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Thought for the Week: You have no control over what the other guy does. You only have control over what you do. A. J. Kitt

CORNHOLE TOURNEY

The 2nd Annual Van Buren Youth Sports Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser will be held at the Van Buren Popcorn Festival!

Saturday, August 16, 2014 - Registration begins at 3 Tournament begins at 4. \$20 per team or \$10 per individual. 1st place team wins \$100 (requires participation of 10 teams).

Tournament and Registration will take place north of the main stage. Pre-register by calling 765.618.5729.

CEMETERY WORKSHOP

What is a cemetery? It is a burial ground. Consider that a cemetery is more than a final resting place. A cemetery is a place of stories. A cemetery holds the stories of those who have preceded us. It doesn't matter whether the story is about a hero or a vagabond, the story is there.

Marion Public Library is hosting a couple of events focused on cemetery preservation & restoration.

On September 12 at 6 p.m. in Meeting Room B at the Marion Public Library, master stone saver Mark Davis will give a presentation about his work in cemetery preservation. This program is open to the public at no charge.

The next day, September 13, Davis will conduct a hands-on restoration workshop at the Historic Estates of Serenity. There is a fee of \$30 to participate in the workshop which includes supplies and lunch. Registration is limited to 30 participants. You may register at the Marion Public Library website or by calling the library 765.668.2900, x145.

The Marion Public Library

partnered with the following organizations for this project:

- Grant County Historical Society,
- Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau,
- Historic Estates of Serenity,
- S.O.S. (Save Our Stories), and
- General Francis Marion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

This series of programs was made possible by an Historic Preservation Education Grant from Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Humanities, & the National Endowment for the Humanities.

SLUSHER REUNION 2014

The descendants of Josiah and Naomi (Morgan) Slusher will celebrate their 55th annual family reunion on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at noon, with a carry-in meal. There is a change in location from previous years' reunions. The location this year will be the McNatt Church in Jackson Township, Wells County. Family members are asked to share this information with other family members who might not see this notice.

EVALUATION MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Board will meet on Tuesday Aug. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall in Hier's Park. The board will be reviewing the 2014 Huntington County 4-H Fair. There will be reports from the 4-H superintendents, fair board committee chairpersons, and others attending this evaluation meeting.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H program, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, County Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson-Suite 202, Huntington

or call 260-358-4826.

PRaise NIGHT

Healing Waters Ministries is having a Praise Night, August 31st from 6 to 8 pm.

Please come join us for a night of singing and poems all about praising God. It is a great way to fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters.

There will be snacks provided afterwards. The church is located in Majenica - all are welcome.

TURNOver AT BB

The annual Labor Day Turnover is coming soon to the Bargain Basement. A Half Price Sale to get ready for that event will be held August 15 & 16.

LIFELINE SCREENING

Residents living in and around the Warren, Indiana community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. Heritage Pointe will host Life Line Screening on 8/28/2014. The site is located at 801 North Huntington Ave Po Box 326 in Warren. Clark Reiter of Plymouth, IN attended a Life Line Screening and said, "I'd like to say thanks to the technologist for telling me to get to the doctor. It saved my life". This event is being Sponsored By: Community Howard Regional Health

Four key points every person needs to know:

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability
- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke
- Preventive ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke
- Screenings are fast,

noninvasive, painless, affordable and convenient

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

URGE AWARENESS

Dr. Gregory Jantz, Founder of The Center - A Place of HOPE in Edmonds, Washington, addressed Robin Williams' tragic death by urging awareness of the availability of effective treatment programs for depression. "Robin Williams was an iconic figure in our society who brought joy and laughter to so many. While he has earned tremendous accolades, perhaps his biggest impact may come from shedding light on the disease of depression. We have the opportunity to literally save lives by producing earnest discussion around how depression can be treated, and how long-suffering individuals can find peace, balance and happiness again," Dr. Jantz said.

The Center - A Place of HOPE is recognized as the #1 facility in the United States for the treatment of depression. The facility utilizes Dr. Jantz's signature whole-person approach to care. Results show it is critical that

each aspect of an individual's life - physical, emotional, nutritional, spiritual, mental - be treated to ensure optimum recovery.

In his 2013 book Turning Your Down into Up, Dr. Jantz provides a model for depression recovery that eschews quick-fix solutions, considers the uniqueness of each individual, and offers solutions tailored to their specific needs.

"It is important for people to know that depression - all forms and all intensities - can be treated effectively. Yet fewer than half of all those who suffer from depression will ever receive care," Dr. Jantz continued.

