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Thought for the Week: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself. A. H. Weiler

OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Warren Baseball League still has some openings for kids 8 - 17 on teams for this year. Contact Lisa or Rob at 260-375-2989 or message through Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WarrenBaseballSoftball> or email wbleague@citiznet.com.

EVENTS PLANNED

Holy Week events for the Van Buren community include:

April 13 - Palm Sunday service at 6:00 pm at Oak Chapel

April 17 - Seder Supper at Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. Please call the church office at 934-1431 so that we can be sure we have a place set for you

April 17 - Last Supper Reenactment at Van Buren Central Christian Church at 8:00 PM

April 18 - Good Friday Service at Van Buren Church of the Nazarene at 7:00 PM

April 20 - Sunrise Service and Breakfast at Farrville Church at 7:30 AM

April 20 - Easter Cantata at Van Buren United Methodist Church at 9:30 AM

GARDENERS NEEDED

The Warren Community Garden is looking for volunteers for the 2014 planting season. Those interested should attend our meeting at the Knight Bergman Civic Center April 21, 2014 at 7:00pm.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The alumni of Warren High School will hold their annual banquet at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on May 10, 2014. The social hour begins at 5:30 followed by dinner and program

at 6:30. The classes of 1954 and 1964 will be honored along with all who graduated 70 years ago or more.

All former students, teachers, and friends of the old Warren School are welcome to attend. The Salamonie Valley Museum will also be open during the afternoon and evening for you to visit.

You may make your reservations by contacting Jim Howell at 375-3048 or email howellj@citiznet.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast This is just a reminder that this Saturday, April 12th is our All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Warren Sportsman's Club. We will be serving from 6:30-10:00. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast before you start your day.

Cost for the breakfast will be, Adults: \$6.00 ; Children 5-12: \$4.00 ; Kids under the age of 5 will eat for free. We will also be selling raffle tickets. We will be raffling off a 160# Parker Cross Bow called the Enforcer with quiver, 3 arrows and a scope. We will also be raffling off a 12 X 12 Longanberger cake basket with riser and painted, engraved and dated lid. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Items will be given away at this years SSF.

We hope to see you on Saturday, April 12th.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, April, 10, at the New Life Food Ministry, 32 East Franklin Street from 5:30-7:15 pm to help with

the evening meal as part of their community service outreach projects. They will meet briefly after the meal to discuss upcoming events and activities.

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member in grades 7-12. For more information, please contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

EASTER BRUNCH

Dogwood Glen will be hosting brunch on Easter Sunday, April 20th from 1?1am-1pm. Buffet menu provided by Kim's Katered Affair will include: French Toast Casserole, Spring Vegetable & Cheese Frittata, Brown Sugar Baked Ham, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Lasagna, Au Gratin Potatoes, Season Green Beans & Buttered Corn, Assorted Breads, Salads, Desserts & Beverages. Cost: \$12 for adults, \$6 for 10yrs & under. Please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750 for Reservations. Carry-out is also available!

EOC FUNDRAISER

The Solid Rock United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago fundraiser in Warren on Tuesday, April 15, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event, including all tips, will be used for local missions projects. The cost is \$10 for adults and includes the buffet, drink, and tax. Children's meals will be available at a reduced price.

BLOOD DRIVE

The location for the American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, April 10, in Huntington County has changed. It is now going to be held at Heritage Pointe in the Fults Recreation Room from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Heritage Pointe is located at 801 Huntington Avenue in Warren. This blood drive is sponsored by the Knight-Bergman Center.

The drive was originally located at the Knight-Bergman Center.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit

redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in Indiana and Ohio), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.



LETS CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF SPRING TOGETHER

Representing the 2014 Champagne Sponsors for this years Warren Area Chamber's "A Taste of Spring" Wine tasting event are featured in the attached photo. Pictured left to right (back row): Neil Laymon of Citizen's Telephone, Polly Edwards of Family Life Care, Tom Wall of T.D. Wall Inc., Robb Livingston of Shuttleworth Insurance, (front row) Kim Nelson of Kim's Katered Affair, Sharon Gebhart of Gebhart's Floral Barn, Jill Huston of Heritage Pointe and Jeff Souder of East of Chicago Pizza Co. A Big thank you to our sponsors!!

