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Thought for the Week: The art of leadership is saying no, not yes. It is very easy to say yes. Tony Blair

BOOK FAIR

Salamonie Book Fair - Open to Everyone

November 14 - 19 - 8:30-3:30
Special Night November 18 -
3:30-6:00

FARMERS MARKET

The vendors from the summer market invite you to check out the winter market at the town annex building corner of 2nd and Wayne Street. Hours will be 8a.m to 1p.m. We are here to assist you with some holiday food preparation and shopping.

We expect to have a variety of pies including pumpkin, mince, and pecan. Also will be breads, noodles, angel food cake, cheese balls, Rabbs beef, Van Buren Lions Club tenderloins, Tri Kappa nuts and goodies, caramel apples, and Tastefully Simple mixes, just to name a few items.

Next door in the Pulse lobby a few craft vendors with candles, painted slates, home deco items, and other gift items. The Pulse candy counter will be open serving coffees and hot chocolate. The Pulse box office will be available for ticket purchase or reservations for the wonderful holiday show Miracle on 34th Street, you don't want to miss it.

The vendors all wish you Happy Holidays

MEMORIAL BOWS

Memorial Bows are now available at Warren Town Hall or PJ's Flowers for the Town Christmas Tree. The bows serve as the only decoration for the tree, which stands outside Town Hall, besides the lights. Bows are two dollars each with the

name of the person(s) being honored added before the bow is placed on the tree with the Memorial List of Persons Honored published in the Warren Weekly the week before Christmas.

The bows are available in three colors: white for deceased, red for living, and yellow for military whether deceased, inactive or active. The proceeds of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce project are used for additional Christmas Lighting projects within the Town. PJ's Flowers and Gifts supplies the ribbon.

Christmas lighting in Warren is scheduled for Friday, November 26th as Santa also arrives in downtown at 6:00 pm on that date. Santa then lead everyone to the Knight-Bergman Center to meet and greet children and adults alike.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The Bargain Basement will be closed on Thanksgiving weekend (11.26 & 27). We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and ask that you take a moment to remember the military personnel who can't be with their families.

TOY DRIVE

Again this holiday season Dollar General is teaming up to help the S.A.M. (Salamonie Active Men) Club with their annual holiday toy drive to assist local children and families who otherwise may not have a special holiday this year.

Last year, S.A.M. was able to help out 25 children and eleven families in our area. With your help again this year, they could

help so many more. Although the need is great, all of us working together can help make this a blessed holiday for area families in need.

To help - just drop off or purchase a new unwrapped toy of gift item at your Warren Dollar General before December 15th.

If you know of a family who needs help this season, we will have forms available at the store to be picked up.

FOOD DRIVE

Girl Scout Troop 342, composed of 4th & 5th graders at Lancaster Elementary will be collecting canned food and toiletry items for Love Inc in Huntington. This is part of a county wide food drive sponsored by the Huntington County Girl Scout service unit.

Troop 342 went door to door on Tuesday, November 16th, but they will also have drop off baskets located at DeWeese's and the Warren Pharmacy. The baskets will be there until December 1st.

The Girl Scouts thank you for helping us help Huntington County.

SHOT CLINIC

The Huntington County Health Department will have a Flu Shot Clinic at the Warren Pharmacy on Friday, November 19th. from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Flu shots will be \$20/ADULT (age 18 & older), payable to Huntington County Health Dept.

The 2010 Flu shot also contains the H1N1 strain. Last season the H1N1 vaccine was given as a separate shot.

Medicaid patients may obtain the shot for \$0.00 copay, IF THEY

PRESENT A CURRENTLY ACTIVE MEDICAID CARD.

Medicare patients may pay for the vaccination and send their bill into Medicare for reimbursement. The Health Department will issue a receipt of payment. CASH or Local Checks are accepted.

Residents of neighboring counties are welcome! You do not need to be a Huntington County resident. If you have questions about vaccinations you may call the Health Department at 260-358-4895.

This service is provided by the Huntington County Health Department. The Warren Pharmacy is simply providing a location for this excellent service.

PLEASE READ
& RECYCLE



MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Stacia Brinneman Durprey (Miss Adams) and Bob Barnes (Kris Kringle) posing after their performance in "Miracle On 34th Street" at the Pulse Opera House opening week-end. Be sure and get in the spirit of the season and reserve your tickets for this wonderful Christmas show. November 18, 19, 20 (Thanksgiving week-end November 26, 27) and December 2, 3, 4 Call....260 375 7017

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thanks to these people in Warren that helped this week at the Knight Bergman Center Monday and Saturday they helped with the Christmas lights.