The World Health Organization estimates that over 350 million people suffer from depression and it is the leading cause of disability worldwide. Through the availability of effective treatment at facilities like The Center - A Place of HOPE, lives can not only be saved, but also transformed.

"May Mr. Williams' passing be the catalyst for thousands of people to seek treatment, and to get the care they need, and deserve, to go on and lead happy, productive lives," Dr. Jantz said. Dr. Jantz has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, ABC, NBC and CBS and is available for immediate media interviews and discussions on this important topic. Please contact Beth Chapman at 816.835.0306 or Email to schedule appearances.

Resources from Dr. Jantz regarding depression: <http://www.aplaceofhope.com/depression-treatment-counseling.html>

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GARDEN PARTY INVITE

Ruth Herring, also known as the Uptown Gardener, will celebrate her 80th birthday with a garden party in her honor. The celebration will be held August 17th, from 2:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. in the Calico Lounge at Heritage Pointe in Warren Indiana.

All friends, family and acquaintances are invited to attend. It is requested that gifts please be omitted, your presence and friendship is the greatest gift of all. Cards may also be sent to Ruth at 801 Huntington Ave. T.H.#5 Warren Indiana 46792.

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION MONTH

(StatePoint) August, which is National Immunization Month, is a great reminder to keep your family up-to-date on important vaccines. With the kids headed back to school and the upcoming flu season ahead, everyone, young and old, should brush up on the facts about vaccines, say experts.

For example, did you know that most healthy adults are advised to get vaccines to protect their health? Anyone can become ill from infectious disease if he or she isn't properly immunized. Most adults should get an annual influenza vaccine, as well as a Tdap booster shot every ten years, say doctors.

Children heading to crowded classrooms are especially at risk for spreading or acquiring illnesses. Parents should check with their pediatricians before the school year about what immunizations their children need to stay healthy for the year ahead. From measles, mumps and rubella to polio, booster shots are crucial life-saving medical care for children.

To learn more about immunization, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/. There's no doubt about it, vaccines save lives. This August, get the facts you need to stay healthy.

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 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship . 6:30 p.m.
BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 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 Heinger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
 Bus Service 375-2510
www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.
SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parson
 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
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
 The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun 5:00pm
www.vanburenumc.org

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.
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
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 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 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
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 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.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.
MOUNT ETNA 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.

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 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

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.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Dr. Gregg Jantz:
www.drgregoryjantz.com
www.aplaceofhope.com

FOR THE SCHOOLS

It's Back-to-School time once again and www.ForTheSchools.com is kicking off the school year with a chance for your school to win \$5,000 and one lucky voter may win \$50,000 for their child's college education. To vote for your school, visit Vote.ForTheSchools.com. The school receiving the most votes will win \$5,000. Five runner-up schools will each receive \$1,000. Each visitor who votes is entered to win \$50,000 for a child's college education.

ForTheSchools.com is an easy fundraising idea that helps schools benefit from the online shopping of family and friends. ForTheSchools.com President Nick Corrieri says, "We're parents. We know how much time and effort traditional fundraising programs take, and most of the time the rewards don't seem to measure up to the amount of time and effort."

Corrieri says that, "Most parents with school age children already shop online. We turn a portion of their purchases into a contribution to their child's school or PTA, automatically."

"Parents are shopping online more and more. When they shop through ForTheSchools.com, we get paid by advertisers for sending shoppers to their stores. We pay a portion, the majority, back to their school. The stores pay us. We pay the PTA. The school or PTA doesn't have to do anything except deposit the check,"

Corrieri said. "Unlike traditional fundraisers, the parents and kids don't have to sell anything and all the PTA's really need to do is get the word out."

He says there is never a cost to the school, PTA/PTO, or members and that ForTheSchools.com will always be a free service.

"We wanted this to be completely free to everyone involved. ForTheSchools.com lets parents buy the products they want and need from the stores they already shop at. Parents simply visit our website, click on the store of their choice, and shop as they normally would. Our list of partners is rapidly growing and currently includes over 1,000 participating stores such as Target, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and Macy's. There are no additional costs to the parent or school; in fact we usually have discounts and coupons that shoppers are not otherwise aware of," Corrieri said. "Plus parents only take part when they're shopping for something they need. We're not asking them to buy gift wrap or cookie dough," he added.

Corrieri also realizes that family and friends might forget to visit the site prior to shopping. He says that "ForTheSchools.com has a solution for that. When parents use our free and easy cash back app, it reminds them that their shopping can benefit their school and shows them coupons and special sales available at each store's website," Corrieri adds, "and now through September 30th they have a chance to vote for their school to win \$5,000 and they can win \$50,000 for toward a child's college education." Anyone can participate in this fun program and contest including relatives, and grandparents, there is no reason out there that anyone shouldn't be participating.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 11, at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Barb Trosper, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spittler, Lee Poulson. Others.

