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Thought for the Week: Welcome to the New Year - May it be a great one!

FESTIVAL MEETING

There will be a Salamonie Summer Festival meeting on January 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm meeting at Knight Bergman Center. Enter the building through the west door { first door in parking lot} then go to first room on the right. We need all of you with new ideas willing to follow through with those ideas and willing to sponsor the event or just work an event with us.

AUDITIONS AT THE PULSE

Auditions for "Orphan Train" at the Pulse Opera House will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the theatre. There are roles available for 4 boys, 6 girls, 8 men and 6 women. (The adult roles can be doubled.) Performances of the show are scheduled for February 26, 27, 28 & March 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 with school shows on March 3 & 4.

This is the story of our past. It's a story that needs to be told. "Orphan Train" tells the story of nine orphans on an "orphan train" that left New York City in 1914. The train travels to Midwestern towns in search of homes, any homes, anywhere for the orphaned and unwanted children. (Orphan trains stopped in both Huntington and Warren.)

The youth roles available are: Newsboy/Harvey (12-13 year old boy), Raymond (7-12 years old boy), Lucky (8-15 year old boy), Danny (7-16 year old boy - must be able to sing), Mary (6-12 years old girl), Frank(ie) (8-12 year old girl), Evie (15-16 year old girl), Pegeen (10-13 year old girl - must sing), Annie (12-15 year old girl) and Little Lucy (5-7 year old girl).

The auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Those auditioning for Danny or Pegeen must sing a short song.

No accompaniment will be provided. For more information

on all roles, check out the website at www.pulseoperahouse.org or the FaceBook page at "Pulse Opera House."

30TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON!

The Pulse Opera House is celebrating 30 years of great theatre by bringing back some of the favorite productions from past years. The theatre will also celebrate the history of the state of Indiana with a series fundraising dinners, focusing on Hoosier musicians, writers and artists.

The opening show focuses on history. "Orphan Train" tells the story of nine orphans on a train that left New York City traveling to Midwestern towns in search of homes for the orphaned and unwanted children. Orphan trains are a part of our past, as well, having stops in Huntington and Warren. The show runs February 26-March 13 with school performances on March 3 & 4.

Comedy is in store in April with the madcap comedy "Noises Off."

Each of the three acts contains a performance of a play within a play. Act One is the dress rehearsal. Act Two takes place backstage during a performance. Act Three is a final performance of a play that has deteriorated due to offstage shenanigans and onstage bedlam. The show runs April 29-May 15.

Shakespeare is in store for the summer. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is William Shakespeare's most popular comedy and portrays the adventures of four young lovers, a group of amateur actors and woodland fairies in an enchanted forest. Love makes fools of us all! The Pulse will have a "Show Us Your Shakespeare" contest, encouraging individuals and

classes to create YouTube adventures based on Shakespeare. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" runs July 8-July 31.

The fall show is a trip back to the 1800's as the Pulse reproduces one of the first shows presented at the historic theatre. "Sherlock Holmes and the Curse of the Sign of Four" has action and adventure in a melodramatic style including a boat chase down the Thames. The show runs September 9-25.

The Christmas show is a full scale musical production of "Cinderella." The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. "Cinderella" runs November 18-December 11 with school shows on December 1 & 2.

Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm. For more information, check out the Pulse website at www.pulseoperahouse.org or the Facebook page at "Pulse Opera House."

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.

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2016

The Warren Pharmacy has a few more Calendars for 2016. There are two choices of 2016 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2015 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family, and each day has a Bible verse to meditate on. These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

PHARMACY PLANS LOCALLY

CHECK with us to see if your Prescription Plan will allow you to get your needed medications at the Warren Pharmacy.

This year, 2016, a number of Pharmacy Insurance Plans have chosen, once again, to allow the Warren Pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. Plans administered by CVS/Caremark Medicare Rx, will work with us and allow us to process prescription claims! This will include the SilverScript Medicare Part D Plan. We are constantly striving to fulfil all of the regulatory requirements and contractual agreements with Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Insurance Companies so that you may receive quality pharmaceutical care from your local Pharmacist, Terry Daniels P.D., and our experienced staff.

It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

HORSE SYMPOSIUM

Indiana 4-H will host their 2016 4-H Horse Symposium on Saturday, January 23, 2016, 9 AM - 5 PM at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN.

4-H adult volunteers, parents, and youth are invited to attend the event.

Topics for the day include: Horse Health and Body Conditioning; State 4-H activities for horse & pony members; tips for teaching showmanship; state horse & pony committee breakfast sessions; enhancing educational presentations at your meetings; and how horses learn.

The State 4-H Horse & Pony Advisory Committee will also meet at 3 PM. This group will discuss State Fair classes, rule book updates and other topics.

Registration forms for the event are available online at [http://goo.gl/forms/K1X\)KyzW8V](http://goo.gl/forms/K1X)KyzW8V) or at any County Extension Office. Cost of registration is \$20 which includes lunch and materials. Contact Melissa Geiger at 765-494-8433 with any questions.

LOCAL NATIVE CONDUCTS FLYOVER

Naval Aircrewman (Helicopter) Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam Breedlove, a native of Marion, Ind., participated in a flyover conducted in Coronado, Calif., at the Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 23.