Today they helped unload the Food Pantry truck. So a big thanks to these people.

Deweese for freezer space,

Daugherty Companies for unloading the truck. They were: Jim Howell, Lee Smith, Larry Feemster, Rily Landrum, Mark Davis, Steve Langston.

Putting out the Lights were: Bob Zimmerman, Ray Holzheuer, Bob and LuEllyn Pond, Ron and Bonnie Boxell, Ronnie and Andrew Boxell, Ron and Myrna Neff, Jerry and Joan Boyer, Ned Trout, Dan Stouffs, Janice Jordan.

THANKSGIVING, EACH YEARS NEW BEGINNING

by V Neil Wyrick

The initial birthing of thanksgiving as an official American holiday rather than an attitude took place in 1789 when George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation. In these early beginnings each state celebrated Thanksgiving according to its own particular time and method of participation.

Then came Oct 3, 1863 and Abraham Lincoln picked the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. Not to be outdone in the ongoing change parade, Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 moved it to the third Thursday in November. Then two years later changed it back to the fourth Thursday in November. By then it seems everyone was so worn out it has remained the same ever since.

This grand and glorious gratitude day does fill not only one's tummy but also one's heart. Only a blind man could be anything but grateful to be part of a nation that despite all its warts is still the place so many other people in the world want to come to and live in.

Nor is Thanksgiving without its opportunity for humor. Erma Bombeck pointed out that a thanksgiving dinner takes eighteen hours to prepare and twelve minutes to consume. Or as one anonymous wit wrote, "An optimist is someone who starts a diet on Thanksgiving Day."

As I have written this column I knew I would have to reach the point where I made my own lists that I personally am thankful for, so here goes.

1. I am thankful some of my neighbors have dogs and love them and are loved by them. I am also thankful that as of this writing that none of these neighbors live next door.

2. I am thankful for my reading glasses but not thankful when I cannot find them.

3. I am thankful that I can and want to worship my God in a country that allows freedom of religion.

4. I am thankful for this electronic age even though quite often I feel overwhelmed by it.

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 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
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 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

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 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
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 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
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 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship 10:30 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.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

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 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worshp 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
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 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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 Pastor Devin Cook
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148
 Tony Johnson - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

**PLUM TREE
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 375-2691
 Dr. Jeanne Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Mel Zumbun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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 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 Blake J. Neff
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
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 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
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 TNT, Thur 6-8pm

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 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.
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 765-934-3609
 Pastor - Dan Metz
 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

AREA NEWS

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the public! We appreciate your support!

HOME Game admission prices are very family friendly, only \$2/ student, \$3/adult and \$8/family (5&under FREE). One admission charge for an evening of enjoyment. Delicious and Nutritious Concessions are available.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their meeting on November 1st at the meeting room in the Knight Bergman Center.

President Jenny Plummer opened the meeting by repeating the creed. Officer and committee reports were given.

It was announced that we placed 2nd in the scarecrow contest at the annual Festival.

It was moved and seconded to purchase Thanksgiving Turkeys for the Food Pantry.

Our Christmas Basket was donated by Beth Ostermeyer and filled by Gebhart Floral Barn. Tickets can be purchased from any member at one ticket for 1.00 or 6 for 5.00. The drawing will be December 21 at our Christmas Party.

Those attending were Sandy Booher, Suzette Gephart, Sandy Eichhorn, Opal Brubaker, Susan Ralston, Beth Ostermeyer, Kathy Ralston, Sondra Brubaker, Claudia Boxell, Jenny Plummer, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal and Sharon Gebhart.

'TIS THE SEASON

The Huntington University Theatre Company and Huntington University music department are thrilled to present "Tis the Season: an Exciting Christmas Musical

Revue" during the week of Dec. 1-4.

Bring the whole family to enjoy the merriment of the holiday season; but more importantly, come to rejoice in the miracle of the birth of Christ. There will be singing, dancing, music and drama all wrapped up in an evening of delightful entertainment. The show features such songs as "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Blue Christmas," "Deck the Halls" and many other popular Christmas tunes as well as many of your favorite carols and religious Christmas songs.