Shad Paul, Huntington County Department of Community Development, opened a Public Hearing regarding the condemnation of the property at 714 Railroad Street. Paul outlined and submitted documentation that procedures had been completed and the next step would be the Town Council approving the notice and accepting the responsibility for demolition. Following discussion, Glessner moved, seconded by Trosper to approve the order. The motion was approved unanimously. Demolition of the property at Third and Nancy and the property on Railroad Street will now be advertised and scheduled.

Scout Master Steve Jackson submitted a proposed project for installation of a stepped walkway from the Scout Cabin to the River Bank. Following discussion, the project was approved by consensus with Poulson to order the stone needed.

Mary Benson requested that signage be placed on Twelfth Street due to increased traffic in the area due to Dollar General. Town Marshal Spittler recommended that it was not necessary for a speed limit sign but that a curve sign could be placed at the intersection of Twelfth

and Campbell. Council concurred with the recommendation. Benson also requested that the Town Council do something about the bridge on the path to Salamonie School that passes over Twig Creek as it has collapsed. She was instructed to proceed through the School System as the bridge and the path are on property owned by Huntington County Community Schools and that the Town has no responsibility in the matter.

Mark Mussman, Director of Huntington County Community Development, submitted on behalf of the Huntington County Commissioners and the Department of Warren, a proposal that the Town of Warren, as well as the other Huntington County Towns, each contribute toward the operation of that department with an annual fee. Currently no fee is in place as the Department is a County Department. Warren's anticipated amount would be \$7,000 based on a formula. Citing budgetary matters and the need for discussion of concerns about such a request, Town Council indicated that the matter would not be considered until development of the 2016 budget and following distribution of much more information by the county and that department. Mussman also stated that agreements for services from the DCD are also being developed and will need to be addressed by each of the Towns. Again, Town Council cited that concerns would need to be addressed before the document would be considered.

Reviewed was an email from Lindsey Goss, Director of Huntington County Emergency Man-

agement, requesting donation for purchase of a sandbagging machine for use in the County. Following discussion, Town Council declined to make a donation.

Resolution 2-2014, Loan from Electric Utility was submitted. Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt the Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously. The General Fund loan is to spread the cost of Building Demolition over a five year period.

Council, by consensus, approved the 2014-2015 Tracker Factor for Electric Utility Billing which shows a decrease of approximately .01 per KW. The annual factor is an adjustment to billing based on the past twelve months of AEP fuel trackers.

Morrison reported the 2015 budget has been finalized and sent for publication. Also reported was that the recently installed computer update has been a challenge but the benefits of the new system, especially real time information, has been significant. Morrison also reported that software installation for radio read meters was not going well but that Keystone was addressing the issue.

Poulson reported that a new metering system for Salamonie Mills is scheduled to be installed on Saturday, August 16th pending Council approval of overtime. The transfer will result in power interruption in the area for a short amount of time. Council concurred. Commonwealth Engineering has begun design work for paving of designated traveled alleys. No time table has been set for bidding of the project. The SR 5 Culvert Replacement is running behind schedule due to issues with water main relocation and weather. Actual work on the culvert box replacement should begin the week of August 18th and could last several weeks.

Commonwealth Engineering is working with IDEM officials on whether another Wellhead Delineation Study will need to be done due to the proposed installation of a new well. Documentation is being developed to submit to IDEM citing reasons the action is not necessary. Cost would exceed \$20,000 for another study. Poulson submitted sewer mapping of an area along Main Street Extended and River

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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.

- Jul 16 7:00pm Van Buren Town Council
- Jul 21 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting at KBC
- Aug 6 Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Aug 6 7:00pm Van Buren Town Council
- Aug 11 5:30pm WarrenTown Council, Assembly Hall
- Aug 18 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting, 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



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Road that has been targeted as an area where sanitary sewer improvements are needed. IDEM has given the Town until November to correct the issue which was identified through smoke testing. An estimate of the cost will be available at the next meeting of Council.

Two quotes were submitted for siding of a building at Tower Park near the entrance and pump house: Zeller Construction at \$8250 and Welch Construction at \$8990. As Poulson made no recommendation, Glessner moved, seconded by Stivers, to award the project to the lower bidder, Zeller Construction.

