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Thought for the Week: *In a great romance, each person plays a part the other really likes.* Elizabeth Ashley

HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!

It's that time of year again when we need to start making some decision for the Salamonie Summer Festival. If you have any interest at all in the festival we urge you to attend the meetings. If we do not get some help and new ideas, there will NOT BE A SALAMONIE SUMMER FESTIVAL. We are very much in need of more volunteers. When should we have the fireworks, to have them on July 4 they will be way to expensive for a small town like Warren. Do we want a Rodeo? Do we want a Demolition Derby? Do we want a Parade? Come to a meeting on Monday, January 26, 2004, at the Knight-Bergman Center at 7:00 P.M. and help us decide. If no one shows, then we will assume that no one wants to help with a Festival. If you have a conflict with this date but are truly interested, please let Rosemary Zeller, 375-2454, know your thoughts and that you would be willing to help. Hope to see you in attendance on the 26th.

SUPPER: FEB. 13

Take the night off cooking and join the Council on Aging in Warren for our annual fish and tenderloin supper on Friday, February 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Knight's Civic Center. The meal will be prepared by Dan's Fish Fry Services.

Rides will be available through the HAT. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center, from any board member, or purchased at the door. Carry-out orders will also be available. Call the Council on Aging at 356-3006 to schedule transportation or for ticket prices.

This is a fun event with delicious food. Come out and join us to enjoy the meal and socialize with great people, while supporting the Council on Aging.

GIRL SCOUTS SWIM PARTY

Registered area Girl Scouts are invited to attend a swim party to coincide with the kick-off of the official 2004 Girl Scout Cookie Selling program. The event will be held at Salamonie School on Friday, January 16, from 6:30—8:30 p.m. This year's theme, "Make A Splash", is about a lot more than jumping in the pool! It's about being noticed, about making a difference, about standing up and standing out. It's about enthusiastically, emphatically, and energetically being the most "YOU" possible.

The event is being planned by local area Girl Scout leaders and adult volunteers. Parental permission and a small entrance fee will be required. More details regarding this event are available from the event coordinator, Dawn Frecker, at (260) 375-4400.

Any girl wishing to join a Girl Scout troop to participate in this or similar activities should call the volunteer in charge of organizing Girl Scouts at the school they attend. Call Dawn Frecker, phone number above, for Salamonie, other area schools or home schoolers. Though the Girl Scout year runs from October 1 to September 30, girls are welcome to join any age level troop at any time during this year.

BASKET BINGO

Saturday, February 28, Basket Bingo will be held in the Southern Wells Elementary School cafeteria (9120S 300W, Poneto). A \$10 donation gets you 20 games. One original Longaberger Basket will be awarded for each game. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. and games begin at 10. Concessions will be available.

Basket Bingo is sponsored by Southern Wells Partners In Education (P.I.E.). Must be 18 yrs old to attend.

For tickets, contact Julie Thompson at 260.694.6626, Tara Korporeal at 260.375.4230 or

Southern Wells Elementary Office at 765.728.2121.

Raffle tickets will be available in house at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Southern Wells Elementary School.

A NEW COOKIE IN TOWN

On Friday, January 16, Girl Scouts across Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben and Wells counties will start selling Girl Scout Cookies. The sale will continue through Sunday, March 14. Consumers can get cookies immediately from Girl Scouts with Cookies-in-Hand, and order forms are also being used for later delivery.

For \$3.50 per box, customers can buy all of these Girl Scout Cookie varieties:

Pinatas, the new cookie. It is a crunchy oatmeal base iced on the bottom, filled with berry-licious fruit, and finished off with swizzles of sugar glaze and cinnamon crumb topping. Because the cookie is made without eggs, milk or peanuts, almost everyone can party with Pinatas.

- Thin Mints
- Shortbread
- Peanut Butter Patties
- Peanut Butter Sandwiches
- Caramel deLites
- Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls build business skills and financial knowledge as they set goals, take orders, handle money, tally sales and distribute the products. The money raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program is used for troop activities, community service projects, campership credits and college scholarship funds.

"Every year during the Girl Scout Cookie Program activities, girls practice what it takes to be successful in business," says Sherri Weidman, CEO/Executive Director, Girl Scouts of

Limberlost Council. "We watch them figure out new and innovative ways to reach the goals they set, and we see them take pride and ownership in their plans. This is one more chance for girls to test themselves in the world of commerce, in the safe, supportive Girl Scout environment."

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with more than 3.8 million girl and adult members. Now in its 91st year, Girl Scouting cultivates values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting's special

girl-only environment, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council, one of more than 300 councils chartered by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., administers programs in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben and Wells counties in northeast Indiana.

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MEATBALL CONTEST

Joel's 2nd annual Meatball Contest was held Sunday January 4, 2004 at 1 pm. Joel Knight, 9 year old son of Lowell and Karen Knight, judged his second meatball contest. This year it was decided to have the contest at dinner time so everyone could enjoy the entries. Joel put on his suit with official judges ribbon and carnation and went to work. Joel had a hard decision to make. All the entries were very good.

Placing 4th - Sherry Knight, 3rd Waldo Knight, 2nd - Shannon and Megan Knight, 1st place and Meatball Champion of 2004 - Margaret Knight. All received blue ribbons with there placing on them and 1st place also received a red rose with a champion purple ribbon. All ribbons and flowers were purchased from and also made by P.J.'s Flower & Gifts. Special Thank You to Joyce Sorg for understanding how important details are to a little judge. Everyone enjoyed a meatball dinner after the contest.

