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Thought for the Week: When you have a dream you've got to grab it and never let go. Carol Burnett

GARDENER FORUM

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will hold a public forum on Wednesday February 3 at 6:30 p.m. at in the Huntington City-Township Public Library Conference Room located at 200 West Market St. in Huntington. The topic will be "Growing Fruit Trees". Phil Foster, a local farmer, has raised apples and other fruits for many years. Foster will discuss grafting, pruning, pest control, and other management practices essential for fruit production.

Please RSVP by calling the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office – 1340 South Jefferson St. at 260-358-4826.

PROS SCHOLARSHIP

AVAILABLE

Applications are now available at the Huntington North High School office for the PROS (Parents Reaching Out At Salamonie) Scholarship. To be eligible, one must be a senior at HNHS, must have attended Salamonie Elementary (K-5) for at least 4 years, and must be planning a course of post-secondary study. Application deadline is April 15, 2016.

MEETING MOVED

The February 2016 board meeting of the Warren Public Library is moving its meeting location for that night only. The board of trustees will hold the 7:00PM meeting on February 1st as planned, but located at 146 Dogwood Drive in Warren.

CABLE SUBSCRIBERS:

The RFD channel is now available on channel 60.1 please rescan your TV.

SUPPER PLANNED

Take the night off cooking on February 5th and join us for our annual Fish and Chicken Supper, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center. The meal will be prepared by Dan's Fish Fry Services, and carry-out orders will be available.

This is a fun event with delicious food. Come out and join us to enjoy the meal and socialize with some great people, while supporting the Council on Aging. Ticket prices: \$9.00 Adults, \$5.00 Kids 6 to 12; Under 6, free.

Call HAT before noon one business day in advance at 356.3006 to schedule transportation.

We couldn't hold this annual fund raiser without the help of all our friends in Huntington and Warren.

All proceeds go to Huntington County Council on Aging.

MVB REHEARSALS

The Mississinewa Valley Band, a community band in Marion, will resume rehearsals for the upcoming 2016 concert series on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the band room in Marion High School. They have a slated series of programs starting with:

Tuesday May 3 in the Phillippe Auditorium on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University in

Marion; Tuesday, June 7 in the Gas City Park and Thursday June 30 in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

If you are interested in playing in the Mississinewa Valley Band band, please plan to attend the rehearsals starting Tuesday, Feb 2, or any of their Tuesday night rehearsals. For more information contact band director John Brane at 765-934-2076 or jbrane@embarqmail.com

4-H TACK AUCTION

The Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will be hosting a Tack Auction on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Doors open at 4:00 PM and the sale starts at 5:00 PM.

There will be something for everyone including horse tack and equipment, barn and feed equipment, saddles, etc. The tack vendor is Todd Yundt.

The 4-H Horse & Pony Club volunteers will also be serving soup, sandwiches, snacks and beverages for purchase.

The 4-H Club will also host a silent auction and donations are welcome for the event. No consignment tables will be offered this year. However, consigners are encouraged to participate in the upcoming tack and clothing swap meet, April 17 at the 4-H Park.

Proceeds from the Tack Auction help to support the many activities of the Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club.

For more information contact Melissa Bolyn at 260-403-9483.

BB/RIFLE SAFETY CLUB

If a new BB gun or rifle was one of the gifts that your child received for Christmas, you should consider enrolling them in some gun safety classes.

The 4-H BB & Rifle Safety Club will begin their winter session on Tuesday, February 2, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Wells County 4-H Park, Bluffton. The meetings will continue each Tuesday through April 5th.

Safety instruction, handling procedures, shooting skills and hands on experience will be included in Wells County 4-H BB Gun & .22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program.

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grades 6 and above can participate in Rifle. First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a shooting skills proficiency which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is recommended and can be completed at the Wells County Extension Office. Sign up may also be done at the first meeting. All participants must have a completed registration form before participating in hands-on activities.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years.

A membership fee of \$20 should be paid at the County Extension Office before the first

meeting. This fee is only paid once each year. Youth in more than one 4-H club will only pay the fee one time. There is a fee cap of \$60 per family.

