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Thought for the Week: Don't forget to give your Valentine an extra-special hug on Thursday!



## SPELLING BEE WINNER

Hailey Alford is the Salamonie Elementary School spelling bee champion.

Hailey Alford, a fifth-grader, won the bee by correctly spelling the word "ferocious." She is the daughter of Sarah Scheiber.

The runner-up in the school bee is Corbin Snow. He is also in the fifth grade.

Hailey has gone on to win the County Spelling Bee held February 11, 2013. Congratulations to Hailey!

## WARREN BASEBALL INFO

The Warren Baseball & Softball League would like to announce that for the 2013 season, the kid's entry fee to the league will be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per child. This is the first increase in three decades and there will still be NO FUNDRAISING by the kids, however another carnival for fundraising with the coach's softball games is in the works.

The Leagues will be the same as last year with 8 - 10 year old

boys playing American Little League, 11 - 13 year old boys playing National Little League, 14 - 17 year old boys playing Pony League, 8 - 12 year old girls playing Junior Softball and 13 - 17 year old girls playing Senior Softball. (All 8 year olds who play in the Civic Center League are also eligible for the WBSL.) For your \$30.00 every child will have at least 12 regular season games with a double elimination tourney with trophies and all rain-out games will be made up.

They will receive a team shirt (Little League boys will also receive a hat), paid umpires, a very good excess insurance policy in case of injuries, and an opportunity to have their pictures made by Frederick's Photography who offer a wide array of things to purchase such as sports cards and magazine covers. THE WBSL also has a facebook site where you can get up to the minute rain-out info, schedules, rules and lots of pics of the kids as well.

We regret having to make this increase, but our expenses have been going up over the last few years, so we knew this was something we would eventually have to do. We have a really big league for such a small community...I am simply amazed every season how many people are at the park. Thank you for signing up your children year after year with us! We just love seeing those smiling faces every spring.

Sign-ups will be available beginning the last week of February in the Warren Weekly, at the Warren post office and city building, Southern Wells school office, HNHS school office and on the facebook site.

Any questions, contact us. We would be happy to help.

WBSL/wbleague@citiznet.com /facebook: Warren Baseball/Softball

## FREE SOUP

Solid Rock United Methodist Church invites you to join us for a hot bowl of soup and fellowship on Tuesday, February 19th, at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

We will be serving vegetable, chili or chicken noodle soup from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, with a

beverage, cookie and ice cream.

We want to thank the community for supporting our projects throughout the year by warming your soul with a hot bowl of soup. Join us with Pastor Kathy Newton on a Sunday morning with Sunday School at 8:00am and Worship Service at 10:00am.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

If you have a child that will enter Kindergarten at Salamonie School this fall, please stop by Salamonie School for a pre-registration form. You may also call Salamonie School at 260-375-3434, or print a copy from the Salamonie School website. Please have your forms submitted to Salamonie School by Friday, March 15. Your child must be five years old on or before August 1, 2013. For those of you

who like to plan ahead, Kindergarten Orientation at Salamonie School will be held on Wednesday, April 17th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thank you.

## Kids Klub

Kids Club has started at the Solid Rock U.M. Church.

They meet on Wednesday evenings each week from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the church at 227 N Main Street, Warren. All Children ages 3 year old and up to and including children in 4th grade are welcome to attend.

## SW vs K105

The annual K105 game is Thursday, February 28th. The pregame begins @ 6:30 with the Raider Ropers performing and the game will start promptly at

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## VARIETY SHOW

Barry Jamison will be among the performers at the Variety Show for the Pulse Opera House on February 15 and 16. The performance on February 15 will be at the theatre. The February 16 performance will be in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Christ in Warren. Shows start at 8:00 with tickets going on sale at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for students and \$5 for those 12 years old and under. All proceeds go to the 2013 Pulse Opera House season.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### SCHWOB FIELD THANK YOU!

The Warren Baseball and Softball League is getting ready to gear up for the 2013 season, which will begin in mid-April again this year.

The League is very excited about the new fencing that is being put up on Schwob Field. Our Pony League boys, Senior girls, and adults that play in the Co-ed League are going to be very happy with the improvements, as well as the Huntington County boys who play on that field too.

The WBSL would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank-you to Barb Trosper for getting this all started, and to all the donors who made this project even possible. It is just wonderful to see the community come together to make something great! THANKS TO EVERYONE !!

The WBSL games will begin in mid-May, and I hope everyone comes out to Tower Park to see how nice it looks. See you at the park!

### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring  
 OOPS I almost forgot to get the article sent in. Some days I really forget to track what day it is. To a few of my faithful readers it is almost unforgivable to miss an issue.

I have been just waiting and wishing for spring. I have talked with a few who have already have spring bulbs thru the ground and some with buds forming. A bit early but Mother Nature has control of it. As for me I have not seen any coming up but mine are mostly tulip bulbs.

I have certainly enjoyed the birds coming to the feeders. I have more different ones from what I had in town. I know what time they come into feed so I have my lunch in the sun room at the same time. I guess you might call that party time.

Have you all noticed the daylight time is getting longer We have probably gained at least a half hour or more.

Years back how I looked forward to time when I didn't have get out of a warm bed and eat a fast breakfast and go out and pump wash water in the dark before going to school. Really don't miss any of that. Pushing the dial and getting hot cold or which ever needed is in the washer is a real treat.

Here is a nice healthy breakfast muffin that you might like and easy to prepare.

#### Special K Muffins

2 cups Special K cereal, 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 cup whole wheat flour, 2 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1/2 cup milk, 2 mashed bananas, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon sugar, 3 tablespoon brown sugar, 1/3 cup vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon vanilla or cinnamon.

Mix cereal, mashed bananas, eggs, oil and milk together and let set for about 10 minutes. Add the sugar, flour, soda and baking powder and vanilla or cinnamon. Here if you wish you could add nuts, coconut, dried fruit such as dried cranberries, diced dried apples or what ever you might want. Fill paper muffin cups 2/3 full and bake at 350 for 20-22 minutes. These keep well bagged in the refrigerator. Just warm then about 10 seconds in the microwave.

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 Phillip Freely Jr, Pastor

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA**  
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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Service ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Dick Case, Pastor

1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

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

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES**  
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana  
 Jim Graham, Pastor  
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456  
 260/375-4224

Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Rev Mark Davis  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873  
 Kathy Newton, Pastor

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

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

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

Wednesday:  
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor

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

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Devin Cook

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

**MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor

Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6:30 p.m.

**MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN**  
 Pastor Brian Holland  
 www.mountetnachurch.com

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Children's Ministry (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.

**PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2691  
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 2:30 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m.  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 p.m.  
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**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)  
 K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/SrHi, Sunday ..... 6-7:30pm

**WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher  
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino

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

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

Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Youth Group ..... 6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm

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7:00. Come out and support our teachers, bus drivers, administration, board members, coaches and more going up against the K105 staffers. There is a \$3 admission per person with a max of \$10 for a family. Concessions and pizza are available to purchase. Proceeds benefit Athletic scholarships. This year K105 is giving one lucky person a chance to win \$15,000 during half time. See the K105 website for details.

### ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

March 1, 2013 is the 4-H Enrollment Deadline.

If you would like to join 4-H, you need to pick up an enrollment from your County Extension Office, or by going online and enrolling at the Purdue Extension website of your county: [www.extension.purdue.edu/grant](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/grant), [www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington), [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells).

### COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their February 6 meeting in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

A resident in attendance encouraged Council to continue getting properties cleaned up to meet the Town Ordinance.

A representative in attendance encouraged local offices to join FOP and explained the benefits. Council table a decision until a later date.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police Report. He reported he had sent out four letters for junk and abandoned vehicles in violation of town code. He said all had complied.

Collins also reported that all

local officers will be qualified with hand guns soon.

Superintendent Rob Reeder gave his report. He said there had been a water main break during the weekend. The repairs had been made on Tuesday. Customers in the area are under a water boil advisory until Friday. Council said that in the future every effort will be made to advise all residents affected. There continues to be problems with trucks going down the wrong street to Weaver Popcorn. There was a discussion as to how to handle the situation. These trucks are causing damage to local yards.

There was also a discussion about stray dogs. If they are picked up and taken to the dog pound it costs the town \$75.00. Among suggestions was that dog owners help pay at least part of the cost.

March meetings are rescheduled for March 13 and 20.

The next Council meeting will be February 20.

### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Int'l Sorority held their January Business meeting Tuesday the 5th. The meeting was called to order by President, Carol Irick.

A decision was made to help the Salamonie Summer Festival with paper products for their luncheon.

We voted to invite our guest that came to the January social for pledge night, we hope she will.

We received thank you notes from the Boy Scout troop, Landon Poulson, our scholarship recipient, and from some of the families we helped at Christmas time.