Poulson reported he is still looking for a used dump truck and reviewing options. Poulson requested permission for he and one other employee to attend a workshop in Ft Wayne on September 18th and 19th for continuing education hours. Council concurred.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, requested permission to take the Rescue Truck to Markle on August 16th and to Andrews on the 23rd for demonstration purposes. Council concurred. He also reported that the new air packs are being used. Requests have been made for purchase of the outdated units. As the sale amount is not expected to be above \$1,000, Council, by consensus, approved the Fire Department handle the sale with proceeds to be received into its' equipment fund. Marshal Spittler submitted a purchase agreement from Kelley Automotive in the amount of \$21,940 for the purchase of a 2014 Tahoe as previously approved by Town Council.

Glessner moved, Trospen seconded, signing of the agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

In Park business, Morrison reported that Mr. May, mason, provided information that the Veteran's Memorial at Tower Park is in need of restoration work. However, he did suggest rebuilding might be in order. Following discussion, it was determined that no decision would be made at the current time with one option discussed being asking the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce Park Committee if a memorial could be considered for that area. Another option would be to involve the community by naming a committee to discuss design and placement of a new memorial. All options remain on the table for further discussion.

The next meeting of Town Council is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th and will include a public hearing on the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget.

BOWLING

Do you enjoy Bowling?

Do other people at your Church enjoy bowling? The Bowling Center of Bluffton has a Monday Night Church Bowling League.

This league welcomes Church teams, of 4 or more players, from the area. This is a coed Adult league, for 4 Bowlers each Monday Night starting at 7:45 P.M. A team may have an unlimited roster, and can substitute weekly, but only 4 bowlers compete each league night. The weekly bowling fee for each team is \$11.00/bowler for four bowlers/team (\$44/team). The Bluffton Bowling Center serves great food and snacks.

The League will start September 8, 2014 (the Monday Night after Labor Day) and continue 34 weeks through April 27, 2015.

This is a great opportunity for Bowling fun and fellowship with other bowlers from your church and other area churches.

For more information, you can contact Stan Kunkel at the Bowling Center 1231 South Scott Street (260) 824-9966 or Terry Daniels at the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results from Thursday, August 7th at Dogwood Glen. First Place(32): Howard DeHaven, Howard Nickel, Jeff Souder, Ralph Taylor. Second Place(33): Charles Forrester, Larry Langdon, Lee Oliver, Larry Trout. Closest to the Pin #3 John Vickrey, #6 Dick Frederick, Long Drive #8 Rob Marsh & Charles Forrester. Thank you to Bolinger's Propane Service for sponsoring this week's golf balls. Congratulations to Ralph Taylor on his Hole-in-One on Wednesday, August 6th on #6!

We would like to also express our thoughts and prayers to the family of Pat Shuttleworth during this difficult time.?

FOOD PROGRAM

The Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County announced sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals at no separate charge. Free and reduced-price meals will be provided to participants meeting the approved eligibility criteria. Meals are available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability at the following sites: Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County Parkview Site and The Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County Warren.

Children who are members of households that receive TANF or Food Stamp benefits, are Head Start Participants, or are Foster children are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

This program, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Department of Education, Division of School and Community Nutri-

tion Programs gives financial assistance to child care centers so that nutritious meals can be integrated with nonresidential child care services for children.

The goal of the program is to improve the diets of young children and increase the opportunity for children to eat a variety of nutritious foods. The meals and snacks served meet standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. For further information contact: The Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County, 608 E. State Street, Huntington, Indiana 46750, (260)359-1750.

HYDRANT PROJECT

Readers needed for Hydrant Painting public art project.

The Huntington Arts Initiative chose the theme "Book Look...and Listen" for this year's hydrant painting public art exhibit to highlight the importance of reading and to help everyone realize the rainbow of possibilities the written word provides.

Almost 40 artists will be painting the hydrants to represent book of all kinds for audiences of all ages. The official opening of the project will be September 7 from 2 to 4 pm.

Maps will be available that day at The New Huntington Theatre so that everyone will be able to locate the hydrants, all of which are in and around the downtown area.

Volunteer readers will be stationed at each hydrant sharing excerpts from the books. Flint Springs Elementary School Principal Aimee Lunsford was the first person to volunteer.

"I am supportive of anything that promotes reading and literacy in our community,"

Lunsford explained. "Seeing how the artists interpret the books is also exciting."

Additional volunteers are needed to serve as readers on September 7. Anyone who is interested can contact Debbie Dyer at 260-358-0055 or by emailing ddyer@lafontainearts council.org

The Arts Initiative will also be giving away one copy of each book. People can sign up for the random drawing at the theatre.

The Arts Initiative was founded to entertain, to enrich and to educate people as they explore downtown Huntington. Additional information as well as photos from previous hydrant painting public art projects can be found on the Arts Initiative Facebook page.