It was also our family birthday dinner, celebrating January and February. Those being honored were Joel Knight 1/14, Waldo Knight 1/15, Josh Knight 1/25, Paul Henderson 2/2 and Michael Henderson 2/12. Special Birthday Wishes to Waldo Knight on his 65th. It was a fun day for everyone even though the weather wasn't a winner at least the Colts won. Joel would like to thank everyone who participated and helped this year.

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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE "BUCKEYE FLOWER FUND"

In the year 2003 flowers were sent for the following families:

VERDA MADDOCK – mother of member Peggy Clark

MARIE WOOD – member

DAVE VANVLIET – member

CARL HUNNICUTT – member

The flowers are always greatly appreciated and mean so much to each family.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support

Sheryl

THANKS TO THE "WEDDING ELVES"

We would like to thank the Wedding Elves (Joe Landrum, Mark Shideler and Keith Boxell) for the sign they placed in our yard recently, that let our friends and neighbors know of our marriage. Also, to all of you that took the time to read the sign and honk, we thank you for celebrating with us.

Gary and Claudia Thompson

THANK YOU

Thanks everyone for all of your prayers, thoughts and cards while Curtis was so ill and his stay in the hospital.

Thanks again for everything
Curtis and Garnet Allen

SEARCH FOR HEROES

(NAPSI)-A new program seeks to honor everyday heroes-and these heroes will come in all ages.

For instance, Sarah Yourman is a 13-year-old with cystic fibrosis, diabetes and Crohn's Disease. Yourman competitively participates in a number of extreme sports and maintains a Web site meant to teach others that life does not stop with a life-threatening illness. Her advice: "Pay it forward. Become an inspiration to others. Your efforts make a difference."

This year, Your man has been nominated for the Volvo for Life Awards-a national search for and celebration of everyday heroes. Organizers seek nominations for individuals who make outstanding contributions in their communities. Judges will select nine finalists. Three winners will each receive \$50,000 to be donated to the charities of their choice. Six will each receive a \$10,000 charitable donation. One top winner will receive a new Volvo for the rest of his or her life.

To nominate someone, visit www.volvoforlifeawards.com by Jan. 16, 2004.

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 765-934-2199
Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
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 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
 Sun - Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 Worship Service..... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m.
 Mon - Women's Bible Study 9a & 6:30p
 Tue - In Home Small Groups - 7 pm -
 (call office to get directions)
 Wed - Morning Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 "Circle of Friends" (3yr-5th grade)..... 6:30-8p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm
McNATT UNITED METHODIST
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 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.
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694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.
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Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor
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 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..... 7:00 p.m.
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Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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THE NEW BEGINNING
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 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Doug Sharrard, Pastor
Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME
 SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Wayne Wright, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.
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 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

GIVE KIDS A SMILE! 2004 INDIANA

EVENT: Give Kids it Smile! 2004 Indiana

WHAT: Oral health education, screening and treatment services for children 16 and under

WHEN: Friday, February 6, 2004, all day

WHO: Children up to the age of 16 (accompanied by parent or guardian)

WHERE: Clinics, IU Dental School and private dental offices throughout Indiana

COST: Free

HOW: Patients should call 1-800-777-0955 for an appointment

On February 6, 2004, children throughout Indiana and the nation will be smiling. More than 150 Indiana dentists are participating in the 2nd annual Give Kids a Smile! This national campaign delivers free oral health education, screening and treatment services to children who may not otherwise receive dental care.

Give Kids a Smile! is made possible by the generous volunteer dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, dental school students, faculty and others who donate their time and professional skill to make a healthy difference in the lives of children. The event also seeks to raise awareness of the growing number of Hoosier families who don't have access to dental care. Last year more than 1,000 Indiana children received comprehensive dental care in over 60 locations throughout the state.

Many children from low-income families cannot eat or sleep properly, pay attention in school or smile because of 100% preventable but untreated dental disease. By starting regular dental visits at an early age, children begin a lifetime of good dental habits. Problems that are identified early are almost always easier and less expensive to address.

Children 16 years old and under are eligible to participate in Give Kids a Smile! and appointments are necessary. Patients seeking an appointment should call toll free 1-800-777-0955. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all patients. Information on specific services provided will be outlined when an appointment is scheduled.

NEW WAY TO LEARN

Local educator, Lisa Neel will be teaching a 3-week graduate course entitled The Power of Brain-Compatible Learning, March 4 - 20, 2004. The class will meet Thursday evenings from 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm and on Saturdays from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. at the Amerihost Inn in Huntington. This course offers 3 semester graduate level credits to K-12 educators and can be used for teacher license renewal and is accepted by most school districts for salary step increases.

Neel, an educator with 15 years of experience, has spent the past two summers teaching graduate courses for The Connecting Link in Arizona, Nevada and Indiana.

The Power of Brain-Compatible Learning is offered through The Connecting Link, in partnership with Valparaiso University. The course will help K-12 educators optimize students' learning capacity, increase their retention, and minimize the need to re-teach concepts. Participants will discover how the brain is engaged during behaviors that affect learning; examine principals of brain-compatible learning; examine the role of emotion in the learning process; and apply brain-compatible learning strategies to practical educational situations.

The Connecting Link classes are taught according to adult learning principles and are grounded in current educational research. Most courses are highly experiential and interactive, allowing each educator a hands-on, practical approach to learning.