There was discussion about the upcoming March Province meeting that our Chapter is

hostess of. We finalized some things and a few more things that need further work. Our delegates for Province are Betty Yoder and Claudia Boxell.

We are doing the Sunday, March 3rd Luncheon at the Knight-Berman Civic Center from 11am to 1pm. We are having baked steak, roasted pork, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, cold slaw or applesauce, Jell-O salad, desserts and drinks. We hope you can make it, lots of good food.

Those attending the meeting were Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Sharon Gebhart, Tara Korporal, Jenny Plummer, Susan Ralston, Betty Yoder, Claudia Boxell, Sandy Eichhorn, Suzette Gephart, Beth Ostermeyer, Kathy Ralston, Lana Stuber, Sondra Zabel with Peggy Sue Clark and Rosemary Zeller being excused. Our next meeting will be our Social, February 19th.

### SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

Small farms are a big deal, and a Purdue Extension conference will provide the tools to successfully operate them.

The Indiana Small Farm Conference will take place March 1-2 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville. Sessions will focus on issues related to management, production, processing and marketing.

Registration is \$150 per person for both days or \$100 per person for one day. Fees include lunch and banquet on March 1 and lunch on March 2, all featuring Indiana-raised foods.

Three keynote speakers are scheduled: David Swenson, Iowa State University community

economics researcher; Michael Hamm, professor of sustainable agriculture at Michigan State University; and Ed Bell, a Hagerstown strawberry farmer who has overcome physical disabilities.

A trade show is planned both days.

To register, visit the Purdue Small Farms and Sustainable Agriculture Extension Team website at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/smallfarms>.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension—Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson—Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

### CROP BUDGETING

The Purdue 2013 Crop Cost & Return Guide is available for producers to utilize for their farming operations. The guide is prepared by Purdue Extension specialists in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy. It provides estimates of crop income and expenses for low, medium and high producing soils.

Total variable input costs for the 2013 corn and soybean crops are likely to stay about the same as last year. The variable input costs are items including seed, fertilizer and pesticides that vary directly with the crop grown. Other costs are considered fixed costs, such as cash rent.

While some individual input prices are expected to increase, some will decrease and others will stay about the same. Fluctuations will serve to cancel out one another and to help keep overall variable costs fairly

stable compared to last season. Seed prices will make the biggest jump in the coming year according to Alan Miller, Purdue Extension Economist. Corn seed is expected to increase by an average of 5-7 percent, and soybean seed prices are likely to increase more than corn.

"The drivers of higher seed prices in 2013 are higher commodity prices, tighter seed supplies due to the 2012 drought and prospects for strong crop returns in 2013," he said. "Soybean seed prices are expected to increase more than seed corn prices because the cost of the commodity is a larger component of the seed price."

Fertilizer prices are a mixed bag. Nitrogen fertilizer prices are climbing, although the price of potash is down about 8 percent from last January because of abundant North American supplies. Phosphate fertilizer prices, while down almost 4 percent from last January, are expected to increase as spring planting season approaches.

Prices paid for chemicals, such as fungicides, herbicides and insecticides, are expected to hold fairly steady, Miller said.

The 2013 Crop Cost & Return Guide can be a useful tool for both farmers and farm land owners. If there are substantial changes in market price forecasts and/or projected expenses as the 2013 planting season approaches, then the guide will likely be updated.

The guide can be found on-line at the following web address:

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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.

Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 18	President's Day
Feb 18 6:30 pm	KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Mar 20 7:00 pm	Van Buren Town Council Meeting
Mar 19	Banquo Christian Church Fish/Tenderloin Supper
Mar 23 4:30 - 7 pm	Mt Zion Fish Fry, @ Twin Bridge Cons Club
<b>Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm &amp; 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC</b>	
<b>Bargain Basement - Friday &amp; Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus</b>	



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### SILVER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Huntington County Habitat for Humanity invites everyone to attend its Silver Anniversary Gala on Saturday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m., at LaFontaine Golf Club in Huntington. The theme is "Cruising into the Future," and Jeremy Nix will be the master of ceremonies.

Local businesses supporting this event are Wells Fargo Bank, Event Sponsor, and Beacon Credit Union, Event Co-sponsor. There is an opening for one more Event Co-Sponsor. Local artist Rose Meldrum created the artwork that will be displayed on the front of the event program.

