckets for food and water.

Covered Bridge Retreat offers 4 miles of trails and is 6 miles north of Rockville.

For more information and to reserve a campsite, call (812) 648-2810 or email GreeneSF@dnr.IN.gov. For property information visit dnr.IN.gov/forestry/7422.htm

Covered Bridge Retreat is owned and managed by the DNR Division of Forestry.



### SPR! Go

Hoosiers can qualify to win prizes while exploring the DNR state parks and reservoirs system in a fun new activity called the SPR Go! Game.

The game is similar to bingo. Players must find game codes at designated locations on the properties and record them on their game card in the appropriate space. An additional option found on each game code sign is a QR code that directs visitors to an iconic property highlight. Completing five spaces in a row, column or diagonal, qualifies the player for prizes.

Prizes include annual entrance passes for state parks and reservoirs, gift cards for Indiana State Park inns and lodges, camping gift cards, subscriptions to Outdoor Indiana magazine and more.

In addition to prizes, the game is an opportunity to learn, create memories, and discover the hidden treasures at each property.

Visit stateparks.IN.gov/ gamecard to print a game card and see rules and regulations.

Game card entries must be received by Jan. 31, 2014 to qualify. Prize winners will be announced in March 2014.

#### INDEPENDENT LIVING

Pathfinder Services broke ground on three new Supported Independent Living homes on Wednesday located at 1761 Ash Street in Huntington for 12 individuals served by Pathfinder Community Supports.

Each home will be approximately 2,000 square feet in size and provide a separate entrance and studio bedroom area for each of four individuals. Staff support will be provided as needed. The new homes are made possible through a grant from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Affordable Housing Program through 1st Source Bank, a member bank of FHLBI. Additional funding is from NeighborWorks America.

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Each tenant will have a separate bedroom suite that includes a bedroom area, small living area. and private bathroom. The tenants in each house will share a common living area, kitchen, laundry room, and porch/patio space. The homes will be a single family, one story accessible ranch style to accommodate tenants' existing disabilities and those likely to develop as the tenants age in place.

"The homes have been designed specifically to provide an individual living space for individuals with developmental disabilities that we serve while allowing them to choose whether to use the supported common space to meet the needs," stated John Niederman, President of Pathfinder Services. "These three homes are scheduled to open in 2014 and will provide fully accessible housing for twelve of the individuals we serve through our organization. We are extremely excited about this opportunity to provide a unique space that fosters independence while providing on-site support to enable our clients the greatest freedom as they age in place. We are very appreciative for the support from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, 1st Source Bank, NeighborWorks America and our community partners," Niederman concluded.

**Huntington Mayor Brooks** Fetters, Lyle Juillerat from 1st Source Bank, Ray Bates from Dirt Excavating, Jim and Jamie Lancia from Lancia Homes, Joe Humbert-the architect for the properties, Bryn Keplinger from Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development, Anthony Goodnight from the City of Huntington, John Niederman-Pathfinder Services President. Jan Baumgartner-Director of Pathfinder Community Connections, Sandy Wing-Senior Director of Pathfinder Community Supports, Chris Kauffman-Grant Development & Outcome Measurement Director, and Tim Federspiel-Maintenance & Construction Manager, all were in attendance at the ground breaking.

Pathfinder Services is a Comprehensive Human and Community Development not for profit organization serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services serves over 4,000 individuals with and

without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana and has office locations in Huntington, Allen, Marshall, Wabash and Whitley counties. For more information on Pathfinder Services please call their Huntington office at (260) 356-0500 visit or www.pathfinderservices.org.

#### **T**ECH IN **C**OUNTY **S**CHOOLS

Teachers and administrators throughout Huntington County Community Schools are looking forward to beginning the 2013-2014 school year with an expanded focus on technology. Chuck Grable, assistant superintendent of instruction with HCCSC, says numerous improvements will be in place when school begins Aug. 14.