Breedlove attended Indiana Wesleyan University and graduated in 2012 with degrees in Psychology and Pre-Medicine. After school he enlisted in 2013 as a rescue swimmer. Following Search and Rescue Swimmer School in Pensacola, Florida, he was designated a Naval Air crewman in May 2014 and reported to

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THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

My wish everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. Mine was great glad it is all over have not had to worry about breaking resolutions as I never made any. Best way is to take each day at a time and do your best. Works for me.

Christmas eve day I sat on patio and ate lunch was going to go out in evening and watch for Santa glide across in front of the moon but was disappointed with the cloud cover.

Seed catalogs have been arriving and doing some dreaming of spring coming. First though I need to get the Christmas decorations all put away and the garage in some kind of order, right now it looks as if a major storm came through so I know what my project is for this week.

I have seen some different birds coming to the feeders I have out as usual they are part of my winter time entertainment.

News Year day Wayne and I always made it an annual thing to clean out closets and dresser drawers which we try getting rid of thing we had not worn for many moons. This I got accomplished along with cleaning kitchen cupboards which I found quite a few items to help weigh down the trash can.

To start the new year we always had some form of cabbage for our good luck in the new year, this year I stir fried red cabbage and was not long before a couple doors opened to get the smell out but the cabbage was sure good.

This time of year soup is a big item for me especially some that freezes well and usually it is vegetable and never made the same it should be called clean out the frig, freezer and pantry soup. I will not offer a recipe for it instead I wish each of you a wonderful and healthy year in 2016.

My love and best everyone!

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 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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.
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

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 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

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.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis

Bus Service 375-2510
 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Chad Yoder

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

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691

Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather 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

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.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 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
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 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
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 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 11 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

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Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p
 Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.

Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
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Youth Group 6:00 pm

Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

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HSM-41 for fleet replacement training in the MH-60R.

Upon completion of the FRS, Petty Officer Breedlove reported to the HSM-73 "BATTLECATS". Petty Officer Breedlove resides in San Diego, California, and continues to develop his career in search and rescue.

SPORTS COLUMNS

Having nothing better to do with my time last year, I was asked (?) by some of the residents that I hang out with to put some of our activities in the local newspaper. I agreed to do it, and consequently start writing about the WII Bowling we do on the television on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. A great time was had by Mary Dungan, Clara Mossburg, Ralph Taylor, Floyd Minnich, Dick Lintner, Dick Hinton, Norm Hiser and Larry Langdon. I think "Sawdust" Minnich went thru 3 pairs of suspenders during the year!! Every time he beat "Curly" Taylor, he would flip those things so hard his chest would hurt for hours. BUT - "Curly" really didn't let him beat him THAT many times. Anyhow, we have lots of fun at it.

The next subject of DOMINOS is another story. We play Mexican Train style, and boy o boy it can be ruthless!! The normal times are at 1:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Players aren't always the same each time, so the seating arrangement is subject to disagreement. Players include :Curly" Taylor, "Sawdust" Minnich, "Popcorn" Lintner, "Clancy" Myers, "Engineer" Ruble, "Corncob" Hinton, "Yoooper" Forsberg, "Farmer" Bonham, and "CAPTAIN" Hall. (The last name is in capital letters, as he is the owner of the domino tiles we use each time.) Other names are sometimes used during the playing of a specific round, depending on which tile was played, and whether you are

before or after a certain player. You may have noticed the scoring of low numbers, (Which means you win) because we only count the number of tiles remaining on our board. There will be a time during 2016 that we have agreed to add up the actual number of dots on your board, if we can find a scorekeeper that can count that high!!

The last subject is the Friday afternoon pool tournaments, which is enjoyed by around 20 residents each week. The teams are matched my having us draw a number out of a sack, and the two #1's play the two #2's, 3's play 4's and so on. We play that your team must win 2 out of 3 games played. Players progress thru the brackets until the winners are declared. We also have an individual player tournament at the end of April, and a Traveling tournament in May.

As this is my "Farewell" letter, I wish to thank all my friends for allowing me the liberties to use their "Psuedo" names. It has all been in FUN, and in no way was it meant to be harmful, derogatory, shameful, of whatever. I enjoyed writing this "Sports" column for a while, but as time goes on and I run out of "new ideas" it's time to give it up.

Thank you from the bottom of. Dick "Corncob" Hinton

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their last regular Council meeting on Wednesday evening, December 16.

President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council approved the bid from Republic Services for trash pick-up in 2016.

They also signed Nepotism Certification. Relatives of town employees can no longer be hired for assistant jobs in various capacities.

A salary ordinance for 2016 was passed.

Council also approved transfer of Ordinance appropriation.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police report. He said Deputy Bosley's computer is broken. Cost to repair is estimated at \$50.00.

Nothing new to report on nuisance violations.

He thanked Dean Baker and Marvin Surber for their help during their term in office.

Donnie Plummer gave the Utility report. The new dump truck and snow plow are expected to be delivered next week.

All fiber optic lines have been installed in town for internet.