TOP TEAM

iAB Financial Bank recently raised \$4,891 for donation to the American Cancer Society by participating in the Huntington County Relay for Life on Saturday June 14, 2014. As the top fundraising team in the event, thirty iAB employees and family members achieved Silver Team Fundraising Club Level, completing the 24 hour walk to raise funds for cancer research. Employee Maxine Ptak was the top fundraiser for the entire Relay, raising \$1,010. iAB employees continually seek ways to partner with local communities to meet the needs of others. "The accomplishments of Team iAB Financial for the Huntington Relay for Life is another great example of the power of partnership," stated Michael C. Marhenke, iAB President and CEO.

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A special Thank You to the staff at Heritage Pointe and Glancy Funeral Home.

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HARTLE

Sallie J. Hartle, 70, Huntington, passed away at 2:05 a.m. on Friday, August 08, 2014 at Parkview Hospital Randellia, Fort Wayne, IN.

Mrs. Hartle was born September 7, 1943 in Huntington, IN to Lloyd and Elizabeth McDaniel. Her parents preceded her in death. Sallie married Robert Hartle on March 29, 1975. He survives in Fort Wayne, IN. She graduated from Lancaster High School in 1961. Mrs. Hartle was employed as a beautician and as a convenience store manager. She was a member of New Hope United Brethren Church, Huntington, IN.

Along with her husband she is survived by two sons, Douglas Allen (Dawn) Hartle, Fort Wayne, IN, David Daniel (Stacy) Miller, New Albany, IN; two daughters, Barbara Lynn (Lisa Brown) Jones, Ann Marie (Troy) Smart, both of Huntington, IN; one brother, Richard McDaniel; one sister, Barbara Jean Straley, seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Memorial service will be Monday, August 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with calling from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at New Hope United Brethren Church 2001 Engle St. Huntington, IN 46750 with Rev. Ray Seilhammer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to: Parkview Hospice in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

FRANTZ

Mildred R. Frantz, 96, of Warsaw, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in The Hearth at Sycamore Village, Fort Wayne.

On Oct. 13, 1917, she was born in Bluffton to Theophilus and Mary Louise Tillman Gavin. She was united in marriage to Donald E. Frantz Dec. 24, 1942, in Louisville, Ky. He preceded her in death Nov. 7, 2012.

After living in Bluffton and Vincennes, Mildred moved to

Warsaw in 1958. She was an elementary school teacher, teaching at Liberty Center, Wells County, Vincennes and Warsaw Schools, retiring in 1980. She was a graduate from Ball State Teachers College in 1937.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Warsaw, where she was involved with the choir and Women's Circle. Her memberships included Mobile Meals, Chairman Community Concerts, Live and Learn Homemaker Club, County Choral Club, retiring in 1996, Zerelda Reading Club, Salvation Army Auxiliary and Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Alice Garrett of Warsaw; her son, James Richard (Nanette) Frantz of Warsaw; three granddaughters, Stephanie (Jim) McDairmant of Warsaw, Jennifer (Justin) Smith of Fort Wayne and Olivia (Dan) Coons of Warsaw; and four great-grandchildren, Darby, Andon, Olivia and Wyatt. She was also survived by her niece, Beverly Fort of Nashville. She also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Gavin.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, in First United Methodist Church, Warsaw, with Pastor Scott Carmer and Pastor Bill Wood officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the church Friday, Aug. 15.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 179 S. Indiana St., Warsaw, IN 46580; The Salvation Army, 501 Arthur St., Warsaw, IN 46580; or to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

SHUTTLEWORTH

H. Patrick Shuttleworth, 73, of Warren, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Mr. Shuttleworth was a 1958 graduate of Pennville High School and attended Ball State University, in Muncie. He was a member of the United States Army National Guard, in Portland. He spent his entire career as a mechanical engineer at Shuttleworth Inc. in Huntington, holding three patents for the packaging industry.

Pat was a 44 year member of

the Pennville Masonic Lodge, served on the Board of the Warren Masonic Cemetery and is a member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church, Warren, IN. Pat was an avid golfer, collector of classic cars, especially Corvettes and enjoyed buying and selling parts for classic cars. In earlier years Pat enjoyed flying model airplanes and was a licensed pilot.

He was born Dec. 5, 1940, in Richmond to James Archibold and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan Shuttleworth. He married Gelana Sell on Sept. 5, 1964, at the Methodist Church in Pennville. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Julie (Rob) McArdle, of Huntington, and Christie (Jim) Bonetti, of Wilmington, NC; a brother, Mike (Rosemary) Shuttleworth, of Hazelwood, MO; a sister-in-law, Anne Shuttleworth, of Meadville, PA; a brother-in-law, Noel (Kathy) Sell, of Auburn; and nine grandchildren, Austin Miller, Lexi Miller, Andrew McArdle, Morgan McArdle, Haley McArdle, Alexis Bonetti, James Bonetti, Chase Bonetti and Evan Bonetti.