To register or to find out more about this and other Connecting Link courses offered in the Fort Wayne area, visit them on the web at www.connectinglink.com

or call (888)555- 5465.

HOHE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc. is offering the Dr. John W. Hohe & Marjorie H. Hohe Scholarship to Huntington North High School seniors and Huntington County residents currently attending Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne are also eligible for the Hohe Scholarship.

The Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount of each scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship are currently being accepted and the awards will be made in April 2004.

Applications are available in the Huntington North High School guidance office, in the IPFW Financial Aid Office from Vicki Dahl, or by calling Marcia McClelland, executive director, Huntington County Community Foundation at 260-356-8878. Application deadline is March 31, 2004.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a high school senior enrolled at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for fall 2004, or a full-time student at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Nontraditional students planning to attend Indiana Purdue University, Fort Wayne for the school year 2004-2005 are also eligible for the scholarship.

Nontraditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school. Applicants must have a grade point aver-

age of at least 2.0 (C average).

Past recipients of the Dr. John & Mrs. Hohe Scholarship are Liane Hildebrand, Aaron Kiefer, Rudy Kusher III, Gavin Schenkel and Carlee Hedrick.

GENETIC SUPPORT

Genetic Syndrome Support Group meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a genetic syndrome (ie., Noonan's, Williams, Velocardiofacial, Klinefelter's, Fragile X, Pierre-Robin, DiGeorge). Open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorders

Meeting date: Monday, January 26, 2004 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Topic: Fragile X: Presenter, Patricia Bader, M.D.

Location: CNS, 3010 E State, Ft Wayne, Indiana

FETAL ALCOHOL SUPPORT

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Group - meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorder.

Meeting date: Monday, January 19, 2004 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Topic: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in the Fetal Alcohol Child - Presenter - Patricia Bader, M.D.

Location: CNS, 3010 E. State, Ft. Wayne Indiana

SHUMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Huntington County Community Foundation is offering Charles A. Shuman Family Scholarships.

The Charles A. & Wilma E. Shuman Scholarship, James C. & Nancy (Shuman) Breiner Scholarship and Scott C. Breiner Memorial Scholarship are available for Huntington North High School graduating seniors and to non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school.

The Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine the number of Shuman Family Scholarships to be awarded and the amount of each scholarship. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a high school senior or a non-traditional student enrolled at a four-year Indiana college or university as a full-time student for the fall semester.

Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Huntington College, Taylor University, Manchester College, Indiana Wesleyan University or IPFW.

Applicants must have a grade

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Community Calendar


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

Jan 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Jan 23 Warren Recycle Day
Jan 26 Warren Town Council, 6:30, Assembly Hall
Mar 26, 2004 Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7:30, Games 6 to 8

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Storytime at Warren Public Library** 10 a.m. Fridays, **Walking in the Gym** 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center

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point average of 2.0 (a "C" average). All applicants will be considered.

Preference will be given to students pursuing a teaching career. Business Education majors will be given first preference, other Education majors will be given second preference and majors in other fields will be considered.

Criteria for the scholarships are financial need, scholastic achievements, school related extra curricular activities, community involvement, qualities of character and leadership. Scholarship recipients who successfully complete their college freshman year will be eligible to reapply for the scholarships.

Past recipients of the Shuman Family Scholarships are:

Marissa Pike, Heidi Calabrese, Jamie Hamilton - Charles A. & Wilma E. Shuman Scholarships; Trent Wolfe, Sara Ellet, Tonya Young - James C. & Nancy (Shuman) Breiner Scholarship; Amber Surfas, Valerie Vance - Scott C. Breiner Memorial Scholarship.

Shuman Family Scholarships applications are now being accepted. The deadline for application is March 31, 2004. Application forms are available at Huntington North High School guidance office.

ALLMAN ART SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is offering the Vincent M. Allman Art Scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. John Allman established this scholarship in 1998 in memory of their son. The purpose of the Vincent M. Allman Art Scholarship is to support and encourage students who want to pursue a career as an art teacher.

Applicants must be Huntington County residents, Huntington North High School seniors or

graduates enrolled in a four year accredited school majoring in Art Education. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (a "B" average).

Scholarship applications are available from the HNHS Guidance Office or by contacting Marcia McClelland, Executive Director of the Huntington County Community Foundation. The Foundation office is located at 356 West Park Drive in Huntington. The telephone number is (260) 356-8878.

Completed applications must be received at the Huntington County Community Foundation office by March 31, 2004.

Past recipients of the Vincent M. Allman Scholarship are Darcy Forrester, Patrick Linker and Daniel Malicki.

LESH SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation, Inc. is offering tilt) Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship to Huntington County residents. The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship was established by Mr. Lesh's family in honor and memory of their father who practiced law in Huntington for many years. The purpose of the scholarship is to support and encourage students who wish to pursue a career in the legal profession.

The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship will be awarded from the Joseph Lesh Fund administered by the Community Foundation. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a Huntington North High School senior or graduate enrolled as a full-time college student majoring in law or other law-related careers. Huntington County residents currently attending law school are also eligible for the scholarship. Past scholarship recipients are also eligible to apply.

Applicants must demonstrate potential for scholastic excellence and indicate a desire to pursue a career as an attorney. Applications for the scholarship are available from the HNHS Guidance Office or by calling Marcia McClelland, Executive Director, Huntington County Community Foundation at 260-356-8878. Deadline for the application is March 31, 2004.