Plummer also reported that an old house on West main Street has been boarded up to prevent people from entering the house. The garage is expected to be knocked down.

On December 31 members of the current Council met to sign claims filed since the last meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held January 6, at which time the newly elected Council will take office.

On January 1 newly elected officials for Van Buren will be sworn into office at Town Hall.

February water bills will reveal the second phase of the rate increase.

Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

DEAN'S LIST

Abigail Martz from Van Buren has been named to the Dean's List at Dean College for the Fall 2015 semester.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate

programs throughout the calendar year.

POOL TOURNAMENT

There were 16 residents in the December 24th pool tourney. The winners were Mel Dooley and Homer Huffman, with Bud Purdom and Dick Hinton placing 2nd. The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room and all residents are welcome to come and watch or play.

Having nothing better to do with my time last year, I kept a weekly log of the Friday pool tournament winners. The results with the winners name and number of times they won are as follows: Ralph Taylor - 18, Mel Dooley - 8, Homer Huffman and Dick Hinton - 6. Bud Lee, Bill Couch, Floyd Blake, Norm Hiser, and Larry Langdon - 5. Kay Mounsey - 3. The rest won 1 or 2 games, Phil Boxell, Dick Lintner, Phil Kaylor, Bud Purdom, Herb Grover, Don Zent, Ed Hollander, Clarence Myers, Max Fordyce, Jim Slaughter, and Gordon Smith.

The ladies were led by Virginia Langdon- 9, Joyce Colbert and Shirley Mounsey - 4, and Freddie Couch 1. If I missed anyone, you have my apologies.

ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter offers education for families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The Association will host education program, "Know the 10 Signs," on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., at the Wayndale United Methodist Church, located at 2501 Church St., in Fort Wayne. This introductory program provides attendees with an

understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if they or someone they know has signs of the disease.

There are no fees to attend these programs, but registration is requested by contacting the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900. For a full listing of our education programs, visit alz.org/indiana.

Today, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 110,000 Hoosiers. Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias amount to more than \$226 billion annually.

About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. It is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research. The Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org/indiana or call 800.272.3900.

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Staying warm in cold weather can be a challenge, especially if ice or snow storms cut power to homes. If it becomes necessary to use alternate heat sources, Hoosiers need to know how to protect themselves from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide, sometimes referred to as CO, is an odorless, colorless gas that can accumulate in enclosed spaces and cause sudden illness and death if inhaled. It is often known as the silent killer because people can be rendered unconscious before realizing something is wrong. Carbon monoxide is typically associated with heating sources such as small gasoline engines, stoves, generators, lanterns, gas ranges or by burning charcoal and wood.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 400 Americans die and more than 20,000 visit the emergency room each year due to unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning.

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jan-06	7 pm	V - Town Council Meeting
Jan-11	5:30p	W - Town Council Meeting
Jan-11	6:30p	W - Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting
Jan-18		Martin Luther King Day
Jan-16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Jan-16	7 p.m.	V - Town Council Meeting
Feb-16	Noon	W - Chamber of Comm. Luncheon, Assembly Hall

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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"It's important to stay warm during the winter, but Hoosiers need to be smart about their choices to prevent a tragedy," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Regularly maintaining furnaces and knowing the proper way to use generators and other heating sources can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and be the difference between life and death."

In order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- * Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas-, oil- or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

- * Never use generators, grills, camp stoves or other devices powered by gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal indoors.

- * Never allow your car to idle within a closed garage.

- * Have at least one working carbon monoxide detector in your home. These low-cost devices can be found at local hardware stores. Replace the detector's batteries twice each year, at the same time you replace smoke-detector batteries.

- * Use caution when heating with propane appliances, older wall or floor gas furnaces and fireplaces.

- * Place emergency generators outdoors away from windows and doors to prevent fumes from entering the home.

Carbon monoxide from combustion sources can build up suddenly or over long periods of time in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces and can affect people and animals. Common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. People who are asleep or intoxicated may be

poisoned and not experience any of these symptoms.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms should:

- * Get fresh air immediately.

- * Open windows and doors for more ventilation, turn off any combustion appliances and leave the house.

- * Call 911.

- * Before turning your fuel-burning appliance back on, make sure a qualified service technician checks and approves its use.

To learn more about carbon monoxide, visit the CDC's carbon monoxide poisoning page at <http://www.cdc.gov/co/default.htm>. For more information about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit www.StateHealth.in.gov. Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

JOB SEARCH HELP

Many workers who lost their jobs in large northeast Indiana layoffs since 2014 remain eligible for free job search and career planning assistance through WorkOne Northeast.

Some may also be eligible for free training assistance, even after they become employed.

Among the laid off workers who can receive assistance through WorkOne are those once employed by Exelis Inc./Harris Corp., General Electric, Kmart, Old National Bancorp, Parker Hannifin Corp. and Vera Bradley Inc. in Allen County; Echelon Corp. in Grant County; Federal Mogul Corp., Siligan Plastics and Symmetry Medical Inc. in Noble County; and Harvey Industries LLC in Wabash County.

People interested in job search, career planning or training services offered through WorkOne Northeast can visit or

call their nearest WorkOne career center. WorkOne locations and phone information can be found at www.workoneworks.com.