"Tis the Season" will run from Dec. 1-4 in Zurcher Auditorium in the Merillat Centre for the Arts on Huntington University's campus. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$6 for children 13 and younger, \$5 for HU students and \$9 for HU faculty/staff.

For reservations, call the Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

"Tis the Season: A Christmas Celebration" is directed by Jay Duffer, choreographed by Melissa Duffer and musically directed by Dr. George Killian.

For more information, visit www.huntington.edu/theater.

SUPPER PLANNED

Huntington County Baseball & Softball will hold an all you can eat fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, December 3 from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Huntington North High School Cafeteria, 450 MacGahan St. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$5.50 children ages 6-12, kids

age 5 and under eat for free. Tickets can be purchased the night of the event or purchased in advanced from any Huntington County Baseball Board Member.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Families of the Jackson Township 4-H Club met recently for a Fall Ice Cream Social and Awards Event.

Township Record Book awards were presented to: Kayleigh Hopkins, Arts & Crafts; Zack Doepker, BBQ; Heather Huffman, Beef; Megan Thompson, Cat Poster; Kory Miller, Collections, Geology, Poultry, Strawberry, and Woodworking; Abe Herr, Construction Toy; Hanna Thompson, Dog Poster; Sam Jones, Electric and Shooting Sports Option; Taylor Doepker, Flowers, and Gift Wrapping; Linly Lloyd, Foods; Kelsey Miller, Garden, Goat, and Potato; Wyatt Korporal, Models; Katelyn Kline, Rabbit; Sarah Kline, Rabbit Poster; Jenny Lloyd, Sewing; Acacia Herr, Sheep; Travis Huffman, Sportfishing; Kendra Barr, Starter Beef; Sadie Herr, Swine; and Mason Huffman, Wildlife.

County Record Book Awards were presented to: Kory Miller, Strawberry; Sam Jones, Shooting Sports Option; Taylor Doepker, Gift Wrapping; Sarah Kline, Rabbit Poster; Travis Huffman, Sportfishing; Kendra Barr, Starter Beef, Sadie Herr, Swine; and Mason Huffman, Wildlife.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and

submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

4-H Electric Awards were presented to Sam Jones and Kory Miller. The awards were sponsored by United REMC and other Rural Electric Cooperatives across Indiana.

Volunteers who assisted with the 4-H Fair, Rodeo and Street Fair Pancake & Sausage Booth were thanked. In addition, those serving on the 4-H Association and Council were thanked. These included: Mike Piquine, Bruce Herr, John Barr, Rene Hopkins, and David & Megan Kilander. Additional volunteers are needed for these committees next year. Interested adults should contact the 4-H Leaders or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

4-H families also thanked club leader Kelly Jones for her work with the club in 2010.

Information was shared from the Wells County 4-H Foundation and their activities at the 4-H Fair. High school seniors were encouraged to apply for the scholarships that are sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

Wells County Farm Bureau was recognized for their sponsorship of 4-H pins and donation to the 4-H Club for the Achievement Program.

The 4-H program is organized by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

A workshop to assist Huntington County 4-H members in completing a variety of state 4-H scholarship applications will be held Thursday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 pm. The workshop will highlight the number of different 4-H scholarships available at the state and local level and cover some of the worksheets for youth to use in completing scholarship applications. Youth and parents interested in attending this workshop must contact the Huntington County Extension Office no later than Tuesday, November 30 by 4:00 pm to ensure sufficient handouts are available for participants.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth, at the Purdue Extension-Huntington County office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email ldaldrig@purdue.edu.

GIVE BLOOD

The perfect gift comes from the heart

American Red Cross encourages blood and platelet donations for the holidays

"Tis the season and everyone is searching for gift ideas that don't break the bank. Despite the half-off or early bird sales, many people struggle to find the perfect gift.

"What if, for just one day, you forget the sales and choose to help save a life instead?" asks Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Donating blood or platelets can help save lives and only costs about an hour or two of your time."

Red Cross officials say that if just 10 percent of Americans gave blood this holiday season, 34.2 million lives might be saved. That's a deal everyone can appreciate.

Every day, regardless of the season, hospital patients need blood or platelets for the treatment of serious diseases like cancer, for lifesaving surgeries, or for emergency care related to accidents or trauma. In fact, one out of 10 patients entering the hospital needs blood.

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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.