Past recipients of the scholarship are Brittanie Rupel, Amber Gaskin, Cynthia Peters, Ashley Gick and Casey Eckert.

The Huntington County Community Foundation builds and maintains permanent endowment funds. The Foundation administers 72 permanent endowment funds, 27 of which are designated for scholarships.

For information about the Huntington County Community Foundation, to make a donation to any of the existing funds, or to create a new fund, contact Marcia McClelland, P.O. Box 5037, 356 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750 or phone 260-356-8878. Information is also available on the web at www.hccfoundation.com.

NIRA TO MEET

Romance Authors to Meet, Discuss "The Elements of an Award-Winning Novel."

The next meeting of Northeast Indiana Romance Authors will be Saturday, January 17, 2004 at the Dupont branch of the Allen County Public Library, 536 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. from 1:00 to 3:30pm.

NIRA is the local chapter for Romance Writers of America, a non-profit group dedicated to supporting writers of romance. NIRA, comprised of ten members, was founded by Tina Runge, Jenni Licata and Liz Flaherty.

Since its inception, 50% of the NIRA authors have sold fiction novels, an amazing feat for such a small group.

CROCHETING AT BLACKFORD

This is a special interest program sponsored by Purdue Cooperative Extension of Blackford County. The date is February 10, 2004, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Extension Office Courthouse

Annex. "Crocheting with the New Yarns" will be presented by local educators and avid crafters, Rae Ann O'Neill and Betty Bagley. They will be giving you lots of ideas for crocheting with the new yarns. Even beginners will be able to make a project. The cost is \$5.00. You need to know how to do a crochet chain and how to single crochet to do the project. We'll provide you with the supplies and tips you need to get started. There will also be door prizes!

To make a reservation call the Blackford County Purdue Extension Office at 765-348-3213. Deadline for registration is February 6, 2004.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

State Bar sponsors "Talk To A Lawyer Today" Jan. 19 in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA), in cooperation with various groups around the state, will sponsor a program that offers free legal assistance to the citizens of Indiana. "Talk To A Lawyer Today" features volunteer attorneys answering legal questions free of charge both in-person and over the phone on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Assistance over the phone is available statewide by calling 1-800-266-2581 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Legal assistance from attorneys fluent in Spanish is available by calling 1-800-869-0212 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are walk-in locations at many metropolitan areas in Indiana.

This is the second year for the "Talk To A Lawyer Today" program. Last year, more than 1,100 legal questions were answered in one day by volunteer attorneys across Indiana. In Indianapolis alone, more than 425 questions were answered.

"Attorneys continually seek ways to make the judicial system and the law less intimidating for Indiana's citizens. This program is an excellent opportunity for ISBA members to educate the community on the law and for the public to get answers to their legal questions," Sherrill Wm. Colvin, ISBA president, said.

For more information, please visit <http://www.inbar.org> or call

the ISBA at 1-800-266-2581.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H members planning to continue their education after high school may be eligible to apply for scholarship through the 4-H program. The following scholarships have a January 15, 2004 application deadline:

- State 4-H Club Scholarship (partial fee remission) - current high school seniors who are planning to attend Purdue University, West Lafayette Campus in either the School of Agriculture or Consumer & Family Sciences.

- Area XI Horse & Pony Scholarship (up to 8 @ \$250 each) - current high school senior or freshman-equivalent student enrolled in post high school training and must be an active, enrolled 4-H Horse & Pony member.

- Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship (over 200 statewide @ \$250 each) - current high school seniors enrolling in any post high school training or studies.

- Indiana 4-H Accomplishment scholarship (approximately 18 statewide @ \$500 minimum) - any 4-H member in grade 10 or older may apply. Application involves submitting a cover letter, informational page and 1-2 page resume'.

Applications for the 4-H Club Scholarship, Indiana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship are available on-line at:

http://www.four-h.purdue.edu/ext_ed/index.html. All listed scholarships are available in hard copy at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

A County-wide 4-H Open House will be held Sunday, January 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. Families and youth interested in learning more about the county 4-H program can visit with representatives from the 37 4-H clubs in the county, look through 4-H project manuals and samples of 4-H exhibits, and complete an official 4-H club enrollment form.

Information about the Huntington County 4-H Program was distributed January 8-9 to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in

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GENEALOGY REPORT & AREA NEWS

SPARKS

Garl O. Sparks, 91, Warren, died at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

Born March 29, 1912 in Huntington County to Orva and E. Marie Collins Sparks, he was married to the former Mildred M. Fahl, Jan. 30, 1932, in Markle. She survives.

Mr. Sparks worked as a carpenter for many years. He was a member of the Carpenters' Union in Fort Wayne working for several companies in the Fort Wayne area. He retired in 1976.

A member of the Buckeye Christian Church and the Buckeye Quartet, he was also a member of the Markle Lodge 453 F&AM and the Scottish Rite. He was a 1929 graduate of West Rock Creek High School.

Survivors include two sons: William of Markle and Richard of Long Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Wayne (Coleen) Allred of Markle, Mrs. Robert (Phyllis) Preston of Twain Harte, Calif., Mrs. Tim (Mary Jane) Adams of Chicago; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

There were no visitation or funeral services. A memorial service is planned for a later date. Interment will be held at the Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials may be made to the Markle Park Foundation.

Arrangements were handled by Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

LIGHTLE

Services for Nellie A. Lightle, 88, Montpelier, will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Home, Walker Chapel in Montpelier. She died at 10:37 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 at Blackford Community Hospital in Hartford City.