· Extensive teacher training --More than 150 HCCSC teachers participated in the district's voluntary Digital Curriculum Academy in June. Participants attended several breakout sessions -- many facilitated by HCCSC staff members -- that focused on effective ways to implement technology. "We had some great sessions," Grable

· Improved data center-- The district's technology hub, nowlocated at Huntington North High School, has additional equipment, power and memory backup capabilities. Previously, the district had 35 servers spread across 11 buildings. Now, the district will use three large, centrally-located servers.

· Managed wireless capabilities in elementary buildings -- Wireless access points are strategically located in all schools. The systems are self-balancing, so if a particular access becomes point overloaded, users are seamlessly shifted to another access point.

· Expanded bandwidth -- The district will now operate on a 1GB bandwidth connection.

 Additional iPad devices in elementary schools -- Each elementary school will have two  $roaming\, technology\, carts, each$ equipped with 30 iPad devices. Teachers will be able to sign out the carts as needed.

· New cases for takehome iPads at Crestview MS, Riverview MS and Huntington North HS -- The new cases offer increased durability and will likely have a much longer shelf-life.

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#### HODGE

Colleen H.
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Center, Anderson, after an extended illness.

She was born June 19, 1922, in Warren, the daughter of Earl Crispen and Erma (McIntyre) Crispen, and had resided in Alexandria since 1941.

Colleen was active in her local church, the Alexandria Church of the Nazarene. She served as president of the Nazarene Women's Missionary Society and was Vacation Bible School supervisor for 12 years. She was also active in the missionary work of the Northeast Indiana District of the Church of the Nazarene.

In 1971, she and her late husband, the Rev. Max Hodge, pastored Nazarene Churches in Selma, Indian Meadows in Anderson, Gaston and Mayfield Church in Muncie. They retired from pastoral ministry in 2008. Colleen devoted her life to her Lord, her churchand her family. To that confidently we say, "Well done, thou good and

faithful servant." Survivors include a daughter, Kathy (Phillip) Scott of Indianapolis; three sons, Bob (Joyce) Hodge of Markleville, Jim (Jeannie) Hodge of Bossier City, La., and the Rev. Rick (Anita) Hodge of Topeka, Kan.; three grandchildren, Tracy (Fred) McIlrath of Middletown, Kimberly (Steve) Lupo of Commack, N.Y., and Melissa (Andy) Fesler of Pendleton; six great-grandchildren, Conor and Cameron McIlrath, Nicholas and Julia Lupo, and Blake and Max Fesler: three brothers. Robert (Shirley) Crispen of Warren, and Dick (Rita) Crispen and Ronald Crispen, all of Bluffton; two sisters, Doris (John) Willett of Roanoke, and Bernice Shideler of Warren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 69 years, the Rev. Max E. Hodge in 2010; two brothers and three sisters

A Home Going Service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Owens Funeral Home, 412 N. HarrisonSt., Alexandria, with the Rev. Rick Hodge officiating. Entombment will follow in the Garden Mausoleum of Park View Cemetery in Alexandria.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alexandria Church of the Nazarene through the funeral home.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff at Community Northview Care Center of Anderson for the compassionate and loving care they have shown their parents, Max and Colleen and the Hodge family.

#### **G**ERDES

Jane E. Gerdes, 78, of Huntington, IN, passed away at 9:25 PM on Wednesday, July



17, 2013 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Thursday, April 11,1935, in Lancaster Township. She married Eldon C. Gerdes on Monday, December 21, 1953 in Huntington County. Jane was a 1953 graduate of Lancaster Township High School. She was a member of the Majenica United Methodist Church for many years. Jane enjoyed gardening, painting, shopping and especially spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include: Son - David M. (Wife, Cheri) Gerdes, Columbia City, IN., Grandsons - Eric M. (Wife, Sheri) Gerdes, Huntington, IN and Chad J. (Wife, Ashley) Gerdes, Sarasota, FL., Great Grandchildren - Braylon Gerdes, Huntington, IN and Claire Gerdes, Sarasota, FL and Sister - Marlene Bryan, Huntington, IN.

She was preceded in death by her: Father - Mark Hacker, Mother - Ina (Pulley) Hacker, Husband - Eldon C. Gerdes and Sister - Nova Dorece Crull.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy -H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Sunday, July 21, 2013 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM and from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on Monday, July 22, 2013, an hour before the funeral service.