The supply fee for BB Gun will be \$12 and \$15 for Rifle. This includes a book for new members, ammunition, gun repairs, gun cleaning supplies, targets, and member awards. Checks for the supply fees should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Shooting Sports. Scholarships are available for membership and supply fees. No person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105 FM or check

www.wellscountyvoice.com for cancelations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H meeting will be canceled.

Youth may also enroll in the Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. Members may make a poster or a notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something they have made. Examples might include: Poster or Notebook; Firearm Safety; Cross a Fence with a Gun; Eye Dominance; Muzzleloading; Target Trap; Archery Safety; Types of Arrows; Buying a Bow; Shooting Vests; Hunter Ed; Tree Stand Safety; Percussion or Flintlock; Hunting Wild Turkeys; Handmade items – Gun Rack; Ammo Box, etc.

Youth may also sign up for the 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club which will begin April 16 and the 4-H Archery Club which begins April 11.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats

THIS IS THE DAY - JANUARY 29, 2016

by Johnny A. Phillips

Originally he was known as Mortimer, but today we know of him by the name Mickey, and the story behind his conception and attainment is much more than happenstance; it is the Great American Success story and the fulfilling promise of ethics over devious legalism all rolled up in one squeaky voiced cartoon character.

We are speaking of Mickey Mouse.

There is hardly a more recognizable icon in America than the famous mouse. Children of all ages collect his memorabilia and love his theme parks, and one can merely speculate his economic influence.

But it was not always so.

It was ninety-six years ago today (January 29, 1920) that a young artist by the name of Walter Disney got his first job as an animated cartoon artist in Kansas City for Charles Mintz. That portion of the story did not come to a happy ending. While there Disney was responsible for Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, but in the spring of 1928 Mintz and Disney had a falling out over the budget. More severely, Disney quickly learned that not only had Mintz obtained the trademark to the cartoon rabbit but he also had signed most of Disney's staff to new contracts under Mintz.

Walt was devastated.

The company that he and his brother Roy had founded was totally dependent upon the success of Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, and Walt's train ride from New York back to Los Angeles was made all the more protracted with this latest depressing turn of events. But that is exactly where the story pivoted one hundred and eighty degrees from a quagmire of adverse circumstances and became the Great American Dream.

What else does a cartoon artist do when he has hours on his hands and troubles on his shoulders? He doodles. And Walt began to doodle. One character was a cow (that years later would become Clarabelle Cow), another a horse with a horse collar (that would become, what else, Horace Horsecollar), and a third was a frog (eventually to evolve into Flip the Frog). But there was another personality he sketched on that long hours riding across the country, which more than likely was influenced by a very real pet mouse that Disney kept on his drawing desk back in Kansas City, Missouri. He looked little like the Mickey we know today; the refinement would come from Ub Iwerks. The four of them, Walt, Roy, Ub and Hugh Harman, set about to take on the cartoon world — not an easy task. And their first two efforts (Plane Crazy and The Gallopin' Gaucho) were miserable disappointments, failing to find willing distributors. But with each letdown, the crew was willing to overcome their anguish, go back to their drawing boards and try again.

The third effort was Steamboat Willie, and, as they say, "The rest is history."

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Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones Youth Leader - Kelly Jones Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m. Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m. Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship Service</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Monday thru Friday Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 Paul Burris, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chad Yoder Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m. Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m. Come as you are for all services</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Jill Miller, Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Cindy Osgood 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 www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m. Youth: (Start back up in the fall) K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Youth Directors Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Youth Group6:00 pm Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>
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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Volunteers from the Department of Natural Resources will also offer a Hunter Education Class on February 29, March 2 and March 3.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 827-0266; Gregg Palmer, 701-2975; and Kevin Springer, 565-3323.

ALPACA/LLAMA CLUB

The Wells County 4-H Alpaca/Llama Club will meet Sunday, January 1, 4:00 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

The club is unique because 4-H allows youth to lease an animal in this project. Members may lease one of the nearly 30 alpacas that are housed at the Zook Farm located near Bluffton. The animals remain at the farm and youth work with their animal during the club meetings leading up to the 4-H Fair in July.