A silent auction and a live auction, with Steve Ness as auctioneer, will provide for an entertaining evening. Items available for bidding have been donated by businesses in Huntington, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Lafayette, and South Bend. Donations already received include a car detailing at Pace Auto, autographed Indiana University and Purdue University basketballs, a homemade dinner, plus admissions to regional museums, plays, and concerts.

The Gala will also be an opportunity to meet several Habitat homeowners and hear their stories.

Purchase "passage" on the Gala Cruise for only \$25.00, which includes a meal and dessert. To make your reservation, contact Huntington County Habitat at 260.356.7425 or

info@hchabitat.org, or through a member of the Habitat Board of Directors: Joe Burgess, Norrie Friesen, Adam Fusselman, Justin Wall, Jo Ann Burnau, Monique Dennis, Pam Felix, Karen Hinshaw, Sue Rumble, Jeff Teusch, Sue Wilhelm, Dick Wymer, Bob Zahm, and Stan Denbo.

Funds raised at the Gala will be used to construct and/or rehab homes for the families who are currently working their way through the application process and preparing to become

homeowners. Habitat is working to increase its ability to meet the need for simple, decent, energy-efficient, and affordable homes in Huntington County.

### MODEL RAILROAD SHOW/ SWAP

The Maumee Valley Railroad Club, Inc. a small not for profit organization, will be sponsoring a Model Railroad Show & Swap on Saturday, March 2, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Coliseum Bingo, 911 W Washington Ctr Rd, Fort Wayne. Admission is \$4.00 for Adults. Families are \$6.00. Children 12 and under are free. We will have dozens of tables of model railroad bargains with vendors, at least one operating model railroad layout, an on-site concession stand, free parking, also historical and other organizations represented. The public is welcome and invited.

### THE ANATOMY OF PAPER CLUTTER

by The FlyLady,  
Marla Cilley

If we didn't have paper clutter, our homes would be clean! Oh yes I know you will all agree with me on this one! Paper has multiplied like rabbits and is hopping from one flat surface to the next. How can we stop this invasion from taking over our homes?

Have you ever gotten the call that your mother was coming to visit and you catch yourself raking all the piles of paper into bags and stuffing them into the bottom of your closets? Out of sight out of mind; we don't remember they are hiding in the closet till we have searched all over the house for the phone bill to pay because you just picked up your phone to make a call and it has been disconnected. We all hate that feeling.

I have known people who have moved across country and put those garbage bags of paper in the moving van because they didn't have time to sort through four huge bags of paper clutter. Those bags alone are enough to overwhelm us at the thought of opening up the guilt and fear that is associated with that paper clutter!

Let's look at what happens when we get that call from our mother. Our brains shut down and we can't think! All we know is that we have to stash and dash!

We don't think about what is going to happen when we hide things from ourselves. We just know that it has to be done and we will deal with the consequences later. What problems could stuffing all those piles into a bag cause us anyway? We know that answer too; lost utility bills, checks and other important things we might need.

Many years ago I listened to a story by Rita Davenport. She had been on vacation for a couple of weeks. While she was gone all the mail was just piled on her desk. When she got back to work; she could not function for the piles on her desk. She took a garbage bag and raked all the mail into it and placed it on the credenza across the room. All day she was busy returning phone calls and forgot about the bag of mail. That night the cleaning service came in and disposed of the bag. The next morning she went into a panic. What was she going to do! What had she missed? Over the next few weeks and months she realized that there were only three items of importance in that bag of mail; One check that needed to be replaced, an invitation that needed an RSVP, and they called her to ask why she had not responded and a letter that needed a reply.

So I dare you to throw those bags away or just happily shred them! I also know that you will not take my dare! The fear still has you held hostage! I am going to set you free once and for all time!

I want you to think about how long those bags have been hiding while you gather up what you need to only handle these bags one last time! Do you want to know how to keep this from ever happening again? Develop the simple habit of dealing with the mail when it comes in the door. Open up your bills and throw away the advertising; only keep the bill and the envelope. Put the magazines where you will read them; by your chair or in the bathroom. If you put one in a magazine rack; get rid of one that is already there. Put it in your recycle bin. This paper clutter has to earn the right to come into your home. DON'T PILE IT ON A TABLE TO DEAL WITH LATER! That is why you have that big bag now! DO IT NOW! This will save you a lot of heartache later.

One friend put an industrial

shredder in her garage. She would cull through her mail as she got out of the car. She shredded the credit card applications and other ID sensitive mail and recycled the rest. It was all in the garage and not piled on a table cluttering up her home!