A service to celebrate Jane's life will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 22, 2013 with Tristan Heyde officiating. Interment will follow in the Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials:

American Cancer Society 5635 W. 96th Street Indianapolis, IN 46278

#### **W**ATSON

Robert E. "Bob" Watson, 82, of Andrews, IN, passed away at 12:55 PM on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Heritage

Pointe in Warren, IN.

He was born on Saturday, August 23, 1930, in Wayne Twp, IN. He married Jane A. Zimmerleeon Sunday, August 13, 1967 in Warren. Bob was a retired Polk Township farmer and wood cutter. He was a member of the Lancaster Wesleyan Church and Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his: Wife - Jane A. (Zimmerlee) Watson, Mother-Delilah (Hoch) Watson, Father - Earl Watson and Brother-Philip D. Watson. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy -H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

A service to celebrate Bob's life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home Warren at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 with Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating and Pastor Gerald Moreland assisting. Interment will follow in the Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials: Lancaster Wesleyan Church 3147 W. - 543 S. Huntington, IN 46750

#### LEE

Jeanette Lee, of Jackson Township in Wells County, died at her residence early Monday evening after an extended illness. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H.Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

#### SHALLEY

Eloise Ramona Shalley, 89, of Warren, IN, died Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 1:02 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mrs. Shalley graduated from Huntington High School in 1941 and attended Olivet Nazarene University for one year. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene and served as vice president of the Northeast Indiana District Missionary Society. She taught many classes, including women's groups, vacation Bible school and Sunday school. She played piano and organ for many of the churches her husband served.

She was born July 27, 1923, in Huntington County to Paul and Mary Heiney Updike. She married Rev. Russell E. Shalley on May 9, 1943, in Huntington. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2010.

Survivors include four sons, Sheldon E. (Betty) Shalley, of Noblesville; Larry P. (Marta) Shalley, of Boubonnais, IL; Michael D. (Julie) Shalley, of Tsumeb, Namibia; and James A. Shalley, of Bolingbrook, IL; five grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Calling is Monday, July 22, 2013, from noon to 2 p.m., with a service following at 2 p.m., at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Rev. Greg Chambers will officiate. Burial

will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the East Ridge Church of the Nazarene in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

#### SHINHOLT

Shirley J. Shinholt, 70, of rural Van Buren, IN, died Monday, July 22, 2013, at 6 a.m. at herresidence.



Mrs. Shinholt graduated from Marion High School in 1961. She was a housewife all of her life. She was a member of the Grace Community Church in Marion, and a former member of the Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Van Buren Lioness Club and the Van Buren Red-Hatters

She was born March 29, 1943, in Grant Countyto Marvin and Nancy Woodcock Taylor. She married Max Shinholt in Farrville on Jan. 19, 1963. He survives.

Additional survivors are two

sons, Greg (Tina) Shinholt and Scott (Holli) Shinholt, both of Van Buren; a daughter, Kelly (Miles) Proctor, of Van Buren; two stepsons, David (Becky) Elzey and Gary (Rhonda) Elzey, both of Bluffton; a step daughter, Louann (Ben) Townsend, of Van Buren; three granddaughters, Mandi (Jake) Poe, of Upland, and Taylor Shinholt and Alison Stout, both Buren: οf Van 10 stepgrandchildren, Chris Elzey, Heather Elzey, Brooke Rice, Courtney Craig, Matthew Townsend, Gabe Shinholt, Megan Smith, Lonni Meyers, Tia Meyers and Cameron Meyers;

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and 14 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, July 24, 2013, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren. Following calling on Thursday, July 25, 2013, at 10 a.m., a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with DrTom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will follow in the Van Buren.

#### SLEPPY

Barbara Ellen Sleppy, 83, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 9:10 AM on Monday, July 22,



2013 at the Heritage Pointe in Warren. IN.