Youth who own their own Alpaca or Llama may also exhibit at the 4-H Fair.

Club meeting dates will include: January 31; February 28; March 20; April 10, 30; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3 and 10.

Meetings will be indoors during the months of January, February, March and April 10. April 30 and May 1 will be required shearing meetings. Members will have an opportunity to assist with shearing their Alpaca. The remaining meetings in May, June, and July will be held outside. The April 10 and June

26 meetings are required safety meetings for members.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. A member may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) years.

Interested families are welcome to attend the first meeting to learn about the project.

For more information about the Alpaca/Llama Club contact Project Leaders, Sherry Zook 260-273-3598, Stephanie Morpew 260-273-0020 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412 or www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.



SMITH BECOMES PARTNER

The law firm of Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, LLP is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2016, Davin G. Smith became a partner in the firm.

Mr. Smith graduated from Indiana University Kelley School of Business in 2000 and from Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis in 2003. He joined the firm in 2012 after eight years as in-house counsel

for an insurance company in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith is a registered civil and domestic mediator. He is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, Huntington County Bar Association and Christian Legal Society. Mr. Smith's general practice of law focuses on personal injury, estate planning, criminal defense, family law and general civil litigation.

Mr. Smith is a native of Huntington County and currently resides in Huntington with his wife, Ella, and their four children. He is a member of the Markle Church of Christ and coaches soccer at Fort Wayne Sports Club. He is also a volunteer judge for Huntington Teen Court and serves on the Board of Directors for the Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center and Life House Women's Shelter.

Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, LLP has provided a range of legal services to the citizens of Huntington County for over 100 years. Other attorneys in the firm include Robert S. Garrett, Joseph K. Wiley, Mark J. Wiley and David L. Brewer, of Counsel.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their January social on Tuesday, January 19th at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center with Beth Ostermeyer and Rosemary Zeller as hostess. The game Right, Left, Center was played. It took some of the ladies a minute to remember which was right and

left, but everyone seemed to be on the ball for center. Beth and Rosemary served wonderful refreshments to Susan Ralston, Carol Irick, Suzette Gephart, Sandy Eichhorn, Tara Korporal, Claudia Boxell, Lorie Fiock and one guest. The next meeting will be February 2nd.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Trine University is pleased to announce it's fall 2015 President's List for main campus students.

Among those to the list are:

Cameron Buzzard of Warren, a sophomore studying exercise science – pre-physical therapy 3+3

Seth Gressley of Van Buren, a senior studying civil engineering (graduate)

To be named to the President's List, a student must maintain at least 15 credit hours and have a minimum of 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

OWLS & OTHER BIRDS

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "Owls and Other Birds" on Feb. 17.

The class will be offered from 10-11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30-2 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews.

Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's education, including learning letters, building a craft, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is

appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash, or call (260) 468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

COWBOY GATHERING

Share a meal with other horse enthusiasts at the annual Cowboy Gathering at Salamonie Lake on Feb. 27.

The event runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Salamonie Interpretive Center and includes a program on "Touring the Gettysburg Battlefield on Horseback."

Stew will be provided. Participants should bring their own table service and a prepared side dish to share. Donations will be accepted.

Seating is limited. Advance registration required by calling (260) 468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.



Community Calendar

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

Feb 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Feb 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Feb 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Feb 8	5:30p	W - Town Council, Assembly Hall
Feb 12		Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14		Valentine's Day
Feb 15		President's Day
Feb 15	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Feb 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC
Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus
 These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Purdue Master Gardener intern training will be held at the Huntington County Courthouse Annex on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting February 22 and ending April 11. The deadline for submitting applications is February 1.

Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. There are many projects in which individuals can volunteer in the area once they have completed the Master Gardener intern coursework.

If you'd like an application for the 2016 class or if you have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 S Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826 or by e-mail: emfarris@purdue.edu . Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$110 per participant.

GOSPEL SING

ChesterCenter Church and New Beginning Church will be hosting a Community Christian Gospel Sing on January 30th 6:30 pm until we quit. The service will be held at Chester Center Church which is located

across from Southern Wells School. The physical address of the Church is - 9009 S - 300 W Poneto, IN

This is will be a limited Open Mic. If you have a song you would like to sing just let us know and we will see if we can work you in.

