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Thought for the Week: *A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.* Francis Bacon

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

Opens September 4 at the Pulse Opera House

Following the success of The Wizard of Oz, the Pulse is bringing another great American classic to the stage. The humor, action and excitement of life on the Mississippi in the 1840's are coming to life in Mark Twain's beloved The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. All the famous adventures are included, climaxing with the life-or-death battle with Injun Joe in the cave. This show is highly recommended for the entire family!

The large cast contains 30 local and area performers. A few of the cast members include Joey Gamrat as Tom Sawyer, Jordon Stanley as Huckleberry Finn, Kayla Smyth as Becky Thatcher, Lina Willard as Amy Lawrence, Justin Perry as Injun Joe, Tom Ashley as Muff Potter, Joe Haney as Doc Robinson, Bart Willard as Judge Thatcher, Julie Turney as Aunt Polly, Leslie Witkamp as Cousin Mary and Marci Roller as Widder Douglas.

The Pulse is once again bringing in busloads of students for special daytime performances. There is still limited room available for both the morning and afternoon shows on Friday, September 11. The Thursday shows are sold out. Call (260) 356-3225 for more information.

The Thursday evening shows are School Nights where all students with a valid school id can attend for \$5 (not valid with any other promotion). There is a \$2 discount for those who bring in non-perishable items for the Food Pantry in Warren (one ticket per item – not good with any other promotion.)

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer runs September 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19. The Pulse is teaming with Dogwood Glen to provide dinner before the show for large groups. Give us a call at (260) 375-7017. For online reservations, check out www.pulseoperahouse.org. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Lobby doors open at 7:00 p.m. and theatre doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under.

4-WHEEL CLUB

Tri County Four Wheel Drive Club is looking for individuals to join their 4 x 4 club.

Requirements to join the club consist of owning a four wheel drive truck, jeep or SUV and be 18 years of age or older. Membership is open to anyone in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. There will be a yearly membership dues to help support club activities.

Club members will participate in monthly meetings, have

group outings and will do some community involvement work and club fundraising activities.

Anyone interested in joining the club is asked to attend an informational meeting/sign up held on Sunday August 30th at 3:00 p.m. at Tower Park, East Third street and Grover street in Warren.

For more information call 260-375-2436.

NOODLE DINNER

The mission team at Van Buren United Methodist church is having an all you can eat chicken and noodle and beef and noodle dinner on Saturday September 12 from 4:30 to 7 pm in the fellowship hall located at 108 S.2nd St. in Van Buren cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids 4-10 dinner includes meal and drink donations will be accepted for desserts. All proceeds go toward the 2010 mission trip. If you have any recyclable metal you would like to donate bring it to the fellowship hall and drop it off that day.

The outreach committee will be showing The Hannah Montana Movie September 12 at 7:30 in the fellowship hall following the dinner there is no cost for the movie and there will be free pop and popcorn everyone is invited to come enjoy a family fun movie and evening with friends at no cost. If you have any questions contact Melinda at 765-618-6076.

3 SPECIAL SUNDAYS AT WCC

Since Gerald and Ruth Moreland will be gone on their trip to Alaska for three weeks we wanted you to know who will be filling in at the Warren Church of Christ during those 3 Sundays.

Sunday, August 30, ERIC VITZ will return to preach for us. Eric was our interim minister in 2003 and we are excited to have him return to visit us.

Sunday, September 6, NATHAN PUGH will be here to preach God's Word. Nathan was a summer intern at WCC during his college days. His parents will

be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at WCC from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. and it will be a special treat for them to hear their son preach.

Sunday, September 13, is YOUTH SUNDAY at WCC and NATHAN RATCLIFF, our youth minister will lead the service. It will involve testimonies from our youth who attended camp, a mission trip and CIY. He will tell of our youth programs and introduce the kids and workers involved and bring a challenge in need and support of the youth ministry in the church.

We hope you will come for any or all of the 3 special Sundays we have planned.

BOOK CLUB

Little Ones Book Club will meet on September 1st at 10:00 at the Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Children ages 3 months to 4 years are invited to bring an adult and join us for stories, crafts, and songs. Each child will receive a free book to put in their home library. For more information call 765-934-4372.

GOLF OUTING

4th Annual Warren Volunteer Fire Department Golf Outing will be held September 12th at Dogwood Glen. Entry forms are available at Warren Service & Supply.

\$200 per team, \$10 for 4 foot of string, \$10 per skirt "each player hits from ladies tee on one hole", putting contest, lunch provided. Tee off at 8:00 a.m. Entry fees due by August 30th.

For information contact Scott at 917-1700.