She was born on Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Blackford County, IN. Shemarried Everett P. Sleppy on Saturday, December 31, 1949 in Keystone, Indiana. Mrs. Sleppy was a member of the Keystone United Methodist Church and wasa 1948 graduate of Chester Center High School and was a member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Auxiliary Post #156 Montpelier, IN.

Survivors include a Brother -Donald 'Bud' (Wife, Katie) Reff, Montpelier, Sister-in-laws -Nellie Sleppy, Poneto, and Ruth Sleppy of Keystone, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her Husband - Everett P. Sleppy, Parents – John H. and May (Sills) Reff, Brother - Charles Reff, and a Sister - Alice Mae Rinker.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor'st Montpelier on Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. A service to celebrateher life will beat Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier at 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 27, 2013 with the Pastor Marlene Ellis officiating. Interment will be in the Gardens of Memory in Muncie, IN.

Arrangementsare being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

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#### You're Invited

You are invited to the 80th Birthday celebration in honor of David W. Ferguson on Saturday, August 3, from 1-4p.m. in the Calico Roomat Heritage Pointe. Please no gifts - just memories on cards.

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· Improved firewall --Firewall protection will now cover all mobile devices at all times, offering expanded safety to students even when they are off school grounds. "We're excited about this," Grable said.

About Huntington County Community School Corporation: HCCSC includes seven K-5 elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, one alternative high school and preschool services. The corporation serves all of Huntington County, including the communities of Andrews, Bippus, Huntington, Majenica, Markle, Mt. Etna, Roanoke and Warren. The 5,986 children who attend HCCSC receive countless opportunities for academic, social and physical growth.

#### BECOME A SAFER

## **S**WIMMER

Swimming, whether at a pool or at the beach is a great way to get some exercise and spend time with your family and friends. But swimming can be risky for children and inexperienced adults. These resources from USA.gov can help you and your children stay safe in the water: Keeping Kids and Adults Safe

- · Through the American Red Cross water safety page you can enroll your child in a swimming class and learn where to find U.S. coast guard approved life iackets
- · CPR is an important life-saving skill to know during a water related emergency
- · Teach your children about the importance of pool safety through this interactive video game: "The Adventures of Splish and Splash"
- · Make sure to keep a cell phone and first aid kit close by in case of an emergency
- · And of course, remember to apply plenty of sunscreen to reduce the chance of skin damage

Staying Safe at the Pool

If you decide to swim at a pool this summer, remember to make

sure that all equipment is up to date and that all pool drains are covered. If you are visiting a community pool, take the time to read and follow the pool rules posted and only swim at pools where there is a lifeguard on duty. At a residential pool, a fence should be installed around the perimeter of the pool and an experienced adult swimmer should always be present. Learn more from PoolSafety.gov's tips on staying safe at community and residential pools and spas. Staying Safe at the Beach

It's important to remember that swimming at a beach is drastically different than swimming at a pool so you'll need to be extra careful in natural bodies of water. The biggest danger of swimming in the ocean is getting caught in rip currents, powerful currents on the surface of the water that can quickly carry you out to sea. Remember never to swim at a beach when there isn't a lifeguard present and to familiarize yourself with the beach warning flags before you and your family decide to go swimming.

# SEASONAL TIPS FOR KIDS WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

(StatePoint) Attending sleepaway camps and sleepovers can be formative experiences for children. Yet the parents of a child with type 1 diabetes may have special concerns about their child's well-being while away from home. If you have a child with type 1 diabetes, advice for sending your child to camp or a sleepover is now as close as a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Through a unique collaboration between Lilly Diabetes and Disney, resources for families just like yours are available on www.Spoonful.com/type1. These resources combine the

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expertise of Lilly Diabetes with the magic of Disney, and include information to help your child experience the joys of camps and sleep overs.

"Many parents of a child with type 1 diabetes are eager for their child to experience the fun of sleeping away, but have concerns about managing their child's condition away from home. So it's important that parents prepare their children before they embark on a sleepaway adventure," says Beverly S. Adler, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and certified diabetes educator in Baldwin, N.Y.

Tips to Help You Prepare

On the website, you'll find detailed articles with helpful tips, such as:

Sleep-away Camp Tips

Take the time to talk to the camp staff about diabetes care before your child's arrival. Ask questions about the staffers' experiences with children with type 1 diabetes.