Singers please have at least 2 songs ready, just in case we have time for them.

For more information or to sign up to sing, call 360-608-4767 or email us at chestercenterchurch303@gmail .com

Offering will go to Chester Center Church Maintenance Fund.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE ONE THAT COULD USE HELP?

from the American Counseling Association When we marry, we all expect the relationship to last forever. Unfortunately, "forever" turns out to be fairly short for many marriages. Current studies show about 43% of marriages end in divorce (not the 50% figure often quoted), which is still a large and very painful number.

It's also a number that could possibly be lowered if more couples pay attention to the signs that a marriage is in trouble and seek out help as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, it isn't always easy for a couple to spot serious problems early on. Even in the best relationships, there are bound to be trouble spots and disagreements.

Arguing about that new paint color for the living room or what TV show to watch are not

problems requiring professional help. Constant disagreements over almost everything is an entirely different situation.

An early sign of serious marital problems is when one partner feels he or she is giving more than he or she is receiving over an extended period of time. It could be the job, outside family, children, or any of a hundred other issues that has one person feeling he or she is carrying the bulk of the load. And it's a problem that can poison a relationship unless help is found.

Frequent and severe disagreements are another serious sign when coupled with an inability or unwillingness to resolve those disagreements. While every marriage has disagreements, it's when they're not worked out but instead left to fester that permanent damage to the marriage can occur.

Seeking help for marriage problems doesn't mean that every marriage will be saved. There are many situations where the couple really is better off being apart.

But in many cases, what a professional counselor can do is help a couple see the reality of their situation and can offer techniques for working more intelligently toward resolving the problems they face.

There are many sources of professional help. Many, though not all, clergy are trained in helping couples through marriage problems. Within the counseling profession there is a counseling area specializing in relationship and marriage counseling. You can locate such counselors through the American Counseling Association website at www.counseling.org.

If you see serious problems in your marriage, seek out

counseling as soon as possible. Asking for help doesn't signal the end of a marriage. Instead, it's often the beginning of a stronger, healthier and longer lasting relationship.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

HOMEGROWN FLAVOR FROM AN INDOOR GARDEN

by Melinda Myers Add some homegrown flavor to your winter meals. From microgreens to tomatoes, it is possible to grow produce indoors.

Microgreens are a quick and easy way to add some flavor and crunch to your plate. Just plant seeds labeled for sprouting or microgreens in a shallow container filled with a sterile potting or seed starting mix. Within two weeks you will be harvesting nutritious mini vegetable and herb leaves for salads, sandwiches or snacking.

Take it one step further and grow a few of your favorite herbs on a warm sunny windowsill. Select a container with drainage holes and set on the appropriate size saucer to protect your woodwork. Fill the container with well-drained potting mix and plant seeds or transplants. Purchase basil, chives, parsley, oregano and rosemary plants from your local garden center or the produce department.

Greens, like lettuce and spinach, will also grow in a sunny window or better yet

under artificial lights. Grow them in a container filled with a well-drained potting mix similar to your windowsill herb garden. Plant seeds according to the seed packet. Continually harvest the outer leaves when they are four to six inches tall.

Those that like a bit of a challenge may want to try growing a compact tomato, pepper or eggplant. You'll get the best production with a combination of natural and artificial light or full spectrum lights.

Natural sunlight and full spectrum lights contain the variety of light plants need to grow, flower and fruit. Blue light promotes leaf and stem growth, while red combined with blue promotes flowering. Consider investing in energy efficient and long lasting high intensity grow lights for the greatest yields when growing tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and other fruiting plants indoors.

Leave lights on for 14, but no more than 16 hours each day. Plants need a dark period as well as bright light each day to grow and thrive. Use a timer to ensure the plants receive the right duration of light.

Most flowering and fruiting plants need a high intensity of light, so keep the lights six to twelve inches above your plants. Use reflective surfaces under and around the plants to bounce light back into larger plants.