CRAFT/VENDOR/FLEA MARKET

Craft & Vendor shows for 2016 sponsored by Heritage Days will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, 503 East Park, Hartford City.

Dates are January 9, February 6, March 5 and April 2. Doors open at 8 a.m.

For more information call Debbie Black at 765-499-5163 or email joyblack2001@gmail.com

All proceeds go to the 2016 Festival.

INFB YOUNG FARMERS

Registration is open for the 2016 INFB Young Farmer Leadership Conference, Jan. 29-31 in Indianapolis.

The conference theme is "United We Grow."

The event features returning favorites and new activities. Friday night's schedule includes chair massages, cornhole and euchre tournaments and a kids' movie.

A "Canstruction" competition begins at 8 p.m. Districts will build structures with cans of food, and then conference attendees will vote on their favorites. All food will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

Keynote speaker Wayne Humphreys will address the group on Saturday morning after new INFB President Randy Kron's welcome. Humphreys is a farmer and humorous speaker.

On Saturday, four rounds of breakout sessions are planned in a four-track format. The tracks are business, production, technology/communication and home/health. Participants may attend sessions in any track during the conference. Sessions for children will run concurrently with the breakout sessions.

"The Dating Game," an event exclusively for singles to

participate in but for anyone to watch, returns from last year. The Dating Game runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Pre-registration for potential participants is required; the State Young Farmer Committee will select participants.

Saturday night features entertainment for adults and children. For kids, Silly Safaris and a pedal pull run between 8 and 9:30 p.m. For adults, the Ag Olympics begin at 8:30 p.m., followed by country band Darlington Road.

Adult registration is \$60 per person; children between 12 and 17 are \$30. Children 11 and under are free. Hotel rooms are \$125 plus tax per night. The registration deadline is Jan. 22.

The 2016 INFB Young Farmer Leadership Conference takes place Jan. 29-31 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Visit the conference website, www.infb.org/yfconf, for more information and to register.

The INFB Young Farmer program serves Farm Bureau members between ages 18-35.

BIRDING BIG YEAR

Bird enthusiasts can celebrate the state's bicentennial by trying to find and log 200 bird species in 2016 as part of the Indiana Bicentennial Birding Big Year (IBBBY).

IBBBY starts Jan. 1 and continues through mid-December.

Birders who find at least 100 species will receive a commemorative IBBY sticker or decal provided by the Indiana Audubon Society.

Birders who find at least 200 species will also be entered in a drawing for Indiana DNR Annual Entrance Permits, DNR Inns Gift Cards, complimentary Indiana Audubon memberships, Eagle Optic binoculars, tickets to the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival and more.

Because 2016 is also the 100th anniversary of Indiana State Parks and the National Park Service, 100 of the 200 species must have been found on an Indiana State Park (or reservoir) or National Park site in Indiana. State Fish & Wildlife Areas, State Forests and State Nature Preserves (not located inside a state park) do not count toward

these criteria.

Participants must log their checklists and download their year list into ebird.com by Dec. 16.

IBBBY is an official Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project.

Additional sponsorship comes from the Robert Cooper Audubon Society.

For more information, call the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center at (219) 926-1390 or visit indianaaudubon.org.

CHECK OUT AT THE LIBRARY

In 2016, Hoosiers can check out state parks by checking out an entrance pass from a public library.

The State Park Centennial Annual Pass Library Check-out Program is a partnership between Indiana State Parks and the Indiana State Library to encourage people to visit libraries and parks.

At libraries across Indiana, 240 state park passes have been placed in circulation for check-out. The passes will provide access to Indiana's 32 state parks and also to Indiana's state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged. Passes will be available for check-out from Jan. 1-Dec. 31.

The program is one way Indiana State Parks is celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Indiana State Parks system was a gift to the people of Indiana in 1916 in celebration of the state's centennial. Read more about activities that are part of the State Parks Centennial Celebration at INStateParks100.com.

"Our goal is to provide access to our great Indiana State Parks for those who may have never visited," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of stewardship for Indiana State Parks. "We also hope that those who come in to check out the annual pass will take time to explore the services and materials available in Indiana's libraries."

The Indiana State Library helped pay for the parks pass

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GLANCY

Jane M. Glancy, 73, of Hartford City, IN, passed away at 12:27 AM on Sunday, December 27, 2015 at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



She was born on Monday, July 20, 1942, in Huntington County, IN. She married Phil Glancy on Saturday, June 02, 1962 in Warren. Jane was a 1960 graduate of Jefferson Twp. High School in Huntington County. She had spent her early years in Lancaster Twp. in Huntington County. She attended Pleasantdale U.M. Church. Jane enjoyed fishing. She had worked for Delux Coil in Huntington and had spent from 1977-2008 working for the laundromat on Main St. in Hartford City.

Loving Survivors Include: Husband - Phil Glancy, Hartford City, IN., Son - Todd (Linette) Glancy, Fairmount, IN., Daughter - Tina (Drew) Daily, Earlsboro, OK., and grandchildren Chase Glancy, Regan Glancy, Abigail Daily, Audrey Daily, and Ava Daily.