Stop yourself the next time you feel the need to put something down on a flat surface in your home. You are creating a hotspot! Nip it in the bud before it gets started by using the DO IT NOW principle! It will only take a few seconds to take care of it now! We all know that later never comes!

For more help getting rid of your clutter and CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or read her book, Sink Reflections published by Random House. Help me build a Habitat Home this year. Copyright 2013 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

### NUMBER PLEASE



(article written by  
Suzanne Slater  
Boeing,  
now deceased)  
Because I grew up in  
a small Indiana

farming town, content that progress should pass by, I grew up with an institution that not many of my contemporaries enjoyed, and that succeeding generations would not comprehend.

When we picked up the telephone in Warren, Indiana, we did not hear a dial tone. We heard the voice of Ella Blair, also known as "Central". She would say, "Number Please", and we would reply with a number, never larger than three digits. "One Seven", we would say, or "Three Two One". If the person we were calling was on a party line, it would be, "Three Two One, Ring Two".

Mrs Blair worked the busy late afternoon and evening hours and all night long. Most of the time I lived in Warren, there were two other ladies who divided up the day shifts. But we did not say, "Pick up the phone and get Mrs Blair", or "Mill Wilhelm must be out for a moment; She doesn't answer." The women who sat in front of the big switchboard lost their personal identity and assumed the corporate identity of "Central".

Central operated out of a small house just off the main street.

She wore headphones to free both hands to service the switchboard that was the communications center of Warren. When "Mrs Smith" wanted to talk to "Mrs Jones", she picked up her receiver at home, or maybe cranked the phone on the wall. This activated a small light on the board. Central picked up a cable with a plug on the end and inserted the plug under the light. Then she said, "Number Please" to Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith might say "Two Four", or "get me Vera Jones please", (either identification worked just as well). Then central would insert a second plug into the phone jack belonging to the Jones's and activate the ringing switch.

There were advantages and disadvantages to this old system. We young people would have preferred "high tech" dial phones; we feared our friends from the city considered our system "hick". Sometimes central was busy and slow to respond to our signal. Of course the primary disadvantage was the lack of privacy inherent in such a system. We were always aware that central might be listening.

But there were such advantages! For instance, emergency calls. One day at my Grandma's the electric stove sparked and flared nearly frightening Grandma to death. She rushed to the phone, picked up the receiver and shouted, "Send the men, we have a fire!" Then she ran back to the kitchen. Now, she had not given the operator her name or address, but no matter. Central knew every light on her board and within minutes she had notified the fire department and activated the Town siren to call the volunteer firefighters from their places of business.

Fortunately our fire was self-limiting; the last spark was sputtering out when the fire truck pulled up in front of our house.

Central also functioned as a telephone directory. If you wanted to order groceries, you picked up the phone and said, "Give me the Sanitary Market". No need to look up the number. And if there were an important call to a busy number, Central would just break in on the ongoing conversation and place the call. Today we have to pay extra for call waiting. Central

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### ECKERT

DorrisAnn Eckert, 81, of Yorktown, died Tuesday morning, February 5th, 2013 at Heritage Pointe Health Care in Warren.



She was born January 18th, 1932 in Arkansas and was the daughter of the late William Allen & Edith (Hall) Elzroth.

Dorris was a graduate of Warren High School. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Pilot Club in Muncie. She enjoyed sewing and knitting. She loved her two dachshund dogs greatly. Dorris was a former employee of General Electric. She was a loving wife and mother.

Dorris is survived by her two children, Patti Eckert of Lafayette, and Chris Eckert of Ft. Wayne; asister Thelma Brubaker (John) of Bluffton, IN.; and a brother Richard Elzroth of Lagro, IN., four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Rupert Eckert and several siblings.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 9th, 2013 at 1:00p.m. at Garden View Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Goth celebrant.

### GAIER

Opal M. Gaier, 86, of Warren, IN, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Gaier graduated from Roll High School in 1944. She was a dairy farmer. She had also worked at John Deere for 13 years, Crankshaw in Montpelier for 16 years and Bardo Chevrolet in Bluffton for 11 years as a bookkeeper, retiring in 2000. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Montpelier.

She was born Aug. 17, 1926, in rural Blackford County to Elmer and Rachael DuBois Martin. She married Cary Gaier on Jan. 27, 1945, in Hartford City, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Francis (Shirley) Gaier, of Bluffton, and William (Nancy) Gaier, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vonda (Paul) Branson, of Winchester; a grandson, Marc (Conya) Gaier, of Kokomo; two

stepgrandchildren, Krystal Schimes and Karl Jones, both of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a service following at 1 p.m., at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. Gerald Moreland will officiate. Interment was at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Heritage Pointe Activities Department.