- Pack appropriately: Be sure to include double the amount of medical supplies your child will need.
- Arm your child with a logbook to record blood sugar, insulinand grams of carbohy drates consumed each day.

Sleepover Tips

- Talk to the host parents to be sure you're able to keep in touch throughout the night, both with your child and the hosts.
- Prior to a sleepover, familiarize your child with some of the foods he or she is likely to encounter—such as chips, candy and pizza—so your child can get an idea of carbohydrate counts and insulin dose-responses.
- Consider using technology, such as texting or e-mailing, so your child can communicate their blood sugar numbers to you.

Books, Books and More Books! Lilly Diabetes and Disney have also developed three new books for children with type 1 diabetes who are sleeping away from home for the first time.

Whether your child is a tween girl, a tween boy or still a young child, there's a book in the series you may find helpful. "Superstar Dreams" is for tween girls and addresses the experience of sleepovers. "Covering the Bases" is for tween boys and focuses on attending a sportsrelated sleep-away camp. "Coco's First Sleepover" was written for young children and features the Disney character Coco, a fun-loving monkey who has type 1 diabetes. Learn more about the books on the website, or ask your child's pediatric endocrinologist for free copies! For more information about the resources provided by Lilly Diabetes and Disney to help children with type 1 diabetes and their families prepare for and enjoy the sleep-away experience, visit www.Spoonful.com/type1.The tips from this website are not

# LIFE IS EXPENSIVE: HOW TO AVOID DEBT

intended to be medical advice,

and families should check with

their healthcare professionals

regarding the treatment of type

1 diabetes.

(StatePoint) From going to school to going on a date to getting married, life has hidden price tags that have been sending many Americans down a path to major debt and bankruptcy.

Some of life's most exciting events also bring with them the possibility to build major debts and harm our credit, financial experts are warning.

To help, the experts at Lexington Law, a provider of consumer credit correction services, are pointing out the financial traps in everyday life that easily ensnare the average American family.

Here are just a few financial pitfalls they are highlighting:

• Getting a credit card is exciting, but the average credit card debt is \$7,093.

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- The average date costs \$130.
- In 2012, the average engagement ring cost \$9,431, and the typical wedding weighedin at \$28,400.
- Mortgage debt currently is averaging \$148,818 and the typical car loan is \$26,700.
- 35-44 year-olds have the highest bankruptcy rate

More information on the financial pitfalls of life, as well as free financial education services, are available at www.lexingtonlaw.com.

Remember, the first step to better money management is being savvier about financial pitfalls to avoid.

# THREE WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

(StatePoint) These days, many of us lead busy lives that are short on two things: time and money. And while this may pose a challenge when it comes to supporting local nonprofit organizations, there are ways you can give back to the community, no matter what your schedule or financial situation looks like.

Here are three simple ideas for making a positive contribution, whether you're strapped for time, resources or both:

Use Your Work Day

You're probably pretty busy juggling family and work obligations. Chances are you really want to volunteer in your community but may not always have the time to do as much as you'dlike. This doesn't mean that lending a helping hand is out of reach for you.

Consider starting a Volunteer Dayinitiative at your workplace, where the whole team offers their time to local nonprofit community service projects one afternoon every few months.

Your boss may love the idea if you remind him or her that such an effort will be great for team building.

Or check with your human resources department about the possibility of paid time off to volunteer in the community. There may be opportunities at your company of which you are not aware.

Support Local Organizations You don't need to be a big donor to help secure substantial support for organizations doing great work.

For example, a program called

"50 States for Good" enables people to nominate their favorite community organizations to help gain funding for grassroots community programming. It is designed to make it easier for regular folks to give back, and is funded by Tom's of Maine, a leading natural products company focused on oral and personal care.

Anyone who is heartened by the work of local nonprofit organizations can cast their vote this September for an organization in their area to share in \$150,000 in funding. Fifteen organizations will be awarded \$10,000 each, as determined by a public vote kicking off September 16.