Born in Blackford County on Oct. 1, 1915 to Arthur M. and Lucy I. Jackson Shannon, she married Levi M. Lightle on May 28, 1938 in Blackford County; he died June 8, 1969.

A 1934 Montpelier High School graduate, she was active in a variety of organizations. She served as president for the Montpelier Senior Citizens, the

Blackford Co. AARP #3360 (of which she was a charter member), the Blackford Co. Extension Homemakers, and the College Corner Extension Homemakers. She had been a member of the Blackford Co. Mental Health Board, Montpelier Historical Society, the Women's Fellowship of the Farrville Community Church, and the Montpelier Alumni Association, where she also served on the Board of Directors. She had lived in Blackford County since 1991 and is a former resident of Jackson Township, Wells County. After retiring from the Essex Corp. in Van Buren in 1983 after 231.2 years of service, she worked as a receptionist at the Walker-Glancy Funeral Home for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Neldon Lightle of Converse, John Lightle of Marion, and Tom Lightle of Montpelier; a daughter, Mrs. Jim (Nancy) Frantz of Poneto; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Lyle Lightle; three brothers, Max, Carl and Forrest Shannon; and three sisters, Flora Glattli, Fay Cline, and Tillie Ramseyer.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department.

BIRTHS

Dave and Susan Roberts Mookhram, Hollywood, California are the parents of a son, Joshua Davin Mookhram, born at 8:10 p.m. December 3, 2003 at Cedars Sinai Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are David W. and Martha Roberts, Warren, Rena Mookhram, Hollywood, CA, and the late Calvin Mookhram. Great grandparents are George E. Wagner, Rochester, IN, and Fernmae Jellison, Leo, IN.

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the public schools, Huntington Catholic and Lutheran schools. Youth interested in learning more about 4-H are encouraged to return a form indicating their interest in 4-H by their school office by January 15th or may mail their interest form to the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office.

All youth interested in joining 4-H must complete an official Huntington County 4-H Club Enrollment form no later than April 1. 4-H is open to all youth in grades 3 through 12.

There are a few projects that have enrollment deadlines earlier than the county April 1 deadline and those projects include Shooting Sports, Veal Calf and Tractor. Specific enrollment information about these projects will be available at the County-wide 4-H Open House.

For information about 4-H, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington. Phone number (260) 358-4826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.

PROJECT XL (EXCEL)

The Farm Bureau Insurance annual Project XL competition deadline is January 30, 2004. Indiana high school students who excel in various forms of artistic expression are invited to enter. Winners will be awarded college scholarships. Now in its 15th year, Project XL is created, funded, and administered by Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, which awarded \$38,000 in scholarship prizes during last year's competition.

Change is the topic for the 2003-2004 competition. Students can enter their creative interpretation of Change in one of six categories: writing, music, two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, video or performance.

Entries may be submitted from January 26 - 30, 2004, at any local Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance office. For the nearest office, visit www.infarmbureau.com, check the local yellow pages, or call

800-866-1160. Additional details and entry information are also available from Special Markets Coordinator Pam Walker at 800-866-1160, extension 7748.

Farm Bureau Insurance, organized by Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. in 1935, offers and services a complete line of auto, home, annuity, farm/crop, and life insurance products to Hoosiers through its network of over 450 agents and 1200 employees living and working throughout the state. With a home office in downtown Indianapolis, Farm Bureau Insurance is the largest writer of farm insurance and the second largest writer of property/casualty insurance in Indiana.

PAGE PROGRAM

This session will be filled with several key issues ranging from property taxes, to education funding, and job creation.

The Indiana House of Representatives offers a Page Program, which allows students from across the state to experience this process firsthand. During the program, Hoosier students are able to participate in Statehouse activities as a Legislative Page for a day.

The pages are given a tour of the entire capitol building, including the governor's office, the chambers of the Indiana House and Senate, and the Indiana Supreme Court. Also, pages are given an opportunity to witness any floor sessions and committee meetings that might be taking place during their visit. Students will spend time with their state representative, get pictures taken, and learn about the legislative process directly from Representative Leonard. Pages also get to help staff members with constituent work to help them better understand the services provided to Hoosiers statewide.

If you wish to become a page, please visit <http://www.in.gov/h50> and click on "Student Services". If internet access is not available, please call the House Student Services office at 317-233-9814.

The best days of the week to participate in the program are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays due to the amount of activ-

ity scheduled on those days. Students who serve as pages receive an excused absence from school, but are responsible for their own transportation to and from Indianapolis. To become a page, students must be 13 years of age or older.

The Indiana House of Representatives Page Program is a great opportunity to witness government in action. Applications are currently being accepted, but openings are filling up quickly. So, contact the Statehouse to volunteer.

Please feel free to contact me about this or other programs offered at State Rep. Dan Leonard, Room 401, Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or call 1-800-382-9841. You can also email me at H50@in.gov. While on the internet, please take a moment to also visit my legislative homepage at <http://www.in.gov/h50>.

RESTITUTION PROGRAM

Better Business Bureau would like to make businesses in North-eastern Indiana aware of the Bad Check Restitution Program that is being offered through the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's office.

This program is designed to assist businesses in recouping financial loss if payment is not received within 60 days after notification to the check writer.

For more information about the Bad Check Restitution Program and eligibility, brochures are available through the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, or you can go on-line at www.checkprogram.com/, or call 1-866-286-1457.