### HARNISH

Wayne L. Harnish, 76, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at 2:45 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren, IN.



Mr. Harnish graduated from Rockcreek Township High School in 1954. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956, spending the majority of that time at Fort Meade, MD. He was retired from Farm Bureau Insurance, where he had worked for 32 years as a property claims specialist.

He was a former member of American Legion Post 368 in Van Buren and was a member of Central Christian Church, Van Buren. He was a member of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, Arbor Trace Senior Golf League and Fort Wayne Adjusters Association. He volunteered to care for flowers at the Van Buren Park and elsewhere in Van Buren for 10 years.

He was born May 12, 1936, in Bluffton to Gerald and Alice Riddle Harnish. He married Shirley Jean Lockwood on July 21, 1954, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Brent (Julie) Harnish, of South Bend, and Brian (Cindy) Harnish, of Walkerton; four daughters, Jennifer (Denny) Southers, of Swayzee; Jean (Victor) Brady, of Beaver Creek, OH; Jill (Dennis) Huston, of Marion; and Judi (Kirk) Kitts, of Elwood; a sister-in-law, Karen Harnish, of Sun Lake, AZ; 13 grandchildren, Heather Springer, Troy Harnish, Jaclyn Wheeler, Dustin Harnish, Jeff Brady, Jonathan Brady, Tyler Brady, Megan Kilner, Amiee Huston, Katie Huston, Olivia Kitts, Faith Kitts and Hope Kitts; and nine

great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Central Christian Church, 102 S. 1st St., Van Buren. A service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. at the church. Mr. Harnish's brother-in-law, Rev. Don Lockwood officiated and was assisted by Rev. Victor Brady, Rev. Jeffrey Brady and Rev. Heath Jones. Burial was at St. Paul Cemetery, Wells County. Memorial gifts may be made to the building fund of Central Christian Church in Van Buren or to Family Life Care Hospice, 705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

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

### KRIEGER

Ralph H. Krieger, Jr., 88, of Delta, Ohio, passed from this life on Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, at the Swanton Health Care and Retirement Center with his family at his side.

Born Dec. 10, 1924, to Ralph H. Sr. and Margaret (Andrew-Britegam) Krieger in Swanton, Ohio, he married Leona M. Vincent Sept. 20, 1947; she preceded him to glory on Jan. 6, 2001.

Ralph had been a milk hauler for the former Pet Milk Co. in Delta and the former Babcock Dairy in Toledo until 1975. He then became the transportation supervisor for Pike-Delta-York Schools, retiring in 1986. Ralph had also served on the Delta Police Department. In retirement he operated a small dump truck business and continued the family farm. He was a World War II veteran and a member of

Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon, Ohio.

Survivors include two sons, Donald (Nancy) of Wauseon and Robert (Jean) of Remus, Mich.; three daughters, Sharlene (Ken) Honegger of Bluffton, Nita (Mike) Krueger of Liberty Center, Ohio, and Nadine (John) Herring of Wauseon, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Bernadine Overmyer; and special friend, Donna Mae Schaffner.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Chapel at Crossroads Evangelical Church. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel at Crossroads Evangelical Church., with Pastor Tyler Quillett officiating. Interment will be held prior to the service at Dutch Ridge Cemetery near Delta at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made

to Crossroads Evangelical Church, Odyssey Hospice, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.grisierfh.com](http://www.grisierfh.com).

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also worked at putting through long distance calls. She would stay on the lines all evening if necessary, sometimes using alternate routes to get us to our destination.

Central knew everybody and could find anybody. I remember, sometime in the early 60s, trying to call my mother who was visiting a friend in Warren. I placed the call with the St Louis operator (that's where I was living at the time) and then listened while she called the Warren operator and said "This is St Louis calling, I have a person to person call for an Elizabeth Slater at number Three One." I heard the phone ringing, and then heard central say, "Operator, that number does not answer." Before my operator could pass on this message, Central came on the line. "Suzanne, is that you? Are you trying to reach your mother?" I said, "Yes, She's supposed to be at Lucy's." Central said, "I think she and Lucy are over at Beulah's playing cards. Let me call over there." The St Louis operator said nothing. So I talked to my mother, and if Central were listening, I didn't care.