SLUSHER REUNION

50 years, can you believe we have been meeting that long? Would like for this to be a special time.

Please plan to attend August 30, 2009 at Dillman Church.

It will be a regular carry-in dinner at 12:30-1:00.

Bring your own table service. Drinks and cups will be furnished.

Spread the word to your families.

FREE CLASS OFFERED

The Purdue Extension of Huntington County and Pathfinder Services, Inc. are teaming up to offer a FREE training titled "Where Does Your Money Go?" on Wednesday, September 16th from 12:30 P.M. until 2:30 P.M. The training will be instructed by Karen Hinshaw from the Purdue Extension office of Huntington County and will take place at Pathfinder Services, Inc.'s Annex office location at 960 East State Street in Huntington.

Attendees will learn how spending money today will affect their future spending, how to take control of their money, how to plan for emergencies, and how little expenditures add up. If you always feel like your income is shrinking and your bills are expanding, this is the workshop for you!

The class is FREE and open to the public but RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by contacting Jenny Markley at Pathfinder Services, Inc. at (260) 356-1780 or by e-mailing her at jmarkley@pathfinderservices.org by Monday, September 14th.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS



THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

As they say time flies when you are having fun. Can't say I have been having that much fun but time has flown by. Summer is nearly gone and the garden is slowing down. Still have couple heads of cabbage, some tomatoes and kohlrabi. Also have some of the baby sweet watermelons that if it stays warm till Christmas they might be large enough to eat. Going out and talking to them doesn't seem to help them grow. Anyway I planted a couple hills just for fun and they are struggling to survive. Dad often planted a few hills among the corn rows and never told us kids where they were and made a seek and hunt game when they were ripe. He also planted pumpkins away from the melons so they wouldn't cross pollinate. It was a nice surprise to find the pumpkins when we were out shucking corn and bringing it in for the winter to feed the animals. I have been working on a craft project that has chickens in the fabric and got me to thinking about our poor ole rooster who met a tragic death very early one morning. The poor dumb rooster thought he was king of the property and let everyone know it at the crack of dawn. For some reason he chose to exercise his lungs below our bedroom window in the summer. My sister got tired of it and planned her revenge. One morning she told me to hold the window up and she got a shoe and as he flapped his wings and fluffed his feathers to crow she threw the shoe hoping to scare him away, but instead she hit him right square in the head and the poor thing fell over dead. Dad saw the whole thing as he was coming up from the barn, went in and told mom to get some water boiling as the rooster met his tragic death. The poor ole critter went to his reward via the stewing pot with some good chicken and noodles. My sister was just real proud of her aim but never let mom know it. It was sure nice sleeping a few minutes later each morning without that squawking rooster and probally everyone in a half mile radius also enjoyed the quite time. It was not long before the next generation rooster came along and took his place. I have another pickle recipe for you. This relish I made this year from a recipe I have had for a long time. 4 quarts of ground pickles, 4 large onions, 4 green peppers, all ground . Mix together, add 2 tablespoon salt and enough water to cover. Let set for 3 hours and drain well. Add to the pickle mixture 4 cups brown sugar, 4 cups vinegar, 4 tablespoon celery seed, 4 tablespoon mustard seed, 2 tablespoon turmeric, 1 tablespoon black pepper, mix this together well and cook on medium heat 1/2 hour stirring often to prevent sticking. Fill pint jars and seal and process 5 minutes in boiling water bath or in pressure canner at 5 pounds, when it reaches the 5 pound turn off heat. Makes several pints. I half this recipe and got about 5 pints. Have a great summer.



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Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship6:30 p.m.
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8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 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.
BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
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Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones
Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:40 a.m.
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Youth Group Sun 6:30p.m.
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Sunday Service10:30 a.m.
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Dick Case, Pastor
Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.
Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.
HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.
2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.
HERITAGE POINTE
Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
Chapel Services9:00 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.
ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship 10:30am

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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 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
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Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:00 a.m.
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468-2411
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 9:55a.m.
Worship 10:15a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John Parks, Interim Pastor
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:45 a.m.
MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.
Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.
Worship9:15 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
260/468-2148
Tony Johnson - Pastor
Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.
PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.

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Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School10:45a.m.
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Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
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Jeff Wass, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30a.m.
Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
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Pastor Blake J. Neff
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.
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Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Youth Group6:00 pm
Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

AREA NEWS

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Hurry, space is limited!

Pathfinder Services, Inc. is a local not for profit organization specializing in working with people with and without disabilities, and has been serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services, Inc. serves over 2,000 individuals with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services, Inc. please call their Huntington office at (260) 356-0500 or visit www.pathfinderservices.org.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

President Tony Manry conducted the August 19 meeting of the Van Buren Town Council. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall and opened at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Time Eckerle from Grant County Economic Development was in attendance at the meeting. He presented Council with a Resolution for tax abatement for Weaver Popcorn Company. Weaver's plan a new \$400,000 expansion to their facility. Council approved the abatement.