She was preceded in death by her Father - Lloyd Lahr, Mother - Wava Lahr, and Brother - Ovid Lahr.

A private service was held Wednesday December 30, 2015. Interment was followed in the Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren, IN.

Preferred memorials: Pleasantdale United Methodist Church 2972N 600E, Montpelier 47359.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

BRADFORD

Mildred E. Bradford, 96, of Warren, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, at 7:41 a.m. at Marion General Hospital.

Mrs. Bradford was a homemaker.

She was born in Marion to Ira and Maud Theobald Shuman. She married James Bradford, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Billy (Catherine) Niverson, of Marion, and James Bradford II; and a daughter, Roberta Mensik, of Kentucky.

There will be no services. Burial will be at Jefferson Cemetery.

Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, in Marion, was in charge of arrangements.

DAILEY

Lelia D. Dailey, 77, of Marion, IN, and having ties to Van Buren, IN, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at Tampa General Hospital, in Tampa, FL.

Mrs. Dailey, a graduate of Marion High School, had worked

in food service for the Eastbrook Community Schools. She was a member of the United Brethren Church in Van Buren.

She was born Oct. 16, 1938, in Peoria, IL, to Marshall and Norolla A. Fisher Baxter. She married Phillip Dailey on June 26, 1960, in Marion, and he survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Chip (Patty) Dailey, of Van Buren; a daughter, Patty (Marty) Wine, of North Webster; two brothers, Andy (Judy) Baxter, of Timber Pines, FL, and Ronnie (Linda) Baxter, of Marion; and five grandchildren, Bradley Wine, of Warsaw; Allisun Wine, of Fort Wayne; Alisha (Tyler) Hall, of Marion; and Phillip Dailey and Joseph Dailey, both of Van Buren.

Calling is Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 108 S. 2nd St., Van Buren. A service will be held at the fellowship hall on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Cindy Osgood will officiate. Interment will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Van Buren United Methodist Church, 105 S. 2nd St., Van Buren, IN 46991.

Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, is in charge of arrangements.

FRITCH

Aaron L. Fritch, 46, of Sweetser, IN, and having family members in



Huntington County, IN, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at his home.

Mr. Fritch had worked for Stride Rite, Bendix and Weaver Popcorn. He was a 1987 graduate of Eastbrook High School.

He was born May 27, 1969, in Marion to Ronnie and Connie R. Welker Fritch. Ronnie (Paula) Fritch survives in Marion while Connie Fritch survives in Van Buren. He married Kimberley Rudisel on April 17, 2003, in Marion, and his wife also survives.

Additional survivors include three sons, Justin L. (Johnna) Fritch, of Marion; Dylan M. Fritch, of Warren; and Matthew E. Rudisel, of Sweetser; two daughters, Ashley C. Fritch, of Huntington, and Brianna L. Fritch, of Sweetser; a sister, Angela D. (Craig) Faulstich, of Kokomo; two stepbrothers, Kenneth Clevenger, of Indian River, MI, and Justin Thurman, of Indianapolis; a stepsister, Stephanie Clevenger, of Chesterfield; and two grandchildren, Levi M. Adams

and Lennon A. Ray, both of Huntington.

Calling is Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. A service will be held Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home, with Rev. Greg Sweat officiating. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory, Marion.

Preferred memorials are to the Scholarship Fund for Brianna, in care of Kimberley Fritch, PO Box 484, Sweetser, IN 46987.

SMITH

Irene E. Smith, 91, of Van Buren, IN, went to be with her Lord and Savior at 8:02



PM on Sunday evening, December 20, 2015 at Wesleyan Health Care Center in Marion.

She was born on Monday, November 10, 1924, in Wabash County, IN to John & Ruth (Richards) Gribbin. She married Clay Smith on Saturday, June 16, 1951 in Somerset Indiana; he passed away in 1983. Irene was a 1943 graduate of Somerset High School. She and her best friend Frances Pulley formerly owned and operated a beauty shop in Wabash for many years. Irene retired from the VA in Marion, where she worked in the food service department. After retirement she worked at the Post Office in Landess. Irene loved to crochet, read and cook. She was most famous for her yeast rolls and noodles that were absolutely delicious.

Loving survivors include: Son - Bob (Karen) Smith, Van Buren, IN, Daughter - Linda (Brian) Faunce, Van Buren, IN, Daughter - Phyllis Smith, Converse, IN, 7 Grandchildren, 12 Great Grandchildren 12 and 2 Gr. Gr. Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her: Father - John Gribbin, Mother - Ruth (Richards) Gribbin, Husband - Clay Smith, Twin Sister - Eileen Binkerd and Brothers - Wayne & Charlie Gribbin.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home 201 N Main Street Van Buren on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Irene's life will be at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 23, 2015; viewing will be held one hour before the service. Pastor Carolyn Mikesell and Pastor Cindy Osgood will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials: Van Buren United Methodist Church

PO Box 423 Van Buren IN 46991 or Richland Chapel United Methodist 5026 N. 900 W. 27 Converse, IN 46919.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

ANDERSON

Vesta Fay Anderson was born on December 28, 1924 in Belleville, Indiana to Emery Clyde



and Maud Alice Smyth. Her only sibling was a younger brother, Emery Clyde, Jr.