- Nov 17 Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving
- Nov 26 Warren Christmas Downtown Lighting, 6 p.m.
- Dec 1 Warren Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Assembly Hall
- Dec 1 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 13 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Dec 15 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 20 KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 pm @ KBC
- Dec 21 Winter begins

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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"Your donation this holiday season is the perfect gift. It's the gift that saves the day," says Whitman. "Donate blood or platelets and give the gift of life. Your heart and countless hospital patients across the country thank you."

More details on giving that perfect gift through the American Red Cross can be viewed at redcrossblood.org/theperfectgift.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

GET SMART ...

About Antibiotics

State and local health officials have news for parents this cold and flu season: antibiotics don't work for a cold or the flu.

"Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses," said State Health Commissioner Gregory N. Larkin, M.D. "And colds, flu, and most sore throats are caused by viruses. Antibiotics don't touch viruses – never have, never will. And it's not really news. It's a long-documented medical fact."

But tell that to parents seeking relief for a child's runny nose. Research shows that most Americans have either missed the message about appropriate antibiotic use or they simply don't believe it. It's a case of mistaken popular belief winning out over fact. According to public opinion research, there is a perception that "antibiotics cure everything."

So, health officials in Indiana are taking the lead to educate Hoosiers parents and health care providers about the dangers of inappropriate antibiotic use, including the risk of antibiotic resistance. Indiana is one of only 12 states to receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from its "Get Smart about Antibiotics" campaign.

This funding supports the Indiana Coalition for Antibiotic Resistance Education Strategies (ICARES). ICARES is a coalition of community members formed in 1999 to inform physicians and patients about the potential harm associated with unnecessary antibiotic use. Public health, hospitals, insurance companies, laboratories, and pharmacists are all represented on the coalition. Among its members are the Indiana State Department of Health and several local health departments, including the Marion County Health Department.

"The more information we can share with parents, adults, and health care community, the healthier we can keep our communities. This is an important message that our residents need to understand for their own health benefit," said Marion County Health Director Virginia A. Caine, M.D.

According to Drs. Larkin and Caine, taking antibiotics when they are not needed can do more harm than good. Widespread inappropriate use of antibiotics is fueling an increase in drug-resistant bacteria. And sick individuals aren't the only people who can suffer the consequences. Families and entire communities feel the impact when disease-causing germs become resistant to antibiotics.

"The most obvious consequence of inappropriate antibiotic use is its effect on the sick patient," said Dr. Larkin. "When antibiotics are

incorrectly used to treat children or adults with viral infections, such as colds and flu, they aren't getting the best care for their condition. A course of antibiotics won't fight the virus, make the patient feel better, yield a quicker recovery or keep others from getting sick."

Dr. Larkin says a less obvious consequence of antibiotic overuse is the boost it gives to drug-resistant disease-causing bacteria. Almost every type of bacteria has become stronger and less responsive to antibiotic treatment when it really is needed. These antibiotic-resistant bacteria can quickly spread to family members, school mates and co-workers – threatening the community with a new strain of infectious disease that is more difficult to cure and more expensive to treat.

According to the CDC, antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health problems. Americans of all ages can lower this risk by talking to their doctors and using antibiotics appropriately during this cold and flu season.

Two major reasons that antimicrobial resistance occurs are overuse (such as taking antibiotics for viral illnesses, i.e. colds) and misuse (such as skipping doses or not completing the full course of antibiotics). Studies have demonstrated 50% of all antibiotic use is either unnecessary or inappropriate.

Antibiotic resistant infections, which occur in the community and health care facilities, are painful, difficult to treat, and increase the cost of health care dramatically. Some of the more common antibiotic resistant infections that affect Indiana's citizens include Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Clostridium difficile, Streptococcus pneumoniae, and Tuberculosis. There are many others that are common or emerging as major threats to the health of Hoosiers.

Dr. Larkin says children and adults with viral infections recover when the illness has run its course. Colds caused by viruses may last for two weeks or longer. There are measures that can help a person with a cold or flu feel better:

Increase fluid intake (preferably water or juice and avoid alcohol and caffeine;

Use a cool mist vaporizer or saline nasal spray to relieve congestion; and

Soothe throat with ice chips, sore throat spray or lozenges (for older children and adults).

"Viral infections may sometimes lead to bacterial infections," said Dr. Larkin. "Individuals should keep their doctor informed if their illness gets worse or lasts a long time."

PAST REVISITED

(The following article was published in 1992 in the Warren Weekly and recently submitted for republication by the Authors mother Gail Wamsley. The Author is Deanna Wamsley.)