Bids were opened for the

storm sewer relocation project. Council voted to accept the bid from RCM Excavating pending everything is in order. The bid was \$37,281.20. The project is scheduled to begin in September and is expected to take about two weeks. Location for the project is on State Road 5 by the library.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police report and indicated everything went well during the Popcorn Festival.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported that everything has been worked out with Weaver Popcorn to do maintenance on well number two.

Work was expected to start soon on replacing street signs.

Paving was scheduled to begin this week, weather permitting.

On September 16 and 23 Budget Adoption hearings will be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Room at Town Hall.

WARREN COUNCIL

The Warren Town Council met at 4 p.m. Monday, August 24 in Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright opened the meeting with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2010 Budget. The Hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

Ordinance 2009-3 was passed,

allowing golf carts on Town streets. It will require registration of golf carts with the Police Department.

Fall Clean Up Days have been set for October 5-10. Items are to be delivered to the Utility Garage.

Salary Ordinances for 2010 were introduced.

Council discussed painting inside the Fire Station. Town employees are to work with the Fire Department to get the job done.

The 8th grade class of Salamonie School is scheduled to have a Community Day. Curt Day is to get activities ready for the event including the Civic Center.

Council is to get quotes on playground equipment for smaller children at Tower Park.

NEW AT LIBRARY

New books received at the Warren Public Library include the following.

Children – The Life and Times of Corn; Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles; Up, Up, and Away; The Scarecrow's Dance; Garfield Will Eat for Food; Applesauce Season; Star Wars: The Clone Wars; Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea; Beautiful Beads.

Teen – Change Up: Mystery at the World Series; Stepping Up

Adult Fiction – The Hope of Refuge by C Woodsmall; Cry In the Night by C Coble; Wild Sorrow by Sandi Ault; Forgiven by S Gray; The Knight by S James; Star Wars Fate of the Jedi; The Castaways by E Hilderbrand; Alex Cress's Trial by J Patterson; The Scoopy by F Michaels; Even Money by D Frances; 206 Bones by K Reichs; South of Broad by P Conroy; 92 Pacific Boulevard by D Macomber; A Cousin's Prayer by W Brunstelter; Dawn's Prelude by T Peterson.

Non-fiction – Gertrude's Oath: A Child, A Promise and A Heroic

Escape During World War II; Josies Story: A Mother's Inspiring Crusade To Make Medical Care Safe; Spanish for Dummies; A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog; The Curse of the Good Girl: Raising Authentic Girls with Courage and Confidence.

CLUB NEWS

American Legion Auxiliary 5th District met August 15, 2009 at Wabash Post 15.

The meeting was brought to order by President Rosemary Hammons. Secretary Sue Comerford called the roll. Treasurer Virginia Baker gave finance report.

Rosemary Hammons reported the flags from Knightstown have been moved to IN Veterans Home and will be displayed on Legion Day. She wants every unit to donate a blanket to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. Will be an award in April for Unit giving the most blankets.

C&Youth Chr Bev Swaim, we collected the most poundage again this year. We collected the most soccer balls for Kick for Nick, thanks to Kokomo 6. Education Chr Janet Sheets, same for school this year, give 10 to education. National Education Week is November 15-21, 2009.

Leadership Chr Barb Parkhurst – asking that each new member have a copy of our Preamble at each meeting. Poppy Chr. Anna Pickard – September coffee mug, October pumpkin (plastic), November wreath, January wrist corsage, February center piece, March surprise me, April wall hanging, May hats. Corsages must be 3, 7, 9 poppies. Everything else to be mostly poppies. The name of the maker must be in an envelope and attached to the product. Not following the rules will mean disqualification. Chaplain Betty Hedges gave closing prayer.

DRUNK DRIVING ...

In an effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Indiana roadways, the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving will join more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies to launch the Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. crackdown on impaired driving and motorcycle riding. The statewide crackdown will begin tomorrow and last through the Labor Day holiday on September 7.

Through high-visibility saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints and other activities designed to deter impaired driving and riding, law enforcement officers across the state will be on the lookout for those who operate passenger vehicles and motorcycles while impaired.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), Labor Day has been, on average, Indiana's most deadly holiday for the past five years. The 2007 Labor Day holiday period (6:00 p.m. August 31 through 5:59 a.m. September 4) was a particularly dangerous time on Indiana roadways, resulting in 11 fatalities. Two of these were alcohol-related.