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like the Stack-n-Grow Light System (gardeners.com) provide multiple layers of growing space.

And once your tomatoes, peppers and eggplants start flowering, you will need to shake things up a bit. Gently shake the plants several times a week, better yet daily, to move the pollen from the female to the male parts of the flower so fruit will develop. A gentle breeze from a fan or vibrations from a battery-operated toothbrush work well.

Indoor gardening won't yield the same results as a sunny outdoor garden, but the flavor can't be beat when gardening outdoors is not an option.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply Company for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

LACE - Kids & Drugs

This time of year, many people talk about health and wellness.

These conversations should pertain to youth as well.

Parents and educators play a critical role in motivating youth to avoid alcohol, tobacco and drug use while at the same time increasing healthy behaviors like regular physical activity, getting an adequate amount of sleep, eating nutritious foods, and controlling stress. Discussions could include the benefits of being physically fit and strong, and how substance use interferes with goals they have set.

Young people are being exposed to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs at an alarmingly early age. Accepting this as an indisputable fact is the first step in keeping our children substance-free. State and national surveys show that substance use begins as early as age 10. Many experts agree that children should know the difference between taking drugs prescribed by their doctor and administered by a parent or trusted adult to heal sickness versus taking any type of drug from anyone else by the time they attend first grade.

The research on substance use among youth indicates many internal and external factors contribute significantly to predicting early and problematic use of alcohol and drugs among youth. Internal factors include social norms (the perception that "everyone" is using), self-regulation skills (setting and achieving pro-social goals), and modeling from friends, family, and peers both in-person and as seen in the media. External factors include monitoring youth social experiences outside the home, and easy access to substances.

Research also shows that youth with authoritative parents have

the lowest levels of drug and alcohol abuse. They also have better self-regulation, more confidence, and better social skills. Authoritative parents are loving but firm, warm, responsive, and empathetic, and they also make age-appropriate demands. They are attuned and responsive to their kids' feelings, and they calmly set limits. The greatest drug and alcohol use seems to be linked to permissive parenting (loving but not firm enough), and absent parenting (not being present or being indifferent).

Regular family dinners are a prime opportunity for parental engagement. While the food is what brings families to the table, the significance of the family meal is something bigger; it's about parents and children engaging in conversation, making connections, and strengthening bonds. Although dinnertime can be stressful and challenging, sitting across from your children at the kitchen table, sharing a meal while talking with them and actively listening to them (to show you care about what's happening in their world) is of incredible value and worth – for children and parents.

You may feel like there's very little you can do to stem the tide of substance use, but your children are listening and they will hear you. Inundate them with positive messages about their role in the community and about the benefits and advantages of staying substance-free. Get involved in helping children make the right choices.

For more information, please visit us on Facebook at Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts - LACE.

GENEALOGY REPORT

SOSH

John Lee Sosh, 45, went to be with the Lord on January 19, 2016, at Marion General Hospital.

John was born on August 7, 1970 to Linda Haskett (Bennett), in Marion, Indiana.

John graduated from Eastbrook High School and then attended Ivy Tech. On December 19, 2015, John gave his heart to God at the River Community Church in Marion.

John was a member of the Abate motorcycle club and also was a member of the American Poolplayers Association, with whom he was able to go to Las Vegas and compete. John enjoyed playing pool and riding motorcycles, but his time was most happily spent when he was with his 11-year-old son, Dylan. He was a very loving and devoted father.

John is survived by his mother, Linda, and step-father Larry Haskett, Marion, IN; son, Dylan Sosh, Marion, IN; Dylan's mother, Toni Ramsey, Marion, IN; and sister, Thea (Jim) Boness, Chicago, IL. He was preceded in death by his grandmother.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, College Park Chapel, 4601 S Western Ave, Marion, Indiana. There will be a visitation on Friday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. at College Park Chapel, with a funeral service following at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions made in memory of John may be made to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, to help the family with expenses.

WILLETT

Doris O. Willett, 91, of Roanoke, IN, died Monday, Jan. 25, 2016. Mrs. Willett retired from Hunckler Products, where she had worked for 15 years.