Please plan to join us for an evening full of fun on Saturday, May 3rd at Dogwood Glen's banquet facility. VIP Admission will start at 6:30PM, tickets costing \$50 per person and General Admission will start at 7:30PM, tickets costing \$35 per person. The event will come to a close at 10PM. Come out and support your community! Proceeds will go towards the Downtown Park Project, which is sure to provide a big benefit to our small community. Tickets will be available soon! For more information please contact Jeff Souder at (260) 375-6199.



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE UPTOWN GARDENER
 by Ruth Herring

I (Treva) will be writing this weeks column. Mom is taking a break, getting all of her flowerbeds ready to roll for the spring season. So I decided to write the column about my grandma Forst.

I seem to be a chip off the ole block when it comes down to it. I see many things we have in common, one being a good cook, another well, lets just say the good cookin catches up with both of us. But one thing that comes to mind the most is...wrestling, yes I did say wrestling. Now you would think that a woman in her time wouldn't enjoy it, but she did.

Every Saturday morning it was my job to go over and clean their house and the instructions were as follows, "get moving early so you are gone when wrestling comes on." You didn't interrupt her time with Bruiser Bedlam which aired from noon to 1:00 every Saturday.

So one particular Saturday I kinda drug my feet doing my work, like any kid would do, just to see what actually takes place. Just finishing up telling her that I got everything done and just like clock work, 12 noon and on goes the t.v. with more instructions, "you can stay a talk if you want but I probably wont listen, wrestling is on", so I did.

To my amazement this woman was a totally different person than my grandma, a side I never seen. Let me give you a little insight. My grandma was a classic grandma, she wore dresses with aprons, the black tie up shoes, rocking in her rocking chair, crocheting hot pads and always had her walker in reach along with the t.v. remote. Crochet thread gets put down, makes a trip down the hallway with the walker to the bathroom, just to make sure she doesn't get interrupted during her show, comes back to the rocking chair grabs the remote and gets all settled in for the big event. Just in time she says, you hear the bell ring for the first match to start and all of a sudden it happens, this woman starts hollering "GET'EM", "PIN'EM", "KNOCK'EM OUT" she was just shaking her fist, really getting in to this wrestling thing. I was beginning to think that she was gonna throw her walker in to the ring just like they like to throw folding chairs in to the ring on t.v. I was thinking to myself do I leave for the fear of getting "hip tossed" or do I stay and hope for the best. Well I stayed. I really didn't want to miss this because it was getting good and for the first time in my life, well maybe not the first, but I was thinking "my grandma is pretty cool!"

You never heard of her talking about sports so I just assumed she never had time for anything of that nature, but wrestling, it was a whole different story.

Nowadays wrestling is called "sports entertainment" and it is all planned out who is winning the match and who was gonna lose and what they were gonna do to each other in the squared circle. I am sure it has always been that way but I bet you couldn't tell her that.

With Sunday nights big wrestling event "WrestleMania" airing on the t.v. I am sure my grandma will be by my side in spirit cheering on the good guys, lets just hope she doesn't get carried away and "body slam" me!!

I'll leave you with this thought, "life is short, play hard" and that she did. Have a great week and let the sun shine!!

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 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.

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 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones
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 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

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 S 300 W - 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
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 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.

SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, 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 Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 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.
 www.vanburenumc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth 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/Sr Hi, 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 9:00 a.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 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 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

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

FREE DAY

Free day at the Bargain Basement on regular items April 11-12. Items not included in bag sale are 1/2 price.

We will be closed Easter weekend. We will be turning the BB to Spring and Summer. We will reopen April 25, 2014.

So, please go through your family's wardrobes and bring in your donations. Start your spring and summer shopping!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER

WEEK: A CALL OF

APPRECIATION AND TO SERVICE

Every day, hundreds of appreciative citizens in our community join the thousands of their fellow volunteers across the country in thanking Veterans for their service by volunteering at the Veteran Affairs Northern Indiana Health Care System.

Our volunteers vary in age, gender, income, education, race or ethnic background, but all of our volunteers share one thing in common—they are driven with a patriotic verve to use their unique talents and skills toward improving Veterans' lives at our medical center. The very root of their selfless service is sincere appreciation.

Here at VA Northern Health Care System, more than 500 volunteers provided more than 67,000 hours of service to Veterans and assisted in the collection of more than \$371,000.00

to thank the Veterans in our community. These volunteers show up with arms wide open for tasks that range anywhere from driving Veterans to their appointments, providing direction throughout the medical center, assisting clinicians, or holding a Veterans hand at the bedside to keep them from being alone during difficult times.