Vesta grew up in the small town of Warren, Indiana where her father owned the Salamonie grain mill, the local gas station and the coal yard. After graduation from high school, she pursued a Bachelor's degree in business education at the then named Ball State Teacher's College in Muncie, Indiana. This is where she met the love of her life, Forrest "Fordy" Anderson. She accepted Fordy's proposal at the Kentucky Derby and they were married in June of 1949. Theirs was a love that lasted sixty six years. She and Fordy made Fort Wayne, Indiana their home and had three children, a daughter, Marianne and two sons, Jerome "Jerry" and David.

Vesta spent the first year of her teaching career at a small school in Wolf Lake, Indiana and the next thirty six years in the Fort Wayne Community School System. In the 1970s, she designed and developed one of the first computer based programs for business education. It served as a teaching model for the state of Indiana for several years.

Vesta loved traveling, dancing, music, science and art. She spent many relaxing hours playing her baby grand piano which was a treasured gift from Fordy after they retired. Her greatest joy came from time spent with family.

Vesta completed her journey in life on December 15, 2015 at the age of 90. She is survived by her daughter, Marianne Kissinger and husband, Scott, her son, Jerome "Jerry" Anderson and wife, Lynn, her son, David Anderson and wife, Cindy, Grandchildren, Kyla McNabb, Brian Kissinger, Sean Kissinger, Jennifer Anderson, Megan McFall, Erik Anderson, Christopher Anderson, Forrest Anderson, Margaret Smythe Anderson and Great Grandchildren, Sean McFall, Asher McNabb and Maverick Kissinger.

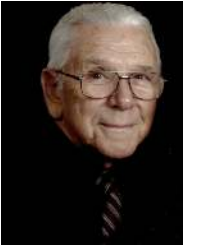
A graveside service will be held at the Masonic Cemetery in

Warren, IN, at 3:00PM on Friday, December 18, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like for donations to be directed to the American Heart Association.

McNANY

William R. "Bill" McNany, 87, of Warren, IN, passed away at 6:45 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at



Heritage Pointe in Warren, with his family by his side.

He was born on Thursday, January 19, 1928, in Hammond, IN. He married Marguerite V. McBride on September 25, 1946; together they have shared 69 wonderful years of marriage.

Bill graduated in 1947 from Bryan High School in Bryan Ohio and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1946-1947. He started out his working career with the Gambles Company in Bryan. He was promoted to manager of a Gambles Hardware Store in Cold Water, MI, and worked on the road for 8 years as a Gamble Zone Superintendent. He lived for a short time in Paulding, OH, where he worked at a local Hardware. In 1967 he moved his family to Warren, where he became the proud new owner and operator of the local Gamble Store. Bill's family ran the hardware for almost 18 years until 1984. Bill and his wife also owned the WilMar Variety Store in Warren.

After selling their stores in Warren, Bill and Marguerite moved to Missouri where they managed a church campground in the late 80's and early 90's. He was formerly very active in his church, where he and other men would serve as the churches pastors and teachers. He spent many years and numerous hours working on sermons. Bill always had great rapport which children and loved to tease and spend time with them. He enjoyed flying, fishing and volunteering in his free time. No matter his occupation at the time, he was always available to help others in need; whether it was building something, repairing a broken boiler or just simply giving an extra hand. He gave his time freely to the community and enjoyed helping out at the Civic Center in Warren when he was needed. Bill and his wife are member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church in Warren.

Loving survivors include: Wife - Marguerite V. (McBride) McNany, Son - Ray (Tanya) McNany, Wichita, KS, Daughter -

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Kathie (Harold) Jones, Ft. Wayne, IN, Son - Jim (Tammy) McNany, Warren, IN, Son - Gene (Candice) McNany, Colorado Springs, CO, 11 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his: Father - Roy McNany, Mother - Flossie May (Stotz) McNany and Sister - Betty McDaniel.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave. Warren on Friday, December 18, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Bill's life will be at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel at 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 19, 2015 with Pastor Paul C. Burris officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Huntington County Honor Guard following the funeral service. A graveside committal will follow at 3:00 PM at the Shiffler Cemetery outside of Bryan, OH.

Preferred memorials: Solid Rock United Methodist Church 485 Bennett Drive PO Box 322 Warren IN 46792

MARKLEY

Gregory L. Markley, 53, of Poneto, died Dec. 20, 2015, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 5, 1962, in Wells County.

Survivors include his mother, Kathryn (Bruce) Stinson of Bluffton; his father, Richard (Tina) Markley of Montpelier; a son, Joshua L. Markley of Huntington County; a daughter, Lillian Markley; a brother, Matthew (Cindy) L. Markley of Smithfield, Va.; and a sister, Jena M. Stinson of Munich, Germany.

A private memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 26, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

The Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home as in charge of arrangements.

MARKLEY

Richard L. "Dick" Markley, 74, Montpelier, died at 12:48 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born on Dec. 3, 1941, in Poneto to Lewis and Ineze M. (Schott) Markley, he married Tina Markley Sept. 15, 2013 in Montpelier; she survives.