I have read with great interest the various articles that residents and former residents of Warren have written for the newspaper. They have opened floodgates of memories for me and, now that I have reached my mid-thirties I can fully appreciate the experience of growing up in a small town.

I haven't actually lived in the Warren area for over fourteen years now, but I know that the first twenty-one years of my life there determined the person I am today. I may not remember things chronologically, but I do want to share what I remember about growing up in Warren, Indiana.

I remember a town with two grocery stores, two drug stores, two "general" stores, a dime store, a hardware store, a dry cleaner, a men's store, a pool hall, three restaurants, a jewelry store, a bank, a post office, a tavern, seven churches, a public library, two funeral homes, a meat locker, a hatchery, a grain

elevator, three car dealerships, various gas stations (which were really "service" stations), the city building (whose most-used feature was the ladies restroom), a newspaper office, and a school where every child between the ages of five and eighteen attended classes in one building (with occasional satellite classrooms established in other town buildings when space got tight).

Now, as I review this list of businesses and services (and I haven't even attempted to remember the myriad of repairmen, plumbers, electricians, etc.!) I see a complete and self-sufficient community that was a wonderful place to live and feel secure and supported.

Fluhrer's Dry Cleaners was always a toasty warm building to walk into in the winter and a stiflingly hot place to be in the summer. I can still smell the cleaning fluid and see Pauline and Ran behind the counter. I was sorry when Mom had to start taking her cleaning to Huntington.

Ditzler's was where I think I learned to eat ice cream. Mom would sometimes meet friends there to talk and listen to the jukebox and, of course, eat ice cream. Sometimes one of her friends would pick me up, carry me over to the jukebox, and let me push the buttons to select the songs. I'm sure I didn't make the most popular choices, but I felt so important!

Minnich's Men's Store was the place I always went to buy gifts for Dad and Grandpa and Pop. I didn't understand the concept of sales tax and never had quite enough money to cover that little extra charge on top of the price tag. Mr. Cook always pulled a few cents out of his own pocket and took care of the tax for me. I missed him when he left us.

Gamble's basement was where every kid wanted to go during the month of December. You could cruise the toy aisles and decide what you most wanted for Christmas and then go sit on Santa's lap and share your desires with him. Of course, a visit to Santa always ensured a piece of hard candy as you left.

Gibboney's Jewelry Store was where I learned to love gold and gemstones. Gibb and Colleen

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BRUBAKER

Billy L. Brubaker, 69 of Uniondale passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at his home.

He was a 1959 graduate of Warren High School. He had worked at Wilbert Vault in Uniondale in the early 1960's. He had worked at Yeoman Engineering for 35 years and worked at Wabash Technology since 2000. He was a member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge and was a member of Union Church. He was a scout leader in Uniondale for several years and was a Northern Wells Community School Board member in the 1980's.

He was born on September 10, 1941 in Huntington County, a son of Ralph D. and Mary A. (Watson) Brubaker.

He was united in marriage to Connie J. Dalrymple on July 1, 1960 in Warren. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two sons: Lionel K. (Lori) Brubaker of Uniondale; Matthew L. (Laura) Brubaker of Bluffton; three daughters: Angela K. (Brad) Landrum of Bippus; Pamela L. (Rick) Sills of Bluffton; Amanda C. (Ryan) Alford of Markle; five brothers: John (Thelma) Brubaker of Bluffton; Max (Jean) Brubaker of Christman, IL; Robert (Opal) Brubaker of Warren; Jerry (Imo Jean) Brubaker of Warren; Richard (Janice) Brubaker of Warren; a sister: Ruthann (Les) Ackley of Warren; twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, 415 N. Lee Street, Markle, Indiana.

Services were held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Uniondale United Methodist Church with Pastor Lloyd Hall officiating.

Interment was at the Horeb Cemetery in Uniondale.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in care of Myers Funeral Home P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

SHANE

Agnes J. Shane, 92, a resident of the Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center, died there at 9:23 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010.

Mrs. Shane was a retired General Electric employee. She was a member of the Mulberry

Wesleyan Church. She was a member and past president of the Women's Missionary Society and taught Sunday School for many years. She was a lifelong resident of Wells County and attended Bluffton High School.

She was born Oct. 13, 1918, in Liberty Center, to Thomas Maddux and Lunda Tarr Maddux. She married Lavon L. Shane Dec. 24, 1938, in Bluffton; her husband died Jan. 31, 2003.