"While we've generally seen a decline in the number of alcohol-related collisions and fatalities over the past five years, far too many Hoosiers are still losing their lives as a result of impaired driving," said Neil Moore, executive director of ICJI. "Enjoy the end of summer responsibly by designating a sober driver whenever you plan to consume alcohol. Simple forethought could ultimately save a life."

According to the 2009 Indiana Traffic Safety Alcohol Fact Sheet published by ICJI, alcohol-related collisions in Indiana cost Hoosiers an estimated \$514 million in 2008. More than half of that cost was associated with collisions involving a driver over the legal limit.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 13,000 people were killed in impaired driving crashes in 2007. By that account, an average of one impaired driving fatality occurs in the United States every 40 minutes.

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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.

Aug 27	Warren Recycle Day
Aug 29	Angel Food Ministry Pick-Up Day
Sep 2	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Sep 2	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Sep 4&5	Pulse Opera House - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Sep 7	LABOR DAY
Sep 10	Warren Recycle Day
Sep 10-12	Pulse Opera House - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Sep 11	PATRIOT DAY
Sep 12	Angel Food Ministry Order Day
Sep 13	GRANDPARENT'S DAY
Sep 14	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Sep 16	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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AUCTION/GOLF BENEFIT

Chicago Bulls basketball star and former Little Brother, Brad Miller, will host a charity auction and golf outing this September to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. The auction and golf outing will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 and Monday, September 14, 2009 respectively.

Brad Miller Auction - Wednesday, September 9, 2009 - Fort Wayne Marriott Grand Marquis Ballroom - 305 East Washington Center Road Fort Wayne, IN 46825 - 6 p.m. Silent Auction - 7:30 p.m. Live Auction Hearty Hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Mike of the Fort Wayne Marriott. Wine Tasting courtesy of WineTime Ale & Lager Tasting courtesy of Mad Anthony Brewing Company

Brad Miller Golf Outing - Monday, September 14, 2009 - Noble Hawk Golf Links - 3005 Noble Hawk Drive Kendallville, IN 46755 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Shot gun starts. Golf includes 18-holes of golf, post-play luncheon and goodie bags

Auction items for the evening include an all inclusive trip for two to Chicago, Ill. to any Bulls game (excluding Lakers and Cavaliers), Indianapolis Colts Premium Seating Pack, Suite Package for 4 to your Indiana Pacers game of choice, Muhammad Ali Collage with Autographed Boxing Glove, and vacation packages to exciting destinations. Other items include a special Mickey Mantle,

Stan Musial, Joe Dimaggio Photo which is custom framed with Autographed Baseball of each, a Tiger Woods Autographed Collage; and other autographed items by Brad Miller, Michael Jordan, Peyton Manning, Phil Mickelson, Jimmy Buffett, Jerry Rice, Curt Schilling, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Great silent auction items include dinner and theatre packages, autographed memorabilia, fitness packages, various golf packages, Vera Bradley items, various salon packages, and much more!

Auction tickets are available for a cost of \$25.00 per ticket or \$500.00 for 12 tickets plus sponsor benefits. Also, golf teams of five for the outing may still be purchased for \$500 each. Please contact Michelle Schwab at Big Brothers Big Sisters for additional event and ticket information at 888-456-1600 or Michelle.Schwab@bbbs.org.

CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS

Huntington University's Department of Theatre Arts will hold children's auditions on Tuesday, Sept. 8, for its upcoming production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." Auditions will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Merrillat Centre for the Arts on Huntington University's campus.

The department is seeking children, ages seven to 12, to participate in the ensemble and also is casting for two boys or a

boy and a girl to double in the role of "Chip."

Children do not need to bring a prepared song. They will be taught a song from the show at the audition and then be asked to sing it back to the director.

Those children being considered for the role of "Chip" may be asked to attend a separate callback later in the week.

Weekly rehearsals will begin Monday, Sept. 28, and the performances will run Nov. 12-14 and 19-21. For more information, call Professor Jay Duffer at (260) 359-4257.

Huntington University is a comprehensive Christian college of the liberal arts offering graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic concentrations. U.S. News & World Report ranks Huntington among the Best Baccalaureate Colleges and Best Values in Baccalaureate Colleges in the Midwest region. Founded in 1897 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington University is located on a contemporary, lakeside campus in northeast Indiana. The University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

TREE ROOTS

NEED PROTECTION

Trees are hardy plants, and their roots fight back against man-made limits around them. In the urban and suburban landscape, tree roots often are forced to grow between buildings or under driveways and walkways. As roots grow, they will break walls, pipes and patios, causing damage to properties.