She was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Warren to Earl and Erma Crispen. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Willett, in 2014.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry (Sara) Willett and John Phillip Willett; two daughters, Deborah Willett and Janet Willett; three brothers, Robert Crispen, Dick Crispen and Ronald Crispen; a sister, Bernice Shideler; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Calling is Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne. A service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.



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GET ORGANIZED ONE 3x5 CARD AT A TIME

Have you ever had someone say to you, "Take a break, let me do that for you. You go sit down and rest."? One of my readers did just that to me! She wrote this sweet and inspiring letter from her experience as a successful, longtime SHE (Sidetracked Home Executive). It's so well written, it deserves to be shared and she gave me permission. Now I'm going to go take a nap.

Enjoy her humor and her SHEness.

Dearest Pam,

You and your sister came into my life in the early eighties. I sat in the middle of a big, beautiful new house after our tenth corporate relocation, indulging in a well justified tantrum. (I sometimes fear this will be the episode my three now, adult daughters will bring up at my wake.) Not a pretty sight. I enrolled the girls in their new schools that day and took myself to a bookstore for purposes of covert procrastination. It was there where God lassoed me with a copy of [Sidetracked Home Executives: from] from Pigpen to Paradise. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Through your humor and your stories you mentored me, gave me sanity one 3 x 5 card at a time, and were, well...my friends. The two of you reflected the relationship I had with my sister, except for the fact that we lived 1500 miles from each other. And I'd found myself again a stranger in a new city. I read every book you published again and again and sometimes remember your stories as things that happened to me. (Not a good sign.)

I am currently sitting on 70 and living in my tiny scaled down house, retired from my work as a therapist (undergrad & grad degrees from six different universities attained one 3 x 5 card at a time...thank you very much), with the man who drug me through fifteen more homes (did I really say that?) after that tenth beauty where you found me. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in May. (What was I ever thinking?)

The beauty I discovered in moving every few years is that there is no spring housekeeping...ever! It is also a technique for consistent clearing of clutter. There can be challenges...as when the relocation is because of the promotion that did not go through, or the sale of the company, or the bottom drops out of the market...thank you 2008. So up and down the corporate ladder we've been, and you and your sister have been with me all the way. There are many ways to live. It is just easier to manage a 3 x 5 card at a time.

We've also the blessing of enduring friendships and happy memories from every one of those cities and towns.

For a while, I gave in to the curse of the "corporate gods" who waited until you dressed your windows with shutters or shades, curtains or drapes. The curse? The minute the installers left the house, your husband would call and ask "So, what do you think about Dallas?" Better than looking out of one of those just dressed windows to see the Allied Moving Van pull up, I guess. (I've had it both ways.) However, I did learn that if I were to have magenta walls, or a gold ceiling in this life, I had to

quit living for the buyer. Personally I've been a crusader in the de-beiging of America!

In too many ways to count, you and your sister have more influence in my life than anyone, ever. My own sister is also a huge beneficiary of your system, your plan and your humor. She still has the custom wooden box I gave her for her 3 x 5's. Now that we both move a bit slower, and visit the doctor more frequently, take meds and have the administrative duties of living past 65, your system is a God-send. (It also helps us keep our vanity intact: makes us look like we remember a heck of a lot more than we do, we don't have to keep asking our family computer geeks how to pull up the calendars on our computers, we don't have to pull out our readers to see the screen on our phones.)

One bite at a time and you can eat an elephant. (Sorry, I know they are an endangered species.) A box of 3 x 5 cards is a box filled with magic wands.

Sip your coffee and I'll sip mine.

Let's count the blessings of 3 x 5's.

Thank you, Thank you. Thank you.

More sincerely than you could ever know,
Judith Robinson

Many thank yous to Judith for sharing her warm and friendly thoughts and letting me have a break.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

TIPS TO PREVENT AND TREAT COLD SORES THIS WINTER

(StatePoint) Did you know that the cold sore virus is very common? In fact, eight out of 10 people have it. And, if you've ever had one, you already know that an outbreak can be painful and unpleasant. Itching, burning, tingling, and blisters are some of the symptoms associated with cold sores, and many people are especially susceptible to them during cold and flu season.