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HOT TIPS ABOUT SCAMS

To help the public avoid fraudulent advertising, the Better Business Bureau is sharing information about some of the scams recently uncovered in Indiana. Consumers can protect themselves and become "better shoppers, if they are aware of fraudulent practices currently being attempted in this area.

Poor customer service issues. Consumer complaints about Laser Vision Institute in Carmel, Indiana concern refund and exchange issues and poor customer service. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating.

Parents beware! John Robert Powers is advertising on local radio stations stating they are interviewing children for a show using the name Mary Tyler Moore. Other famous names that have previously been used are: Barbara Walters, Betty Ford, Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda, John Wayne and Heather Locklear. According to representatives of these celebrities or the celebrities themselves, none has attended a Powers school and none gave permission to use their name or likeness.

Financial Service Network sure gets around! They have operated under 15 names, 14 phone numbers and nine addresses and P.O. Boxes! The federal government and the New York Attorney General's office have taken action against this company. They continue to deceive consumers by offering programs that claimed consumers were pre-approved for non-existent loans and grants. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating. Consumers seeking refunds should contact the FTC at (877) FTC-HELP (877-382-4357).

Where's your loan? Infosource Direct charges \$398 for an "Administrative Consultation Package." The problem? Consumers report they were guaranteed a loan, not a "Consultation Package" containing information only. Of course, they expect an advance fee to be sent via overnight mail. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating.

No benefits here! Liberty Benefits is calling consumers and offering a \$2,000 MasterCard for \$299. A Columbus, Ohio address is given, but all mail is being forwarded to Ontario, Canada. Consumers wind up receiving information only – no credit card! Consumers who have given their checking account number to this company may wish to request the "Automated Clearing House" transaction be reversed. Consumers who used a credit card may wish to file a dispute with their credit card company. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating.

Books that don't make you money. Communications Publishing offers two books titled "The Secret Book of Free Money" (\$23.85) and "America's Secret Cash Giveaway" (\$23.90). Two hundred seventy four complaints have been filed against this company.

Don't give your credit card number to anyone you DON'T KNOW! Phony AT&T reps are calling Hoosiers stating the consumer is delinquent in their payment and asking for the consumer's credit card number. AT&T is not making these calls. It's just crooks who want consumers' credit card numbers.

Another travel scam. Travel Comm Industries is sending solicitations to Hoosier fax machines offering a \$299 Cancun vacation, not including travel, taxes or additional fees. Consumers have complained about misinterpretation or misunderstanding the amount of money drawn from accounts. Sending unsolicited faxes is a violation of federal law.

Yellow Page Scam. World Wide Source is billing Indiana businesses for a listing in "American Business Index." One Indiana business was billed \$399.95 for a listing in this directory. Consumers sometimes misinterpret this scam, believing they have signed up for a local yellow page listing.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Sharron Roush. Carolyn Carroll and Carolyn Barner tied for Hi, Marjorie Michaud won Low and Jane Lieurance and Mary Jo Zoda tied for most lones. Others enjoying the evening were Jo Banter, Cathy Zoda, Marge Jones, Joyce Wellmann, Sharon Gebhart and Joan Huffman. In February we will meet at the home of Sharon Gebhart.

HOMESCHOOL B-BALL

The Lady Eagles came in first place in the 6th Annual Girls Basketball Tournament sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran School, Ossian, IN. The Lady Eagles had to overcome Bethlehem Lutheran Tigers 18-14 & Wyneken 15-4 to play the St. Peter Immanuel Cougars for the championship 28-12. For the tournament, Megan Gibbons had 20 points, 11 steals; Angie Grover 10 points, 9 steals; Baili Bennett 9 points, 14 rebounds; Samantha Kelsey 6 points, 19 rebounds; Sarah Finley 4 points & a steal; Rebecca Daniels 4 points, 15 rebounds; Kiera Shultz 2 points, 3 rebounds; Tara Nei 2 rebounds & a steal. The Lady Eagles are now 8-8 and coached

by Julie Hendryx and assisted by Mary Ehinger.

The Huntington Eagles Varsity boys won an aggressive fast paced game against the K.A.S.H. Eagles of Kokomo 72-39. The Huntington Eagles were led by Ben Burnworth with 19 points, 5 rebounds & 2 steals.

Josh Rich, recently recovered from the flu, 13p, 8r, 2s; Pat Meehan 12 p, 8r, 1 assist, 1s; Tim Nei 7p, 3r, 5a, 7s, 2 blocks; Blaine Hitzfield 7p, 2r, 2a, 2s; Thomas Meehan 6p, 3r, 1s; Trent Lloyd 4p, 2r, 3a, 3s, 1b; Paul Meehan, 2p, 3r, 2a, 2s, 2b; Jake Smith 2points. Captain Blake Hitzfield, sat on the bench, recovering from illness. The Varsity Eagles are now 12-3 and are coached by Mark Featherston & Mark Shultz.

The Junior High Eagles (8th-5th) played a mature Kokomo team (7-2) and proved victorious 36-24. Colin Featherston 14 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 blocks; Caleb Featherston 8p, 2s; Kolby Shultz 5p, 3r, 2a, 1s; Andrew Daniels, twisted his ankle & sat out the second half, 4p, 3r, 2s; Vincent Burnworth 3p, 10r, 1a 1s; Austin Abbott 2p, 8r, 3s, 2b; Nathan House grabbed a rebound & took 2 steals. The Jr. High team is now 4-3 and is coached by Jeff Humbarger.