The last time I called someone in Warren, Mother and I were visiting a friend in that town. I asked the friend if I could use her phone. She said, "The phone's over there, but you'll need the phone book in that drawer. You know, we have to dial our numbers now." Mrs Blair had retired, taking into retirement with her a system we can find now only on re-runs of the Andy Griffith show.

### STOP YOUR RELATIONSHIP

#### RUT: 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO A

#### FRESH START THIS

#### VALENTINE'S DAY

(BPT) - Feeling like you're in a relationship rut? You're not alone. Whether you're single or married, getting stuck in a routine may be normal, but that's no excuse to keep on down the same path. Take control of your love life and break out of your relationship habits. Relationship expert and author of "Cheat On Your Husband With Your Husband," Andrea Syrtash, shares three simple steps to help you identify your patterns, make small changes and ultimately decide if this is the right relationship for you.

#### \* Identify the patterns.

If you want new results in love, you have to do things - and date - differently. Once you've identified your habits, it will be much easier to steer clear of any ruts.

The first step is to look at your pattern. If you don't know what your relationship pattern is, consider this: If your dating life were a movie - what would it be called? How would it begin and end? What character do you always play? You'll start to see some themes.

We all get into patterns in our relationships and often expect things to get better without changing our ways. It's like using the same search engine day in and day out and expecting better results. We do things because we've always done them; but as Einstein said, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. Branch out and give Bing a try this Valentine's Day to see if it's your perfect match.

#### \* Make small changes.

With step one under your belt, it's time to take action. Advanced Valentine's Day planning can go a long way in showing your love and affection. Not putting in the thought to pre-plan, forgetting the card, buying drugstore gifts on the way home from work, and thinking that Valentine's Day doesn't matter (if it doesn't matter to both of you that's one thing ... but if it matters to one of you, it should be acknowledged) puts a strain on your relationship, whether or not you realize it at the time.

Planning ahead seems like a daunting task, but it is easier than you think. Take it one step at a time, and lean on the various online resources available that make planning simple. Use Bing to get ahead this Valentine's Day to quickly find flowers, book dinner reservations and buy tickets for a romantic movie all in one place.

#### \* Move forward.

A surprising one in 10 people admit to having broken up with someone on Valentine's Day, according to a recent survey by Bing and Impulse. If making a few small adjustments isn't changing your relationship patterns, give some thought to if you're in a healthy relationship or if it's time to break it off.

Don't just think about the person you're with, think about the person you are when you're with your significant other. That will tell you everything you need to know. If you're usually cool and you're crazy or insecure with someone, they're not your match. You deserve to be happy, and if that means it's time for a change, then embrace it.

Trying something new may lead you to a better alternative you never knew existed. Use this Valentine's Day as an opportunity to start fresh. Whether you are working on making the small changes that matter, or deciding to part ways, don't let your relationship continue along in the same rut. There's no better time than the present.

### DEDUCTIONS THAT COULD

#### DRAMATICALLY CUT YOUR TAX

#### BILL

(BPT) - For all the talk about taxes during the "fiscal cliff" debate at the end of 2012, many people are still left wondering what it means to them as the April 15 filing date approaches.

"Is it a big deal? Or is it business as usual?" are questions I'm hearing," says Scott Halliwell, a certified financial planner with USAA. "While many issues were

resolved, a lot of taxpayers still aren't sure how their tax returns and deductions are affected."

If you're one of those people, brush up on these 10 deductions before tackling your tax return. They are worth reviewing, as they could lower your tax bill.

1. Traditional IRA contributions. You have until April 15 to contribute up to \$5,000 to a traditional IRA for 2012 and, if you qualify, deduct it on your tax return. Here are some guidelines:

If you were 50 or older on the last day of 2012, you can contribute up to \$6,000.

If you (and your spouse if you're married) weren't covered by an employer's retirement plan in 2012, you can generally deduct your contribution in full.

If you were covered by an employer plan, you can only take a full deduction if your modified adjusted gross income was \$58,000 or less (\$92,000 or less for married couples filing jointly). Your deduction is reduced if your modified adjusted gross income is higher. If your spouse was covered by a retirement plan at work but you weren't, you're eligible to take a full or partial deduction if your combined adjusted gross income was below \$183,000. See IRS Publication 590 for more details.

2. Self-employed retirement plans. If you work for yourself, you can open a Simplified Employee Pension IRA by April 15 and deduct your contribution on your 2012 return. SEP IRAs may be an easy way to create your own retirement plan, and they can allow much higher contributions than traditional IRAs. Contributing to a SEP IRA does not exclude you from making an IRA contribution, but it may affect whether you can take a deduction for it. (A SEP IRA is considered an employer-sponsored plan).