Calling is Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N Matilda St., Warren. A Masonic service will take place Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, at 11 a.m., at Solid Rock United Methodist Church, 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, with Rev. Kathy Newton and Rev. Gerald Moreland officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Solid Rock United Methodist Church, 485 Bennett Drive Warren, IN 46792 or Family Life Care, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711.

DUCKWALL

Ruthanna Duckwall, 94, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, at 2:13 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren, IN.

Mrs. Duckwall graduated in 1938 from Van Buren High School. A former resident of Marion, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had worked as an office manager for the Marion Paving Company, both in Marion.

She was born Dec. 1, 1919, in Van Buren to Burtney "BJ" and Lillian Howard Ferguson. She married Wayne Duckwall in De-

ember of 1942, and he preceded her in death in September of 1997.

Survivors include a son, Bob (Barbara) Duckwall, of Marion; a daughter, Jane Stover, of North Vernon; two brothers, James (Betty) Ferguson and David (Elaine) Ferguson, both of Van Buren; two sisters, Miriam Jones, of Marion, and Sue (Jack) Yerkes, of Munster; two brothers-in-law, Ralph Duckwall, of Van Buren, and Roy Duckwall, of Fort Myers, FL; and two grandchildren, Peter Duckwall, of Marion, and Angela Duckwall, of Burlington, VT.

A service will be held on Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Rev. Tom Ream will officiate. Calling is Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park, in Marion.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 824 S. Adams St., Marion.

BIR



Patrick A. Bir, 64, of Huntington, IN, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, at 11:09 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bir was a 1968 graduate of Huntington Catholic High School and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, in Huntington. He served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He worked for International Harvester, in Fort Wayne, for 20 years and for Hayes Lemmerz, in Huntington, for 15 years.

He was born Nov. 18, 1949, in Huntington to Paul F. Jr. and Bernadette Kilty Bir. He married Carol S. Lane on Nov. 13, 1971, in Huntington, and she survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Aaron M. (Ashla) Bir, of Huntington; two daughters, Tara M. (Jasen) Hunnicutt and Jessica R. (Justin) Landrum, both of Huntington; three brothers, James E. (Karen) Bir, Tim A. (Jody) Bir and Doug E. (Janice) Bir, all of Huntington; six sisters, Sandra (Wes) Smith, of Warren; Karen Whitesell, Kay Campbell and Paulette Stuart, all of Huntington; Cathy (Mike) Pollock, of New Haven; and Carol (Phil) Hilligos, of Westminster, SC; and six grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W.

Park Drive, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. John Pfister will officiate. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, with military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689, Huntington.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

TROUT

Becky SuAnn "Suzi" Trout, 54, of Marion, IN, and having family members in Huntington, IN, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, at 5:25 p.m. at St. Vincent Hospital, in Indianapolis.



Ms. Trout graduated from Eastbrook High School in 1978. She was currently a student at Ivy Tech College, in Marion.

She was born March 31, 1960, in Marion to William Darrell and Linda Kay Pratt Trout. She is survived by her father and stepmother, Beulah Trout, both of Upland. She married Paul Glenn Tarlton in 1988 in Marion. Her husband survives.

Additional survivors include four brothers, Dean Trout, of Huntington, and Jim (Jodie) Trout, Jon (Carla) Trout and Danny Trout, all of Marion; two sisters, Terri (Herb) Rogers and Peggy (Rusty Anderson) King, both of Littleton, CO; and a stepbrother, Danny Trout, of Marion.

Calling is Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Interment will be at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Gifts to the family may be made in care of Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home.

CRESS

Jean Smethurst Cress, 93, of Warren, died Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, at 6:50 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.



Mrs. Cress graduated from Auburn High School and earned a Master of Arts in social studies

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and education from Ball State University, in Muncie. She taught at Salamonie Township High School and Huntington High School. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority, in Warren.

She was born April 8, 1921, in Dunkirk to Dr. W.B. and Jeanette Smith Trader. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George Smethurst. She is survived by her second husband, Rev. Howard Cress.

Additional survivors include a son, David (Susan) Smethurst, of Gaylord, MI; two grandchildren, Brooke (John) Stahle, of Mason, MI, and Ross (Amanda) Smethurst, of Ennis, MT; and three great-grandchildren.