Blisters or sores usually appear when your body's defenses are down -- when you are stressed, or your immune system is weak, making you especially vulnerable this time of year. There is no cure for cold sores, but you can take steps to prevent an outbreak and manage the symptoms. Here is what to know:

Prevention

Among other harmful effects to skin, excess sun exposure can trigger cold sores, no matter what the temperature is outdoors. In the cooler months, take steps to limit sun exposure as you would during summer. This includes wearing a lip balm with SPF protection.

Work to keep your immune system strong all season. Eat a well-balanced diet, exercise and get sufficient rest every night.

A lot of stress can also be a trigger for a cold sore. Whether it's a bubble bath, yoga session, or an evening on the couch watching TV, make sure your schedule includes some quality down time.

Treatment

Most symptoms go away in seven to 12 days. Before a blister appears, you may feel tingling or burning on your upper or lower lip. This is called a "prodrome," a signal that a cold sore is imminent. This is the best time to make sure you have a trusted cold sore treatment on hand.

You can help to ease symptoms at the site of the sore with a fast-acting formula such as Carmex Cold Sore Treatment. Ten percent benzocaine relieves pain and itch, while its patented Triplex formula works to smooth and fill in the sores to make it less noticeable. Keep dry, cracked lips moisturized with a medicated lip balm, such as those available from Carmex.

Remember, the cold sore virus is contagious, particularly during the open sore stage, so wash your hands regularly in order to prevent spreading the infection to others. Also avoid sharing glasses or utensils that may spread the virus. Sadly, kissing is also on the list of things to avoid.

In the winter, take extra precautions to prevent cold sore outbreaks. And if you do suffer from these painful symptoms, remember, there are many ways to ease discomfort.

DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD NEED A GENERATOR?


WHAT TO CONSIDER

(StatePoint) With increasingly volatile weather patterns and a growing reliance on technology, more people are becoming familiar with the benefits of having a back-up generator at home. But beyond the importance of immediate back-up power in the event of an outage, a generator can have many other benefits in your life - at home and when you're on-the-go.

Given the lower prices of today's models, generators are becoming a product more consumers choose to purchase. Here, Jason Sutton, vice president of Sales & Service at FIRMAN Power Equipment, offers tips for finding a suitable back-up generator for your household, and advice on getting the best use out of it.

- Go Camping or Hunting: Take your campsite to the next level. Even if you're roughing it, you'll be happy to be able to charge the gadgets and keep the music going at your campsite. For ease of travel, consider a lightweight inverter generator designed for mobility. Inverters provide fuel efficiency, clean power for sensitive electronics, and a quiet motor that won't bug fellow campers at neighboring campsites.

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• On the Water: A backup generator can make your next boating trip a more comfortable experience. Just be sure to follow safety precautions -- never operate your generator in an enclosed or wet space.

• Tailgating: Cold pizza never hurt anybody, but you can do better than that at your next tailgate party. And a backup generator can assist you with this culinary effort. Whether you're blending up a batch of margaritas, or keeping the chili steaming throughout the day, you'll be glad to have a source of long-term power.

• Shopping for a generator: When shopping for a generator, make an informed consumer decision with a little groundwork. First, determine your wattage requirements by listing the running watts and starting watts for each device you intend to power at once, and add them together. Other factors to consider are the type of fuel you prefer and what your generator's primary use will be -- whether that's home emergencies, RV road trips or tailgate parties.

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At home and on-the-road, sometimes power is critical. For peace of mind and happier trails, consider a backup generator for your family and household.

TIPS TO OVERCOME LIFE'S OBSTACLES

(StatePoint) Sometimes it can seem impossible to surmount life's obstacles, particularly if you have been dealt more than your fair share. But you can often draw on the strength of others for inspiration and helpful advice, especially those who have gracefully overcome difficult trials of their own.

Author and musician Vanessa Leigh Hoffman first learned of the power of her own strength as a teenager when she was undergoing chemotherapy while attending school and writing and recording music.