Survivors include a son, Don E. (Nancy) Shane of Bluffton; a daughter, Karen (Jack) Barcus of Bluffton; a granddaughter, Tammy (Tim) Garwood of Springfield, Ohio; four grandsons, David (Nikki) Barcus of Poneto, Richard (Tammy) Shane of Bluffton, Jeffery (Amy) Shane of Bluffton, and Michael (Michelle) Shane of Ossian; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, William Shane; two brothers, Leroy Maddux and Frank Maddux; and two sisters, Jenny Englehart and Nora Mechling.

Calling hours were held at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Services were held at the Mulberry Wesleyan Church with Pastor Don Hosier officiating. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Mulberry Wesleyan Church.



FALL PARTY

The children of Marjorie and Arthur Gard gathered Saturday October 30 for the annual fall cleanup and family celebration.

Approximately 50 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived early to complete the multi-unit task list of chores. Trees were trimmed, bushes pruned, flowers cut and windows washed. All pitched in to finish the homestead cleanup by mid-afternoon so they could then celebrate Marjorie's 96th birthday (October 31st), Arthur's 98th birthday and the couples 76th wedding anniversary, also on Nov. 4th.

The gathering was completed traditionally around the dinner table with Marjorie recalling several significant memories from her lifetime.

Hosting the party were Gary and Sandra Wegenke of Kalamazoo, MI; James and Dianne Burk, Decatur; Edward and Jane Polzin of Angola; James and Sydney Gard of Edmond, OK; Charles and Cathy Ann Gard of Huntington, Richard and Cindy Gard of Kokomo and Patrick and Cathy Pearson of Bluffton.

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would let me try on pretty necklaces when I came in to visit. When I shared this story with my husband, he said, "so now I know who to blame for your expensive taste in jewelry."

McCord's Five and Dime was good for at least a half hour of browsing. They carried the hottest cinnamon balls in their hard candy counter just inside the door. I just recently had a dream about walking up and down the aisles of this store, so I guess I must have spent a lot of time there. I remember realizing once, while I was walking down the street, that I was missing my purse. I had left it laying on a display counter at the dime store while a looked at something and it was still there when I went back to retrieve it. How many other towns would be that safe?

A big treat was going to the root beer stand for a chili dog and a "baby" root beer. Those tiny little root beer mugs were just the right size for little hands and little thirsts. Sometimes after the hot dog we would drive across the street to Poling's drive-in for an ice cream cone. My favorite was peppermint stick ice cream. Root beer just doesn't taste the same out of a can and I haven't found a decent dip of peppermint stick ice cream in twenty-five years!

Oh, and the drugstores - Coolman's and Gold Seal - both with full soda fountains. Mom taught me to like lime phosphates at these soda fountains. I'm kind of sorry she did, because now you can't get one anywhere. Coolman's had a penny candy counter to die for. For a quarter you could

gorge yourself until you had a definite sugar overload.

(Mr. Coolman was very patient as each child agonized over the choices.) Or, for that same quarter you could get an ice cream sundae and a Coke. People I work with now think I must be ancient when I tell them that.

Myers' Department Store had the neatest stools bolted to the floor in front of the dry goods counter. The round wooden seats spun freely and I drove my mother crazy spinning on those stools. I was delighted to find them transferred to a little fabric shop in Nashville, Indiana when I was in college. Anna Adsit was working there and I went in and spun on a stool when I was twenty years old. (My boyfriend was extremely embarrassed.) My first pair of high-heeled shoes came from Myers'. I think they cost about \$6.00.

I have so many more memories of growing up in Warren, but I guess I'll only take enough space to say one more thing (in a lengthy way). Thank you to my teachers. The Warren school gave me a priceless start on my education. Gloria Reeves taught me social skills in kindergarten; Ruth McCord taught me to read in first grade; Lucille Dunwoody taught me arithmetic in second grade, Mary Brown taught me to spell at a twelfth grade level in third grade. These women opened doors for me that a great many people find closed to them. My fourth and fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Christner and Mrs. Wiley, expanded on these basics and are greatly responsible for the words I have heard several times after taking

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examinations relating to my career: "You have the highest score I've ever seen on this test." Thank you for everything, Warren.

HONOR ROLL

Students achieving Honor Roll status at Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School for the 1st Quarter include the following.