Richard was a 1959 Chester Center High School graduate.

Other survivors include a son, Matthew (Cindy) Markley, Smithfield, Va.; a step-son, Justin Miller, Bluffton; two step-daughters, Stephanie Miller, Montpelier and Ashley Crews, Fort Wayne; three brothers, Kenneth Markley, Franklin, Tenn., Roderick Markley,

Zionsville, and Jim Markley, Decatur; two sisters, Phyllis Poling, Decatur and Ann Walton, Kennewick, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Gregory Markley.

Calling hours are Tuesday, Dec. 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier. Services will be held there Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Interment will follow in the Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.



CELEBRATING GOLDEN

Mike and Jane (Williams) Michaud will celebrate 50 years of marriage on January 14.

They were married January 14, 1966 in Warren. Witnesses were Jim Thompson and Sharon Williams.

Mike and Jane are the parents of Nicki (Jack) Zoda and grandparents to Andy Michaud, Quaid Zoda and Aleigha Zoda.

Mike retired from Citizens Telephone after 50 years. Jane is retired from Michaud Tax Preparation and various other pursuits.

Cards and remembrances may be sent to them at 1100 River Road, Bluffton IN 46714.

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program. Some local libraries may purchase additional passes to ensure that each branch has one for check-out.

"The State Library is excited about its bicentennial partnership with Indiana State Parks," said State Librarian Jacob Speer. "The partnership gives library patrons an opportunity to explore the many beautiful state park locations across Indiana simply by using their library card to check-out the free passes."

Check-out duration for the passes may vary by site. Visit your local public library for details about check-out duration.

LEARN ABOUT OWLS

Learn about owls during "Silence of a Winter's Night" at Salamonie Lake on Jan. 23.

The program runs from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. and takes place during the best owl-watching time of the year.

The evening will begin with introductions and a meal. At 5:30 p.m. participants will build an owl house (one per family). At 6:30 p.m., Salamonie Raptor Center's live owls will be on display. A hike in search of owls starts at 7:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required, and space is limited. The cost is \$15 per person.

Participants must be 7 years old or older. Families with children under age 7 can attend the Salamonie Second Saturday "Winter Wildlife Watch" on Jan. 9.

HOME & GARDEN SHOW

EVENT: 43rd annual Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show

DATES: Thursday, Feb. 25 - Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016

TIMES: Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

COST: \$10 adults; \$6 seniors 62+; children 15 and under free; \$5 for Coliseum parking; \$2 off coupon available online starting in February; \$1 off admission with one canned good benefitting Community Harvest Food Bank (combinable with other discount offers on Feb. 25 & 26 only)

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DETAILS: Visitors can browse 650+ exhibitors for endless products and services that cater to all things home—both indoor and outdoor, décor and much more. Throughout the weekend, educational seminars will be hosted by Purdue master gardeners along with HGTV's "Cash & Cari" estate sale expert Cari Cucksey, Melinda Myers, host of the nationally-syndicated radio and TV program "Melinda's Garden Moment," plus Mad Dog & Merrill, self-proclaimed grillologists and hosts of Tuff TV's hit series "Mad Dog & Merrill's Midwest Grill'n." \$100 in show bucks will be given away every hour of the show, which can be redeemed at the show like a gift certificate.

An "Alice & Wonderland" children's area will feature a petting zoo, photos with themed characters, martial arts and dance demos, adoptable animals, make-and-take clay pottery and elaborate balloon creations.

MORE INFO: Call 260.432.1705 or 800.695.5288, or log on Home-GardenShow.com

SENIOR LUNCH

People age 50 and older are invited to the monthly Senior Monday Carry-in Luncheon at noon on Jan. 4 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews.

After the meal, Craig Banning will present "How High's the Water, Momma?" about flooding in the Upper Wabash River Basin. The presentation will include information on the historic 1913 flood that illustrated the need to build J.E. Roush, Mississinewa and

Salamonie lakes for flood control.

Attendees should bring their own table service, a prepared dish to share and a \$1 donation to help defray costs of the provided main dish.

To register, or for more information, call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS) at (260) 468-2127. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

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While that final goal, say of losing those 30 pounds, may be what you want to achieve, it's something that's going to take a long time to reach. And, let's be honest, most of us aren't very patient people. We want to see results as soon as possible!

So how to make that happen? Set smaller goals. For weight loss, for example, forget about the final goal and set small goals that you know you can achieve. Maybe it's just to lose 4 pounds in the next month. Eat a bit healthier, don't obsess about jumping on that scale every ten minutes, increase your exercise a bit, and at the end of the month you'll probably have hit that mini-goal. When it happens, reward yourself. No, not with a celebratory ice cream sundae, but with something that makes you feel good about what you've achieved, and that will help motivate you to set another mini-goal towards your final target.

Regardless of the resolution, setting mini-goals is the best way to get you moving. Achievable goals provide positive feedback and help you reach your final destination. And if you do happen to fall really short along the way, just accept that we're all human and we all stumble now and then. Reexamine those goals and what changes you need to make. Start small, give it another try and pretty soon you will be closer to that final goal.