"One can conquer anything he or she puts a focus on," says

Hoffman, who over the course of her life, endured both stage three Hodgkin's disease and a car accident that left her in a coma for close to two weeks. "After my accident, I had to relearn to walk, talk, write, sing and do even the most menial tasks."

While not everyone will have to deal firsthand with that much tragedy, we are all subjected to unexpected challenges in our daily lives. To help, Hoffman is offering some practical insights for coping with everything, big or small.

• Be inspired: Allow your negative experiences to be your inspiration. For example, Hoffman has reprised some of the great themes of her life in her art. Her new novel, "Treasure," a fast-paced trilogy, tells the story of two twin boys orphaned and separated at birth, challenging readers to ask critical questions about how our lives are shaped. "Treasure," the winner of the Hollywood and Southern California book festivals, was inspired by Hoffman's real life encounter with President Kennedy's former chef, a mysterious figure in her life.

• Don't be disheartened: Whether it's discouraging feedback from a teacher or a bleak prognosis from a doctor, don't let the words of experts, however well-intentioned, define the scope of your potential. After Hoffman's accident, the medical team caring for her predicted that she would never talk, walk, read or write again. Instead of resigning herself to their expectations, she became a veritable renaissance woman, as a singer-songwriter, businesswoman and author fluent in four languages, amongst other varied pursuits.

• Have goals: It's easy to let your goals fall by the wayside, particularly when life's challenges prove time consuming, distracting and demoralizing. By embracing your passions and pursuing those things that you hold most dear, it will be easier to stay motivated to follow through.

More information about the "Treasure: A Trilogy" and Hoffman, who is donating a portion of the proceeds from her book to St. Jude's Children Research Institute and Hospital, can be found at www.VanessaLeighHoffman.com.

When life gets tough, don't focus on despair. By allowing endurance and perseverance to rule the day, you can achieve more of what you set out to do.

IS YOUR LIFE IN BALANCE? DAILY HEALTHY HABITS TO CONSIDER

(StatePoint) Is your life in balance? Every so often, it's important to take stock of your routine and make improvements where necessary.

Here are some thoughtful habits to consider incorporating into your day.

Find Time to Decompress

• If you're a morning person, get out of bed 30 minutes earlier than normal to wake up with your favorite coffee or tea and think about what you need to accomplish for the day.

• More of a night owl? Spend at least 30 minutes before going to sleep to unplug from technology and relax with a new book you've had on your list to read.

• Schedule time for exercise to reduce stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Planning workouts ahead of time will make you more likely to stick to them.

Write Everything Down

• Handwritten notes and to-do lists will reinforce your memory of the tasks you need to conquer. They also give you the option to look at what you need to do for the day and prioritize the list. Consider a personal planner, such as those from the popular AT-A-GLANCE collection, which includes a variety of styles that reflect your personality and organizational needs.

• Documenting your day not only keeps you organized, but also provides you with an opportunity to look back and reflect on your life's

accomplishments, memories and milestones from the year.

Balanced Diet, Balanced Life

• Maintaining a healthy, balanced diet will help you feel great, and can increase your focus, energy levels and productivity.

• Plan out your meals ahead of time before going shopping by marking them in a calendar. This will give you more time during the week to cook and prepare meals, without having to make frequent trips to the store or feel tempted to grab take-out. You'll be more likely to stick with the habit if you love the calendar you use, so consider something easy on the eyes, such as an AT-A-GLANCE fashion planner.

• Cooking your own fresh meals can help keep your bank account balanced, and is often much healthier than food from a restaurant. And spending time in the kitchen is also a stress reliever for some people.

Make a fresh start -- today is the perfect day to make positive changes to how you schedule and organize your time.

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The lesson we may take to heart from Disney's experience is not only a truth of life in general but is a truth at the very core of our relationship with God. Remember when Jesus "...told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart..." followed by the story of the widow who persisted asking the judge for justice? A person of faith not only has faith in God but also faith in God's plan for his or her life. It is as old as the Old Testament. "For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity."

Oh by the way, in 2006 the Walt Disney Company purchased the Oswald the Rabbit trademark!



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