3. Mortgage interest. You're allowed to deduct interest paid on your primary mortgage, as well as home equity loans, home improvement loans and lines of credit. In general, you may deduct interest on up to \$1 million of primary mortgage debt and up to \$100,000 of home equity balances.

4. State and local taxes. The federal government generally allows taxpayers to deduct property and income taxes paid

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to state and local governments.

5. Sales tax. If you didn't pay much state income tax - or live in a state that doesn't tax income at all - you may be able to choose to deduct sales tax instead. And you typically don't need receipts - simply calculate an assumed amount using an IRS table or online calculator.

6. Charitable gifts. Make sure you have the right documentation. Cash contributions - regardless of the amount - require a canceled check or dated receipt. Any contribution of \$250 or more requires bank or payroll deduction records or a written acknowledgement from the charity. Noncash contributions valued at more than \$5,000 generally require an appraisal.

7. Education costs. Up to \$2,500 in interest on loans for qualified higher education expenses may be deductible if your adjusted gross income is less than \$75,000 (\$150,000 if you're married and filing a joint return). A portion of your tuition and fees may be deductible if your adjusted gross income is \$80,000 or less (\$160,000 on a joint return).

8. Medical and dental costs. You may be able to deduct these expenses if they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

9. Health insurance. In general, self-employed taxpayers may be able to deduct all of their health insurance premiums.

10. Health savings accounts. If your family was covered by a high-deductible health insurance plan in 2012, you may be able to contribute up to \$6,250 to a health savings account (\$3,100 if it only covered yourself). Contributions are deductible, and similar to IRAs, you have until April 15 to contribute for the 2012 tax year.

### ONE MORE USE FOR YOUR TAX REFUND: TAKE CONTROL

#### OF YOUR DEBT

(BPT) - If you're anticipating a tax refund this year, chances are you've already thought about how you'll spend the money. Maybe you'll pay bills, fund your summer vacation or treat yourself to something nice. Here's one more excellent use for your tax refund: take control of your debt.

From bolstering your savings to paying off high-interest credit card debt, your tax refund can go a long way toward helping you get on

top of your finances. Here are six ways to use your refund and have a positive impact on your financial wellbeing:

1. Build up your emergency fund - Everyone should have an emergency fund of enough cash set aside to cover several months worth of expenses should you lose your job. It can be difficult, however, to regularly route money from your paycheck into your backup fund. Tax return money is a great way to give your emergency fund a quick growth spurt.

2. Pay off high-interest debt - High-interest debt costs you in so many ways, from the expense of paying interest to the negative impact too much debt can have on your credit score or even the risk of falling behind on paying bills. If you decide to use your refund to pay off credit card bills, prioritize: pay off ones that have missed payments or that cost you the most in interest.

3. Repay cash advances or payday loans - Although there's almost never a good enough reason to take on one of these very costly types of loans, the reality is many people turn to payday loans or cash advances to make ends meet. The effective interest rate on this type of loan can be astronomical, so using your refund to pay them off can help you catch up on debt.

4. Save toward a goal - Maybe you want to buy a house within the next five years, or need to replace your tired, worn-out car. Or, perhaps you just dream of a flat-screen in your living room. Virtually everyone has a big-ticket item they would like to buy. If your refund isn't enough to cover the cost, it can be a great starting point and a motivator to continue saving toward your specific goal.

5. Beef up your IRA/401(k) - If you haven't yet contributed the maximum allowable amount to your retirement fund this year, your tax refund can help you make the most of your retirement savings. Check with your plan

administrator to be sure what the limits are and contribute extra if you're not at the limit.

6. Keep on top of your credit - If understanding your credit is an objective (and it should be for everyone), consider enrolling in a monitoring product like freecreditscore.com. Websites like freecreditscore.com offer the chance to get credit score alerts,

identity protection alerts, and fraud resolution support if you find an error on your credit report. Credit reports and monthly statements can help you stay on top of your credit so you can notice any immediate changes.

7. Reward yourself - If you've been diligent about staying on top of your credit and finances throughout the year, there's

nothing wrong with using part of your tax refund to reward yourself. Maybe you'll take that day trip you've been planning or purchase that handbag you've had your eye on. It's OK to reward yourself for a job well done - as long as you make sure to use the lion's share of your refund to help you move closer to your financial goals.

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