The Eagles Boys Varsity, Junior Varsity play the Christian Urban Ministries on Friday at Horace Mann School. The Jr. High boys play in a tournament on Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran, Ossian. The Lady Eagles play the Fort Wayne Falcons Monday night at Horace Mann School.

AUXILIARY MET

The American Legion Auxiliary #368 met January 8th at the Post Home.

Toni Jones, president, presided over the meeting. The Auxiliary has had a very busy schedule. Linda Long reported on the "Appreciation" booklets taken to the teachers at Washington and Van Buren elementary schools and Toni Jones reported on the Christmas boxes sent to our veterans serving overseas. The Christmas party for children, sponsored by the Sons of Legion was a huge success. Seventy-five children. All children received a gift and six bicycles were given. The Auxiliary provided home made cookies for the party.

Hoosier Girl State was discussed and it was decided that the Eastbrook High School should provide the Unit with a ranked list of Juniors for consideration as a delegate. It was reported that the local Lions Club would not sponsor a second delegate. The Auxiliary is interested in another organization to sponsor a girl. It is an Americanism program that has proved to be a good stepping stone for those that will be leaders in our community.

The now "Famous" Fish Fries sponsored by the SAL and the ALA will be January 16th, 5-8 p.m. and February 13th with us.

Other events – Feb. 1st Chili Cook-off, bring your favorite or snacks for the Super Bowl Party.

Feb. 15th – Daytona 500 Party for all our race fans.

Most of all be with us February 5th for our next regular meeting.

Those attending – Toni Jones, Sheri Reneer, Trudy Ann Plummer, Linda Long, Lequita Taylor, Eula Belle Farr, Irene James, Creta Arlington, Ruth Bole, Flo Doyle, Sally Bancroft, Stephanie Long and Wanita Linton.

CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Club met on January 2 in the Calico Room. President Karen Hunnicutt led the group in reciting the Club Collect. The roll call was answered by 15 members and one guest. Reports were read by the secretary and treasurer after which a short business meeting was held. The next meeting will be February 6 with Elaine Eckman as hostess.

Ann Miles introduced Reverend Kathy Jones as the speaker. She related her experiences and how she was called to the ministry of her church.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Ann Miles, to Janet Beavans, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Phyllis Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Jane Ruble, Robert St John, Peggy Schweikhardt, Lou Ann Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent, and guest, Kathy Jones.

IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl dining room of the United Methodist Memorial Home for lunch on Monday January 5, 2004 with Edna Alfeld as hostess.

The afternoon meeting held in the Calico Lounge was opened by Edna reading the thought for the day.

Edna read "For Myself" for her birthday. She thanked the club for flowers, cards and all who came to her 80th birthday party.

Roll call was answered by "What You Did for Christmas."

Secretary read minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer gave her report. A bill was allowed to Rosemary Zeller for making the program books. Collection was taken.

A thank you was read from the

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Warren Firemen for the \$100 donation we had made.

7-Up was played with Mildred Gilbert winning high and Helen Trout low.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Ruth Brooks, Mildred Gilbert, Helen Trout, Maxine Jones, Clara Mossburg, Margaret Knight, Marjorie Lieurance, Devonna Leas, Georgia Poulson and Miriam Rice.

STORY TIME

Story time has resumed at the Warren Library on Friday mornings at 10:00. On January 9, Joan Boyer read *The Hungry Duckling* by Claude Clement, *Beaver Gets Lost* by Arianne Chottin, and *Little Bear's New Friend* by Murial Pepin.

The children present were given a bear coloring page and animal crackers for a treat.

All preschool children are invited to attend. Story time is not held if school is cancelled due to weather.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Twelve children attended the Van Buren Public Library New Year Party. As the children entered into the Children's Department of the library they signed in and received a New Year search-a-word and a word scramble to do. These papers were a challenge but fun to do.

Karen read from the book "We Celebrate New Year", a Bobbie Kalman Book. The children shared some of the good times in the year 2003 and some of the good times they are looking forward to in 2004. It was fun sharing.

The children received a snowflake craft to do. They were able to use a picture of themselves or a friend that was taken at different story times and put in the center of the snowflake. The snowflakes were neat when completed.

The children were able to decorate their cupcakes and enjoy other holiday treats. Each one was given a gift of a book from the library to take home and enjoy.

Those attending were David Irwin, Cameron Riddle, Icily Baker, Kaylie Rimer, Korisa Kitts, Nixon Smith, Autumn Smith, Baylee Morgan, Ciara Swagger, Cady Swagger, Zach Handshoe and Kaley Kitts.

Friday January 16th there will be NO Story Time. The next Story Time will be January 23rd after School 2:30 - 3:30pm with Special Guest Jody Heaston. The theme will be Animal Tracks. Hope to see you!

DEAN'S LIST

Jeffrey Walter, a senior on Taylor University's Upland campus, was named to the Dean's List for the 2003 fall term. Jeffrey is the son of Gary and Rosalie Walter and is a graduate of Huntington North High School, Huntington, Ind.

Full-time students are named to the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 or better grade point average for the term and carry at least 12 hours of credit point values.

Founded in 1846, Taylor University is one of America's oldest Christian liberal arts colleges.

Over 1,800 students from 45 states and 25 foreign countries attend Taylor University's Upland, Indiana campus where majors in over 60 fields of study are available. The University is ranked as the number two Midwest comprehensive college in the 2004 U.S. News and World Report survey.