Calling is Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, from noon to 2 p.m., with a service following at 2 p.m., in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren. Rev. Ed Clark will officiate. Interment will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Warren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Knight-Bergman Center museum, in Warren.

Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

STORER

Rose Mary Thorn Storer, 91, of Huntington, IN, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, at 5:10 a.m. at The Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Storer graduated from Andrews High School in 1940. She worked as a cook at Central Elementary School for 15 years and was co-owner of Country Flowers, in Huntington, for eight years. She was a member of St. Peter's First Community Church and a former member of St. Paul's County Line Church. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was guardian of Bethel 27 of Job's Daughters for many years. She was born Sept. 30, 1922, in Huntington to John and Freida Schenkel Stephan. She married Mark B. Thorn on Nov. 29, 1941, in Bippus, and he preceded her in death in July of 1981. She married John Storer on Oct. 13, 1994, in Gatlinburg, TN, and he preceded her in death in 2010.

Survivors include a son, Steven A. (Sharon) Thorn, of Urbana; a daughter, Carla (Greg) Young, of Roanoke; two brothers, Walter "Jim" Stephan, of Huntington, and Carl R. Stephan, of Bluffton; two sisters, Mae Leedy, of Hun-

tington, and Marcella Westfall, of Van Buren; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Calling is Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2014, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Gardens of memory Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Kids Kampus in care of Myers Funeral Home.

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DOVE HUNTS

Mississinewa Lake is hosting dove hunts Sept. 1 and 2 and is changing the way hunters for those events are drawn.

The lake will hold drawings on site the days of the hunt. In the past, Mississinewa has conducted draws online. The change is the result of declining hunter numbers and a high percentage of successful online applicants failing to attend.

The drawing site will be next to hunter check station "1" on County Road 1050 S. near La Fontaine. The drawing will be

held at 11 a.m. Hunters will have an opportunity at one of 30 to 35 hunting positions.

For more information, call the Mississinewa Lake office at (765) 473-6528.

Mississinewa Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2955.htm) is at 4673 S. 625E. Peru, 46970.

TRAPPING CAMP

Salamonie Lake will host a free trapper education course, Oct. 4 and 5, at the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The program is open to all ages, though youths are especially encouraged to attend. Registration is open now, and those interested are encouraged to register well in advance. The registration deadline is Sept. 26.

The program will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, with education on trapping issues, ethics

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and regulations. The program is sponsored by Salamonie Lake, the Indiana State Trappers Association and Indiana Conservation Officers.

Saturday afternoon, participants will set traps under supervision. Traps will be checked Sunday morning. Furbearers caught will be used in skinning and fleshing demonstrations by ISTA instructors.

Free camping is available for all course attendees on Friday and Saturday nights at the Lost Bridge West Youth Campground, within walking distance of the interpretive center.

Lunch will be provided both days. The program will end by 4:30 p.m. each day. Participants do not need a trapping license. Entrance fees will be waived for participants.

To register online, visit register.ed.com/programs/indiana.

For more information, or to register by phone, call (260) 468-2127.

Trappers must attend both days to receive the DNR Trapper Education Certification.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

DCS TO FUND PROGRAM

In a letter to DCS Director, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Governor Pence announced that the State of Indiana will fund the State Adoption Subsidy (SAS) for SFY 2015. The state will make funds available through reversion relief.

"Although the State Adoption Subsidy is only a small piece of the assistance the State of Indiana offers to adoptive parents, it is my belief that funding the program this fiscal year is the right thing to do," said Governor Mike Pence. "At the same time, the Adoption Study Committee is now looking at this issue, and we appreciate their work to develop recommendations that address the needs of Hoosier

families and effectively promote adoption," added Pence.

The State of Indiana pays more than \$92 million in adoption subsidies for more than 11,000 children through the Federal Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and the County Adoption Subsidy (CAS). Children who are not eligible for AAP or CAS may receive other forms of adoption assistance such as Medicaid and a one-time, non-recurring adoption expense, and are placed on the State Adoption Subsidy (SAS) waitlist.

"Governor Pence has a heart for adoptive and foster families, and we are grateful we have been able to identify resources to fund this program for families that have adopted children from our system," said Director, Mary Beth Bonaventura.

Parents of adoptive children that have questions regarding SAS can contact; centralized.eligibility@dcs.in.gov, or 877.265.0086.

About Indiana Department of Child Services: The Indiana Department of Child Services protects children from abuse and neglect and works to ensure the financial support of children. Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 800.800.5556. Child Support Customer Service Kidsline: 800.840.8757 or 317.233.5437. www.in.gov/dcs

ONLINE LEARNING TOOLS

(StatePoint) Unfortunately, the pace of classroom learning can't be tailored to every student's individual needs -- particularly these days, as class sizes are growing and funding for special enrichment programs becomes limited. In fact, at least 35 states provided less funding per student for the 2013-14 school year than they did before the recession.