Plan before you plant - Before you plant a new tree in your yard, you need to understand how a tree could damage your property and take appropriate measures to prevent that damage, advises Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association.

Woody tree roots thicken as they grow, gradually pushing shallow roots toward the surface. Since soil near the surface is best suited for root growth, most tree roots are just below the surface putting them in conflict with man-made obstacles. Where the soil is covered by a solid driveway or patio, upward growing roots

don't experience the normal signals (increased light and air) that they are reaching the surface. As a result, they often grow against the underside of pavement.

Most damage is found six feet or less from the tree, notes Andersen, since roots become smaller and less damaging the further they are from the trunk. Keep this in mind before you plant. That small sapling could become a large shade tree with roots spreading 30 or 40 feet outward from the trunk.

Fixing the problem - Some homeowners, masons and landscapers deal with intrusive roots by grinding down or removing them. This can be expensive and is very harmful to the tree. Wounding a tree's roots creates points of entry for pathogens, leaving a tree vulnerable to disease. Cutting major roots also reduces a tree's ability to take up nutrients and water, leaving it more susceptible to drought. Finally, reducing a tree's structural support from the roots increases the danger the tree will topple onto your house in high winds.

Keep these cautions in mind when dealing with a problem tree:

The farther you cut from the trunk, the less threat to the tree's health, and the less danger of creating a hazard.

Try not to cut roots greater than 2 inches in diameter.

Roots recover better from being severed when you: cut them cleanly with a saw instead of breaking them with a backhoe; mulch and water well after pruning; and fertilize in early fall or spring.

Deciding what to plant - TCIA advises selecting trees for your landscape that will cause less damage, that match species with site conditions and most importantly that you do not plant large shade trees within 12 feet of hardscapes (sidewalks, driveways). Since the health of trees in your yard is put at risk whenever root systems are cut back or damaged, anything that can be done to reduce the damage caused by tree roots will also benefit your trees.

In areas within 5 to 7 feet of a paved area or structure, plant trees that grow to a mature height of less than 30 feet. In areas within 7 to 10 feet of a paved area or structure, plant

trees that grow to a mature height of less than 50 feet. Reserve trees that mature higher than 50 feet for areas with at least 12 feet of clearance. This allows adequate space for the roots. Also, before you plant check for overhead utility lines and leave adequate space for that tree to mature.

Find a professional - A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best trees to plant. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 71-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search at www.treecaretips.org.

WHY IS MY HOME MESSY?

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Do you want to know why our homes get messy? This answer is going to change your life. Many years ago when I was first getting organized; I decided to have our big holiday celebration at our house. Having those words come out of my mouth scared me to death. I had been developing my habits and building my routines for several months. Even though the clutter was leaving I was still afraid to let anyone into my home without notice. There was one habit that was missing.

I decided to crisis clean like I had always done to get ready for a party or book group. Except this time I did it two weeks before the party. This would give me plenty of time to cook and decorate the house. The only problem was we live in our house and it was not going to

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stay clean. I would have to crisis clean all over again the day before our family arrived. How could I cook and clean at the same time. That is when I ask a dear friend who is born organized how she keeps her house clean all the time.

She turned to me with a puzzled look as if to say why don't you know this and said very matter-of-factly, "Marla you just have to pick up after yourself!" Well for me that was one of those light bulb moments! She continued telling me how she keeps her house clean. "If you get it out, then put it away when you finish with it!" Could it really be that simple!

I went home that day and made a conscious effort to put things away when I had finished with them. By this time my clutter was gone, I had a place for everything and my hot spots were no longer an inferno. When anything was out, I could tell it immediately.

When we get sidetracked, we leave a path of items we have left out. Let me walk you through a day in the life of a Sidetracked Home Executive. We get up late and start rushing to get ready. Our bed is left in shambles from a fitful night's sleep because we have been worrying about things we have no control over. We pull all our makeup out to fix our face and don't bother putting it away when we are finished because we don't have time. Then we run to the kitchen

to make coffee and grab something for breakfast. All of that gets left out too! You fix your lunch and leave out those things. So if you started with a clean kitchen now the counters are full and the dishwasher needs emptied. You don't have time to empty the dishwasher so you leave plates and bowls in the sink or on the table. Do you see the trail that you have left in your wake? Someone could literally follow your path of destruction. I don't have time is just an excuse to not pick up after yourself. The truth is that we don't really want to pick up after ourselves. Why do we do this to ourselves? It is our home! We deserve to live in a house that blesses us!

We have to be firm with ourselves! If you will just put things away when you get them out then your home will be only 15 minutes away from clean at any one time! You can do this! I did!