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Grade 9 High Honor - Carissa Carter, Tracy Furnish, Katelyn Kline, Ivy Maddox, Mikala Page, Amanda Reimer, Blade Rheinhardt, Aleigha Zoda

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GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Every year we swear to ourselves that this Christmas is going to be different and every year we find ourselves wrapping presents as we walk out the door. Why do we allow our procrastination to play havoc with our lives year after year? I want to help you cruise through this holiday season with FLYING colors!

Our main problem is that it all seems like so much work to us. This is why we put it off another day. Who wants to work; we had much rather play and that is what we are going to do! We are headed for a cruise; that is we are going to pretend to go on a two week cruise just before Christmas. We will not be home till December 21st. If we are to have an enjoyable cruise our holiday plans have to be complete before we set foot on the ship!

Our goal is to have all the gifts purchased, wrapped and under the tree. This means that our home has to have a decorated

tree and holiday food waiting in the pantry for us to prepare when we arrive home. We won't have time to do much shopping when our cruise is over. We have a few weeks to do this. All we have to do is take baby steps.

We need a plan. This is my gift to you this holiday season; a Holiday Control Journal that is free for you to download on my website www.FlyLady.net. All you have to do is put a little action with this plan and you will be cruising toward your most peaceful celebration ever. While you are on my website check out our link to Holiday Cruising Missions videos to help you take your baby steps.

We used a basic weekly plan to develop the Holiday Cruising Missions. Don't think that you have missed the boat. We have plenty of time. Get started today!

Monday - Clean and Fling: In order to have fun this holiday season we need to start with our routines keeping our home looking nice. You can't organize clutter this is why we have to fling the clutter so that our home is easier to keep clean.

Tuesday - Plan and Play: Oh do we love to play and make lists. We set aside a few minutes each Tuesday to fill our need to play. Decorating our homes is fun when we don't try to kill ourselves by doing it all at once. Using this day to make our plans and implement them helps us to take our baby steps and be ready to Cruise Through the Holidays.

Wednesday - Anti-procrastination Day: The buck stops here! No longer can put off doing things like wrapping presents and addressing Christmas cards; this is our day to stop procrastinating and do just a little to make our cruise a reality.

Thursday - Go and Do: When we make our list of things to do and then get out into the world and do them; amazing things get accomplished. Before we know it we are checking things off our list and we are Cruising Through the Holidays. Many things we can finish without having to leave the house by using the internet: Postage stamps and gift shopping.

Friday - Budget don't Begrudge it: The holidays can play havoc with our checkbook balances and our credit cards when we wait to the last minute

to purchase gifts and buy the extra food that makes our holiday special. Plan for your purchases and make a simple budget and stick to it. Friday is your day to check your Holiday Control Journal and make sure you are staying within your predetermined budget for the holidays. Your checkbook and credit cards will thank you come January. This makes not only the holidays peaceful but the New Year has a great start without the holiday debt dragging you down!

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How To Get Your Kids To Enjoy Learning

(StatePoint) Children are naturally wired to soak up their environment, ask questions and learn as much as they can. However, they don't always enjoy formal learning at school, something that increasingly is concerning parents.

Many parents these days worry that long school days may diminish their children's natural zest for learning, according to a recent study conducted by the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL). Some parents also are concerned that financial and time constraints are preventing them from giving their children everything they need to succeed.

"There are many easy and inexpensive ways for families to make learning fun again and incorporate it into daily activities, so they don't have to find additional time in already hectic schedules," says Emily Kirkpatrick, vice president at NCFL. "Parents should tap into everyday activities and a child's natural sense of wonder for inspiration."

Here are some ideas to get your child excited about learning:

* Brainstorm and research.

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TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

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When children ask "why," don't simply answer them. Encourage critical thinking skills by turning the question around and asking them what they think the explanation is. Then go research the answer together.

* Learn with them. Take an interest in your child's schoolwork by asking them what they learned that day. If they say "Nothing," then ask them what pages in their textbook they covered.

According to the NCFL study, parents may be anxious that they can't keep up with their children's schoolwork. But parents needn't know all the answers to encourage a life-long love of learning. Instead, you can be a good role model by demonstrating a willingness to learn from your kids.

* Go online together. While the Internet has historically gotten the short shrift in terms of educational value, some content can be beneficial. For example, a new non-profit Web site named Wonderopolis.org provides family-friendly content that is practical, easy-to-use and designed to engage children's natural curiosity.