Many children will need to spend some time outside the classroom going beyond their regular homework to keep up or get ahead in school. No matter what your child's education goals are, there are great ways

you can help make this school year the best one yet:

- Math practice: Square roots, polynomials, quadrilaterals. Learning these terms and concepts can get dicey quickly. Keeping up at home is important, and sometimes requires more than just doing the day's take-home assignment.

Consider supplementing homework with online tools. For example, Shmoop, an online learning and test prep provider, provides free study guides for review and courses for remedial work in many academic topics, including social science, arts and music, science and English. Their math tutorials cover everything from Pre-Algebra to Calculus and the step by-step explanations that the program offers can be helpful to any student looking for an extra edge.

- Read the classics: Kids who read for pleasure can improve their grades. Not only will the exposure to literary giants like John Steinbeck, Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe build vocabulary and improve reading comprehension, there is much to be learned about history and culture from picking up a great book, such as "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Be sure to use tools that can help clarify some of the denser material. Online learning guides can be a great place to get synopses and analysis.

- Use flashcards: It may sound quaint, but there is really no substitute for quizzing yourself with a flash card. Even the act of creating the flashcard can help reinforce concepts and facts.

- Extra Help: A little extra academic help after school can sometimes mean the difference between struggle and success. But between school and soccer practice, ballet lessons and getting dinner on the table, adding a tutor or after school class to the list might be a logistical impossibility.

Consider online courses that can be completed from the comfort of home and are common

core aligned. For example, Shmoop's offerings are diverse, ranging from 7th grade math to second semester 12th grade British Literature. For those students taking Advanced Placement courses this fall, check out their AP test prep courses. These courses help students nail the important, for-credit, year-end exam. More information can be found at www.Shmoop.com.

With a bit of extra effort and the use of savvy learning tools, kids can gain a competitive edge this school year.

ENSURE YOUR STUDENT ATHLETES ARE READY FOR THE SEASON

(StatePoint) For many kids, playing sports is an important part of growing up, and that's a good thing. Sports are a great way for children and adolescents to develop lifelong exercise habits, build relationships, and learn teamwork.

"Parents can play a vital role in ensuring young athletes train and condition properly," says Dr. James M. Perrin, 2014 president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "From staying hydrated to wearing safety gear, kids may need periodic reminders."

Here are ways to help your child avoid common sports hazards:

Condition
Athletes will reduce their risk of injury by strengthening muscles to protect vulnerable ligaments. This is especially important in certain sports -- including soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and lacrosse -- in which athletes are prone to injuring their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), which provides stability to the knee.

Girls need to be especially careful, according to statistics. Adolescent girls are four to eight times more likely to suffer ACL injuries than boys, according to the AAP.

Neuromuscular training programs that strengthen hips, the

core muscles and hamstrings can significantly reduce one's risk for injury. This training will help athletes improve their form and have a greater awareness of how to safely pivot, jump and land.

Stay Hydrated

Water is the best way for kids to stay hydrated while playing or exercising. Sports and energy drinks are heavily marketed to children and adolescents, but in most cases kids don't need them -- and some of these products contain ingredients that could be harmful to children.

Sports drinks which contain carbohydrates and electrolytes, can be helpful for young athletes engaged in prolonged, vigorous exercise, but in most cases they're unnecessary. Plain water is usually best, as sports drinks contain extra calories and sugar. Energy drinks, which contain stimulants like caffeine, are not healthy for children or teens, according to the AAP.

Read the label to know exactly what you're giving your child. When in doubt, stick to water.

Protect Your Head

Because young athletes' brains are still developing, it's important to take head injuries seriously. Adolescent concussions can cause long-term brain injury. If your young athlete sustains a concussion, he or she should be evaluated by a physician and receive medical clearance before returning to play. While concussion symptoms usually resolve in seven to 10 days, some athletes may take weeks or months to recover, and some students may need accommodations at school during this recovery.

Don't Overdo It

The most common type of sports injury is from overuse. Ignoring pain can worsen the injury and cause long-term damage.

"The best way for parents to prevent overuse injuries is to pay attention to their child's training schedule," Perrin says.

Limit your child to a single sport or team per season, and the training schedule to no more than five days per week. Alternating sports can help avoid burnout.

More sports safety tips can be found at www.HealthyChildren.org.

While sports are an important part of childhood with critical health benefits, parents, coaches and athletes should work together to make sure children participate safely.



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