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BATTLING ID THEFT

Combating identity theft and fraud will be a major focus of three initiatives announced today by Andy Miller, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)—a new BMV Fraud and Security Enforcement Division, a commitment to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and other federal regulations, and an annual Identity Theft and Fraud Symposium.

The Fraud and Security Enforcement Division will coordinate efforts by the BMV to address security and fraud. The division brings together the former Investigations and Security, Compliance and Internal Audit and other parts of the agency overseeing security and fraud. Monty Combs, who was BMV's Chief Financial Officer and is a former law enforcement officer, has been named the Deputy Commissioner to lead this new division.

Miller added "Establishing the new integrated Fraud and Security Enforcement Division allows us to bring all security-related responsibilities into one coordinated operation. With a singular focus on security, the division staff will proactively enhance security policies and procedures and be aggressive in investigating security breaches such as identity theft."

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GENEALOGY

50 YEARS TOGETHER

Gordon and Ellen (Gebhart) Laymon celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday August 9, 2009.

A set down lunch was held at the lobby of the Pulse Opera House for family and friends. An afternoon of reminiscing and "story" telling was enjoyed by all.

Gordon has worked for Citizens Telephone Corp for 62 years. Ellen was a school teacher for 15 years and then worked 36 years for Citizens Telephone Corp.

Gordon and Ellen would like to thank everyone for the many cards and well wishes they have received. It really has been 50 "short" years.



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Miller made the announcement at the first BMV-sponsored Identity Theft and Fraud Symposium attended by representatives of federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies.

In his opening remarks at the symposium, Miller affirmed BMV's commitment to implement fully the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and the federal regulations regarding identification documents. He noted that the Commission report specifically emphasized that "all but one of 9/11 hijackers acquired some form of U.S. identification document, some by fraud."

Miller continued, "There are over five million Hoosiers who have driver's licenses or ID cards issued by the BMV. These credentials are valuable personal identification documents that are used to board an aircraft, cash a check or perform many other business transactions. Because these credentials no longer just authorize someone to drive, but have much broader use, we must take all necessary steps to make them as secure as possible."

Miller cited a report from the Federal Trade Commission that identity theft has become the fastest growing crime in the nation. Crime statistics show that identity fraud cases increased by 22% from 2007 to 2008. The Identity Theft Resource Center calculates that there is some type of identity theft or fraud every two seconds in the United States.

In his welcome to the law enforcement officials and others attending the symposium, Miller said that the BMV staff thought there would be great value in bringing together federal, state and local law enforcement and other public safety agencies to discuss the latest developments in combating the rapidly growing crime of identity theft. He noted that the BMV often works with law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's office and local prosecutors in investigating and solving identity theft cases.

Presenters at the first symposium were David Kane, Transportation Security Administration; Monte McKee,

Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center; Sonja Kriegsmann, Indiana Banker's Association, and Chuck Taylor, Indiana Deputy Attorney General.

Miller reported that the new initiatives are enhancing the many steps taken by the BMV over the past three years to improve security and integrity of driver's licenses and ID cards. He specifically highlighted the following:

New STARS computer system provided a single BMV database and computing capacity for multiple security process improvements.

A new digital driver's license and ID card incorporated new printing technology and imbedded security features to make counterfeiting more difficult.

The Social Security Online Verification process allowed the BMV to instantaneously compare a customer's personal data against the Social Security Administration database. In this process over 19,000 drivers' licenses were invalidated because name, Social Security number or date of birth could not be verified.

Facial recognition technology now permits a comparison of a customer's photo against the BMV database of photos for duplication on other credentials.

Miller detailed six recent identity theft cases involving the BMV. He described the recent apprehension of David Grice who had successfully obtained six ID cards with different names. BMV's new facial recognition technology detected the duplicate licenses. All license branches were alerted and the man was identified when he attempted to obtain yet another license at the Crawfordsville license branch. He now awaits trial on seven felony counts.

"The national statistics and this most recent case here in Indiana are warnings that identity theft and fraud are serious matters with financial and personal impact on the victims and society as a whole," said Miller.

"As the 9/11 Commission reminded us, identity theft and fraud can threaten our national security. We will continue to explore ways to enhance the security of BMV-issued credentials that will result in new processes and procedures in the future."

Ask SHIP

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One-Time "Welcome to Medicare" Physical Exam - Medicare covers a one-time preventive physical exam within the first 12 months that you have Part B. The exam includes a review of your health, education and counseling about the preventive services you need.

Cardiovascular Screening - Medicare covers cardiovascular screenings that check your cholesterol and other blood fat (lipid) levels. Medicare will cover these tests every five years.