Each day, parents can find a "Wonder of the Day" -- something simple to explore with their children. For instance, a recent video encouraged kids to form their own League of Lesser Known Superheroes for some rainy day fun. Suggested members included Waffleman, who protects Brunchopolis from the evil Dr. Broccoli.

* Take them out. Family outings can be a great way to foster curiosity in your kids, and it doesn't have to mean an additional expense. Instead of dinner at your usual family restaurant, try the new ethnic joint in town. Or take a drive through local historical sites. The key is to not rush through the outing and to take time to ask kids what they think and feel.

It's most important to focus on your child's efforts to learn, not the final results, experts say. Their explanations may be incorrect, perhaps even funny,

but the important thing is that they associate learning with fun.

For more creative ideas to spark your children's curiosity, visit Wonderopolis.org.

USE THE FAMILY COMPUTER FOR HOLIDAY FUN

(StatePoint) While the holidays are a time for traditions like caroling and baking, sometimes a little innovation can make family activities even more enjoyable.

Technological advancements like touchscreen PCs, built-in webcams and custom applications have made connecting and sharing the holidays with family and friends easier than ever.

Here are just a few ways you can use the family computer for holiday fun:

Create Slideshows

In lieu of sending friends and family the obligatory holiday card (that wastes paper and usually ends up in the trash days after it's received), why not create an electronic greeting? A slideshow of family photos or personalized cards will be enjoyed by close relatives and friends and kids will enjoy picking their favorite photos to contribute. Built-in webcams let families exchange holiday greetings and fun in real-time.

Streaming Fun

Looking for a fast and simple way to entertain guests at a holiday party? Use the family computer to visit music sites, build playlists or stream holiday favorites. Most PCs also have built-in speakers that offer a premium sound experience.

Visiting relatives can also mean fights over the remote control. But applications, such as those available on the new HP TouchSmart 310, provide

instant access to Netflix and Hulu and social networks like Twitter and Facebook. Now nobody has to miss their favorite TV show and can spend as much time as they want updating friends via their favorite social network.

Track Santa

It's a little-known fact that the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) tracks Santa's movements every year. Allow your kids to indulge in a little technological fantasy by visiting noradsanta.org. Everyone but the Grinch will get a kick out of it.

Keep Recipes at Your Fingertips

The holidays are a time for sharing meals and goodies with families, but saving and keeping track of all those recipes can be a challenge. Fortunately, technology is now the family chef's best assistant. For example, HP's TouchSmart PC lets you download and store recipes via its exclusive "RecipeBox" application. "RecipeBox" also lets you cook hands-free with voice commands which means less mess and more special holiday treats.

Read Together

If your kids like spending hours in front of a screen playing games or chatting with friends, take advantage of this to get them reading more. In addition to holiday classics, you can now get electronic versions of kids' favorite comic books and

superhero stories with new applications from publishers like Marvel Comics.

"Exploring what technology has to offer can strengthen family ties and put the focus back on sharing holiday fun," says Ken Bosley, worldwide product manager at HP. "Today's computers are designed to be accessible by everyone in the family, as well as powerful and feature-rich to maximize fun."

How Much Do You Know About

THANKSGIVING?

(SPM Wire) In addition to stuffing your guests' stomachs this Thanksgiving, here are some fun Turkey Day facts to fill their minds:

* Thanksgiving wasn't a national holiday until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last day in November a national day of thanksgiving.

* President Franklin Roosevelt amended the holiday to fall on the fourth Thursday of November (avoiding the occasional fifth Thursday), in order to allocate more weeks to holiday shopping.

* More than 232 million turkeys were raised in the United States this year alone, with the majority in Minnesota.

* There are five places and townships in the country named

Cranberry or some variation thereof.

* An estimated 117 million households will celebrate Thanksgiving this year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.



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To spur a spirit of thanksgiving may I remind the reader that the Pilgrims constructed seven times more graves than houses and that still they set aside a day of thanksgiving which is to say that even in these times of economic and political crisis there are still many things to be grateful for.

If you are a kid you can't wait to be able to be thankful to be old enough to move to the adult table. Also, if you are a kid, you are thankful if you in many parts of our country where school is now only four days on and three days off.

I've turned 82 and I am thankful not just for good health but for long memories that reach back over so long a period of time and bring up yesterdays both good and bad.

The good I enjoy revisiting. The bad I try to relearn the lessons they taught. Whatever is your age just don't ever look at thanksgiving with a jaundiced eye. Your life and those around you deserve better than that.

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