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A NEW YEAR AND A NEW BEGINNING

The New Year is a time of resolutions. It's a time when people commit to making a change in their life. Losing weight, changing jobs, saving money, making money, a new relationship, getting in shape, going back to school, or giving up smoking, are just some of the goals people set for themselves on January 1st.

Although it's possible for anyone to make a change or a new start, it takes determination, commitment, and persistence. A new goal must be your own. You have to really want it. Without a burning desire, your motivation will fade quickly. It's virtually impossible to make a change due to external pressure.

You may agree to what someone else wants you to do, but it's very difficult to succeed without an internal drive. So, in

order to successfully make a change or reach a goal, you have to make sure it's what you really want.

Don't start off on the wrong foot by making excuses as to why you will probably fail. If you don't truly believe you can do it, you won't. People who do this will say something like, "I'll try to do it, but ..." Or you may hear, "I tried before and it didn't work but I'll give it another go." Before you begin, make sure the only things you are telling yourself are, "I can," "I will," and "I will do whatever it takes."

A new beginning is a three step process. You have to first know what you want, formulate a plan to achieve it, and then take the necessary action to get it. Setting a specific goal is essential. The more detailed the better. If you want to lose weight, how much and by when? If you want a new job, what will it be and how much will it pay? If you want to save money, how much and how often?

Next, you need a plan. Just like your goal, your plan must be as detailed as possible. If you are going to lose weight, what will be your menu each week? Are you going to go on a specific diet, cut out certain foods, or just eat less? For finding a new job, what will be your strategy? Do you need a new resume? Will you look on line, in the classifieds, use an employment agency, network, cold call, or all of these? If you want to save more money, in what areas will you cut back? Do you know where your money is going? Have you created a budget?

You want your plan to be doable. The smaller the steps are, the more likely you will be to succeed. Any time you feel a step is too big, break it down further. It doesn't matter how small each step is so long as you keep going and never give up.

Losing 20 pounds may feel overwhelming, but dropping two pounds a month doesn't seem too bad. If you keep at it for 10 months, you will reach your goal. Saving \$3000 might appear beyond reach, but cutting back \$9 a day on family spending is manageable.

Finally, you must take action. The best goals and greatest plans will go nowhere without action. The reason you divided your plan into small sections is so it would be easy to take action, one day at a time. All you have to do is keep going, until you achieve your goal.

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INVEST IN YOUTH: BE A MENTOR

A new year ushers in new opportunities to improve our lives and the world around us. While many focus on living healthier or spending less money, there is another option for a New Year's resolution that could change forever your life and the life of a child.

Volumes of research show the benefits mentors provide a young person. A study from Big Brothers Big Sisters found children and teens who had mentors were less likely than their peers to use drugs, alcohol or act violently. Experts also say mentoring increases high school graduation rates, college enrollment and build a young person's confidence.

"Quality mentoring programs empower mentors and young people to show up for one another and experience the power of presence and relationship," said David Shapiro, CEO of MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR).

The Big Couple program with Big Brothers Big Sisters shows mentees a positive relationship while mitigating potential mentors' concerns about time.

"We were newly married. Our work schedules were very different. If anyone had an excuse that time was a factor, it would be us," said Brooke Martin, who along with her husband, Cole, became a Big Couple to their Little, Da'Vion. "When you just take the plunge and say 'yes' and get involved, you find out time isn't really an issue."

Brooke and Cole chose the Big Couple program with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana because it offered them the chance to impact a child's life together. Organizations around Indiana offer similar programs that pair up friends or other relatives.

Josette Rider, CEO for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana says taking the team approach to mentoring helps the child, too, by allowing him or her to see a positive relationship and the work it takes to keep that relationship going.

"They're role models," says Da'Vion. He says Brooke and Cole encourage him, teach him and simply welcome him into their daily lives.

"We have fun no matter what we're doing," Cole adds. "It's not like we have to carve out half a day to do something special every single week. It's a good time regardless of what the agenda is."

As technology advances, "e-mentoring" is gaining popularity. Already adopted by the business world, e-mentoring is quickly becoming a way to help students decide what to do after high school.

MENTOR's Shapiro says organizations need to ensure those relationships are just as impactful as face-to-face mentoring programs. Groups such as Strive for College incorporate video chat features that allow for face-to-face communication. The flexibility e-mentoring provides allows adults to make a meaningful impact without impacting their work schedules.

Mentors come from every walk of life, and Rider stresses mentoring programs aren't looking for perfection.

"We are not looking for people who haven't made mistakes," Rider said. "We're looking for people who have really put those mistakes behind them and have a successful life and can really share that with a child. Sometimes those are some of our best mentors."

January is National Mentoring Month. You can find a mentoring program near you at the Indiana

Mentoring Partnership's website, www.abetterhour.org.

"Regardless of the latest high profile social ill that we're hearing about," Rider says, "whether it's pregnancy, drugs, meth, crime, murders – what we do know is what stands the test of time to combat those social ills is one caring individual spending time with a child who needs to see the best version of somebody, just for a few hours a month."

That's a small investment of time for such a big return. Invest. Volunteer. Be a mentor.

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