Breast Cancer Screenings - All women with Medicare age 40 and older can get a screening mammogram every 12 months. Medicare also pays for one baseline mammogram for women with Medicare between ages 35 and 39. You will pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount with no Part B deductible.

Cervical and Vaginal Cancer Screening (Pap Test and Pelvic Exam) - All women with Medicare qualify for a Pap test and pelvic exam once every 24 months. However, if you are of childbearing age and have had an abnormal Pap test within the past 36 months, or if you are at high risk for cervical or vaginal cancer, Medicare will cover a Pap test and pelvic exam every 12 months. You pay nothing for the Pap lab test. For Pap test collection and pelvic and breast exams, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount with no Part B deductible.

Colon Cancer Screening - Medicare covers colorectal screening tests for anyone 50 and older. The Fecal Occult Blood Test can be done every 12 months. The Flexible

Sigmoidoscopy can be done once every 48 months. A Screening Colonoscopy can be done once every 24 months (if you're at high risk); once every 10 years, but not within 48 months of a screening sigmoidoscopy (if you're not at high risk). Your doctor can decide to use a Barium Enema test instead of a flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy. This test is covered every 24 months if you are at high risk for colorectal cancer and every 48 months if you aren't at high risk.

Prostate Cancer Screening - Medicare will pay for a Digital Rectal Exam once every 12 months for men 50 and over and a Prostate Specific Antigen Test once every 12 months. Generally, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for the digital rectal exam after the yearly Part B deductible. There is no coinsurance and no Part B deductible for the PSA Test.

Other preventive services that are covered at different intervals include preventive shots, bone mass measurements, diabetes screening, glaucoma tests, and smoking cessation.

SHIP is a free, unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana State Department of Insurance. For assistance, call your local SHIP site to make an appointment or call the state office at 1-800-452-4800 to obtain a list of local SHIP sites.

HOW TO HANDLE A FINANCIAL CRISIS

by V. Neil Wyrick
It isn't easy to move from plush to poverty. And definitely not simple to go from a secure salary to no salary at all. The ground is shaking under the feet of almost one out of ten and what can be done when a job is gone and statistics have become a frightening reality and your income has shrunk to nothing?

What if you still have a job but you didn't get that raise or you now working only four days out of five? If your income is no

longer matching your outgo what are some solutions?

First, pay in cash. You won't spend as much so what you have left will have a greater spreading power. People just don't let go of a dollar bill as easily as they swipe a credit card.

Secondly, don't invite fear to your dinner table. We all know where to find out how bad the economy is. The television networks and newspapers overwhelm us with negative market reports, and no further away then a computer chip obeying your command there is more such dismal and destructive data. Be wise. Such overload is no friend. Watch a comedy. Stop courting distress.

Third, wherever you have your money invested, leave it there unless you really have to have it. There are no guarantees; but if history has any truth in it...the market will be going back up. When? No one knows, but selling low when you bought high is obviously not a good idea. Patience has always been a virtue. When it comes to finances it is sometimes a necessity.

Fourth, look at what you are still spending your money on and ask yourself, "What is the real purpose of that last purchase?" If it can't stand a truthful comeback, take it back, if you can.

Fifth, seek alternative pleasures. Can't afford to go out to a movie? Stay home and rent a movie. Even the popcorn is cheaper. Or, play a game of Upword. It may slow your mood from heading downward. Go to a favorite restaurant called "My Own Kitchen" I mean it is always open, the menu is varied and when it comes to tipping...tip yourself and put the tip along with the savings in your savings account.

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HONORED AT STATE FAIR

Farmers from 63 farms in 48 Hoosier counties were acknowledged as top conservationists on Farmers' Day, August 19th, at the Indiana State Fair with the 2009 River Friendly Farmer Award. Greg & Eva Witkamp owners of Hobovalley Farm, Warren represented Huntington County.

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Secretary of Agriculture, and Indiana Farm Bureau President Don Villwock presented Greg & Eva Witkamp with their award. Also joining in the ceremony was IASWCD President Paula Baldwin and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Jane Hardisty. The award was presented on behalf of the (IASWCD) Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts by

The Witkamps were nominated for the award by the (HCSWCD) Huntington County Soil & Water Conservation District. The goal of the award is to publicly recognize farmers who do an excellent job of managing their farms in an environmentally sound way that protects and improves Indiana's soil and water resources for future generations. The award also seeks to publicize and promote best management farming practices that help improve water quality while maintaining and improving the economic viability of Hoosier agriculture.

The Witkamps were recognized as Huntington County's "River Friendly Farmer" by participating in the "Safe Program" established by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help conserve the federally endangered Indiana bat.