In past years, Tom's of Maine hasfunded "50Statesfor Good" projects that have built community playgrounds, maintained sustainable nature trails, provided shelter and food for the homeless and cared for animals, among many other initiatives. Now in its fifth year, "50States for Good" celebrates and rewards nonprofit organizations committed to meaningful change and work that addresses local needs.

To learn more about the program and find out how to vote in September, visit www.50statesforgood.com.

Multitask

Walking the dog? Taking the kids to the park? Consider combining your stroll with a mini cleanup. Bring a plastic bag, wear gloves and pick up litter as you go. Not only will you be beautifying the neighborhood, you'll be helping to prevent harmful garbage from entering local waterways.

Get the kids involved to teach them an important lesson about how their behaviors can make a larger impact.

You don't need to be Bill and Melinda Gates to make a meaningful impact. There are creative ways that make it possible for anyone to give back to their community.

# TIPS FOR TALKING WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT BULLYING

(StatePoint) Think bullying is just harmless teasing? An estimated 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students, according to the National Education Association. And Yale health researchers have found a

connection between suicide -the fourth leading cause of death in children ages 10 to 14 -- and bullying and being bullied.

Experts say that kids themselves have the power to put a stop to bullying. Unfortunately, both victims and bystanders don't always know the best way to handle bullying situations as they occur.

"Most kids feel terrible when they see friends or classmates get bullied. They want to help, butthey don't what to do," says Alice Cahn, Cartoon Network Vice President of Social Responsibility. "Having strategies for these situations can help prepare children to intervene when the time comes."

With this in mind, Cartoon Network launched the awardwinning Stop Bullying: Speak Up in 2010 to educate kids on what to do when they see friends getting bullied. In partnership with official advisors, including staff from the US Departments of Education and Health and Human Services; and partners including CNN, The Anti-Defamation League, the Pacer Foundation, and nationally recognized academic experts,  $the \, bullying \, prevention \, campaign$ aimstoputa stop to this common and serious problem.

The pro-social campaign is offering these tips for parents and kids to help stop bullying in their schools:

- Tell an adult: When someone gets bullied, tell a parent, teacher or trusted adult. Talking about it isn't tattling or snitching. It's helping someone out.
- Be friendly: Bullying can make a victim feel alienated and lonely. Saying a few kind words to the person who has been bullied makes a huge difference.
- Volunteer: Your school's bullying prevention program needs parents and students to help encourage everyone to speakup against bullying.
- Sayitloud: Askyour school to fly or display the official Stop Bullying: Speak Up flag, which indicates that the school is a place where bullying actions will not be tolerated.
- Learn more: Free online resources can help you learn how to deal with bullies. Visit www.StopBullyingSpeakUp.com to access public service announcements, two 30-minute documentaries and tips sheets for parents and teachers that offer a step-by-step guide for

safe and effective ways to be an active bullying bystander. The site also provides links to the Anti-Defamation League, Boys and Girls Club of America and other partners providing expert advice about bullying. All materials are available in English and Spanish.

"Don't stop there," says Cahn.
"These resources are meant to spark a conversation."

No child should feel like his or her school is not a safe place to learn. Parents, teachers and students can work together to make a difference.

## How to Avoid Massive Student Loan Debts

(StatePoint) With college costs skyrocketing, more college students are waking to the realization that they are trapped under massive debts. It doesn't  $have to be this way, say \, experts.$ The numbers are staggering, as 65 percent of student loan borrowers misunderstand or are surprised by aspects of their student loans, according to studies. And student loans account for the most common form of increasing debt among ages 18-24, with 60 percent of students graduating with an average of \$24,572.45 in student

loan debt.

Students are not being taught enough financial responsibility, say experts at Lexington Law, a leading provider of consumer credit correction services. Only four states require a class in financial education. As such, many educators are urging greater financial education requirements.

In the meantime, there are things students can do to avoid getting buried under debt. A recent survey revealed that one in three graduates would have pursued one of the following, if they could do it all again:

- Scholarships
- Financial aid
- Started saving earlier
- Pursued higher paying majors
- Worked while in college

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