WALNUTS-THE 'MEGA NUT

by Carol Berg Sloan, R.D. (NAPSI)-Walnuts are known as the 'Mega Nut because they are packed with nutrients and a special type of "good" fat that is key in the prevention of many medical conditions, such as heart disease.

Walnuts contain important vitamins and minerals, fiber, protein and antioxidants, as well as a type of healthy fat that our bodies actually require-called "essential" omega-3 fatty acids.

Omega-3s affect every function in the body, from the brain to the heart. For example, they are proven to lower cholesterol.

Leading health organizations and governmental agencies are urging us all to consume more omega-3s, which we have to get from eating certain foods.

For those who can't or don't want to eat fish regularly, it's good to know that just a handful of walnuts can provide the daily amount of omega-3s recommended by experts. Indeed, walnuts are the only nut that is a rich source of omega-3s.

It's easy to eat walnuts every day. My favorite snack tip: Simply tuck a packaged handful of walnuts into your purse, briefcase or backpack for a quick pick-me-up. For variety, toast and add your choice of spices or seasonings.

Visit www.walnuts.org for more information and recipes.

Walnuts are heart-healthy, delicious and versatile.

REDUCE MEDICATION

ERRORS

(NAPSI)-For many seniors, taking medication is part of their daily routine. And the last thing

that seniors need is to worry about a medication error. Unfortunately, errors do occur, but they can be prevented through special attention and careful monitoring.

As part of its work in patient safety, United States Pharmacopeia (USP) has created a list of "Tips" for seniors and their care givers on how to better manage the medication use process and decrease the risk of medication errors.

1. Check the label when you get a prescription to verify that you're receiving the proper medication. If possible, read back the prescription to your pharmacist or health care provider.

2. When possible, keep all medication in original containers.

3. Know what to do if you miss a dosage, and always remember to contact your health care provider or pharmacist if you have any doubts.

4. Try to fill all prescriptions at the same pharmacy.

5. Read the patient information sheet that accompanies your medication.

6. Should there be a change in the color size, shape or smell of your medication, notify your pharmacist immediately.

7. Do not share or take another person's medications.

8. When in doubt about a medication you are taking, always consult your pharmacist and/or health care provider! And remember to ask about any side effects that you might experience or expect.

9. When in the hospital:

a. State your name before taking any medications and always offer your wrist bracelet for identification. Ask the nurse to identify each medication by name before you take it.

b. If your medication has not been given at its regular time during your hospital stay, inquire of the nurse as to why.

c. Remind your health care provider if you have any allergies to certain medications and food or if you also have a health condition that could affect the use of certain medications.

10. Also remember to tell your health care provider if you are taking any dietary supplements or over-the-counter medications.

11. Finally, create a list of all the medications you're taking.

This list should be updated on a monthly basis and a copy should be kept with you at all times. Also keep copies at your home and share with family members and friends who need to know where your personal medication list is located.

Free Medication Organizer

USP has created a Personal Medication Organizer for use in

organizing and accounting for the medications you are taking. To obtain this organizer, visit www.usp.org/pdf/patientsafety/personalMedOrg.pdf.

For more information about USP, visit www.usp.org.

INNOVATIVE INCENTIVES

(NAPSI)-Finding a common middle ground with young and teenage children may be easier than parents think. Getting your kids to clean their rooms, strive for better grades, or reach goals you've set for them can be easier with the right kind of incentives-and there may be hidden bonuses. For example:

- If your child is a sports fan, help start or enlarge a collection of sports cards. Offer a special or rare card when he or she far exceeds expectations. Here's the bonus: tracking baseball players and their statistics helps children to sharpen math and memory skills.

- If your child is a movie buff, offer a trip to the cinema or rent a favorite movie. The bonus: discussing the movie afterward with your child allows you to focus on the beneficial themes and lessons present in the film viewed together.

- Give a video game. The bonus: recent statistics show that playing age-appropriate video games helps kids and teens interact socially and bond with friends, parents or grandparents (almost 60 percent of frequent game players play with friends, 33 percent play with siblings and about one quarter with other family members). At the same time, the games can improve hand-eye coordination, cognitive and cooperative play skills because players have to maneuver characters on screen and make real-time decisions. What's more, children get a sense of independent achievement when playing video games, which can increase self-esteem and confidence. That may be why more than 65 percent of parents believe com-

puter and video games are a positive part of their children's lives.

One great example is the e-Reader from Nintendo, which brings new enhancements to games available on the handheld video game systems, Game Boy Advance and Game Boy Advance SP. This unique Game Boy Advance accessory takes data directly from traditional paper trading cards, turning it into electronic fun. The latest games to enjoy using this increased playability are the number-one selling titles of all time, Super Mario Advance 4: Super Mario Bros. 3, and top-selling Pokemon Ruby and Sapphire. The Super Mario Advance 4: Super Mario Bros. 3-e cards add new levels and let players use special power-ups and learn strategic techniques, while the Pokemon Battle-e cards let players battle new Trainers and receive exclusive berries when playing Pokemon Ruby and Sapphire on Game Boy Advance.

Rewarding good behavior with toys, trips and time together can be a much healthier way to encourage cooperation than with snacks and sweet treats, plus you get the benefits of all those extra learning opportunities-a reward for the whole family. For more information on Nintendo or e-Reader cards, visit nintendo.com or nintendo-e-reader.com.

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