The objective of the program is to improve the wildlife habitat for various species including the endangered Indiana bat while producing a natural and aesthetically pleasing appearance, increasing the recreational opportunities, providing wind protection, reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and establishing an economically valuable timber resource. 214 acres of the 220 total will be registered as a Classified Forest through the DNR and will qualify for ATFS (American Tree Farm System) Certification. The timber and wood products can be marketed as "Green Certified".

The 220 acre Hobovalley Farm had 134.8 tillable acres. All the tillable ground was planted with 74,200 trees and shrubs, spring of 2009. The varieties included bur oak, chinkapin oak, white oak, red oak, shumard oak, swamp white oak, tulip tree, black walnut, shagbark hickory, black cherry, sycamore, silver maple Kentucky coffee tree, white pine, common chokecherry, American plum, and hazelnut.

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Sixth, watch your language. I'm not talking about cursing but the curing power of not using words like "hopeless" "never recover" or "we're lost." Life goes on. Children are still being born. The horizon continues to deliver a new day every 24 hours and there will be sunshine as well as clouds. Or if all around you is darkness and you have given up on believing in the dawn become a star. Become a star? That's right; all around it is darkness but it never notices. It's too busy making light.

Call the present crisis "an ode to diversification." It won't change the facts but your attitude can change you.

A half a dozen thoughts to raise your spirits? Better than a half dozen sighs to break your heart. And yes, share these thoughts with a friend. Sharing makes all of us feel better.

If you would like to read more of Neil's Writings; visit Wyrick's Writings at <http://wyrickswritings.blogspot.com/> or just go to google and type in Wyrick's Writings

OVER-THE-COUNTER

READING GLASSES

(NewsUSA) - Chances are, you've heard someone blame their poor vision on old age. Although this statement holds some truth, it doesn't tell the whole story.

As the eye ages, its lens hardens and loses the ability to shape, making it harder to focus on nearby objects. Many adults will eventually develop this condition. Known as presbyopia, most cases become noticeable around age 40 and continue to worsen until age 60 — which leads to the notion that old age causes bad eyes.

Other factors can also lead to vision problems, so adults experiencing vision changes should discuss all of their symptoms with their doctor, as well as any life changes, medications or supplements. A

basic eye exam is all you need to diagnose presbyopia.

Luckily, presbyopia treatments are easy and inexpensive. Many patients don't even need prescription glasses. Over-the-counter reading glasses are safe, effective and affordable.

"Reading glasses assist the natural lens in focusing on nearby objects by doing some of its work," explains ophthalmologist Dr. Ernest Sutcliffe.

Dr. Sutcliffe recommends Magnivision glasses, which come in 300 styles and are available at drug stores, mass retailers and supermarkets nationwide. Magnivision glasses offer quality acrylic lenses designed to reduce distortion.

The company even makes reading sunglasses, for those who want to read at the beach or anywhere else outdoors. Magnivision SunReaders combine the protection of sunglasses with enhanced magnification. The bottom segment of the lens magnifies while providing maximum UVA/UVB protection.

No one can prevent presbyopia, but taking certain actions can help protect vision. For example, scheduling regular eye exams, controlling chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure, wearing protective eyewear during sports and in the sun and eating a nutritious diet can help maintain eye health. Using adequate lighting while reading or doing other close-up work can also help ease eyestrain.

PLAN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

ON A BUDGET

(NewsUSA) - Families are tightening their budgets. For many, this means fewer activities outside of the home. With less dining out, movie outings, sports games or other extracurriculars, there's no better time for budget-conscious moms and dads to really connect and spend quality time with their kids throughout

the year.

Start at home - One of your biggest monthly investments is your family home, so why not get your money's worth? If your kids don't think staying home is cool, here's your opportunity to get creative.

* Establish a weekly game night. There's no need to buy new games, just ask other parents if they have games that you can borrow.

* Subscribe to a home movie-rental service. Let the kids add their favorite movie to the queue as rewards for accomplishments.

* Dining in style. Try to eat more meals at home. Keep the meal simple, so the family can prepare it together. I like to use affordable canned vegetables, like Libby's, in recipes and as side dishes because they are delicious and easy to prepare.

Get Out of Town - No matter the season, families benefit from fun trips and activities. With a little creativity, families can plan little escapes that don't jeopardize the mortgage.

* Plan trips close to home. Look for locations three to four hours away to make it a road trip and save on airfare.

* Try camping. Once a popular option, many young families are getting back into the adventurous spirit of camping. During cooler months, rent a cabin at a discounted rate.

For more tips from Hannah Keeley on how to connect with your family, visit the Libby's Vegetables Web site at www.GetBacktotheTable.com.

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