The reasons our volunteers give so selflessly of their time is as variable as they are. Some may enter our doors seeking experience for a resume, something to fill the hours after retirement, a way to keep up with fellow Veterans, or simply wanting to say thank you to a defender of their freedom. For whatever the reason they start, most stay because giving their time and service to these former service members gives them a purpose, opens a passion, introduces them to the person they have always wanted to be and brings them more rewards and self-satisfaction than they could have imagined.

National Volunteer Week is April 6-12, 2014. It is a time to recognize and thank today's volunteers for their incredible efforts and inspiring actions. It is also a time to call everyone else in our community to serve those who served us first. President Obama issued a memorandum to all Federal agencies to increase opportunities for national service. At VA we have as many opportunities to volunteer as there are people willing to give of their time. In fact, we invite people to tell us how they want to use their

unique interests and skills as a volunteer for the betterment of Veterans. I encourage all of your readers to not only thank a volunteer today, but to listen to their stories, and think about joining the ranks of these remarkable champions of compassion among us. For those of you who are already volunteering your time, your financial support and your talents—thank you for all you do! For those of you considering volunteering—please do so. You will be the richer for it. Thank you!

Denise Deitzen
Director

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren town Council met Wednesday evening, April 2 in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Those in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council was informed that the Van Buren Girl Scout Troop will be planting flowers at the park this year.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police report. He said the Department will be applying for a grant to purchase new bullet proof vests for members of the department.

Rob Reeder said all meters had been read in March. Things were reported to be working well at the wastewater plant.

Reeder will be going to Lafayette next week to attend mosquito spraying school.

May 2, 3 and 4 have been scheduled for Town Clean-up.

The next Council meeting will be April 16.

POWER OUTAGE

On Friday afternoon, April 4, wind caused an electric line to snap near the former Weaver Popcorn office in downtown Van Buren. This caused a power outage in various locations around town.

POETRY CONTEST

Poetryfest announces that \$5,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded this year to amateur poets. Poets, especially beginners, are encouraged to enter for their chance to win.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 3561, Ashland OR 97520. Or enter online at www.poetryfest.tv. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

The deadline for entering is on Good Friday, April 19, 2014.

"An poet, whether published or not, can be a winner," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic talent can win cash prizes, as well as garner national recognition." You may even email your poem to Prof. Schramm directly at marschramm@charter.net. Find Poetryfest on Facebook.



SIGNED WITH HU

Morgan Miller, New Albany, Indiana recently signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer for Huntington University 2015. She is a grand daughter to Garnet Allen, Warren, Bud and Nancy Miller, Huntington, and Bob and Sallie, Huntington. She is very excited to start this new adventure and be closer to family her next few years.

Pictured are L to R Front - Drake Miller, brother, Dave Miller, Father (formerly from Huntington), Morgan Miller, Stacy Miller, Mother (formerly from Warren), Miranda Duffy, Friend. Back row - Janet Page, Principal, New Albany High School, Chris Tillett, Coach, Huntington University, Tim Quakenbush, Coach, NAHS, Don Unruh, Athletic Director, NAHS.

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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.

Apr 14 5:30pm Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
Apr 16 7:00pm Van Buren Town Council
Apr 23 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting at Knight Bergman Center

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

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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### WORKZONE AWARENESS

Governor Mike Pence is proclaiming April 7-11, 2014 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Indiana.

Work Zone Awareness Week marks the ceremonial start to highway construction season and intends to bring awareness to motorist and worker safety in work zones. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is dedicated to continuously improving work zone safety, and INDOT needs participation from everyone, especially motorists, to make highway work zones as safe as possible.

INDOT will invest nearly \$800 million in highway construction projects this year to enhance safety, mobility and economic growth in Indiana. Highway work zones must balance maintaining access for motorists, residents, businesses and emergency services while also giving workers a safe environment to do their work. Thousands of vehicles drive through their work places at high speeds, and it is critical for everyone's safety to drive safely.

This year's national theme is "Work Zone Speeding: A Costly Mistake," which highlights the consequences of dangerous driving in work zones. Motorists in Indiana face fines of up to \$1,000 for speeding and up to \$5,000 for driving recklessly through work zones. Drivers who injure or kill a highway worker could face a \$10,000 fine and up to eight years behind bars. By highlighting these consequences, the intent is to inform drivers and encourage everyone to drive carefully through work zones.

These fines are used to fund additional Indiana State Police work zone patrols and promote public safety. INDOT and the Indiana State Police have partnered to include unmarked white pickup trucks in highway work zones patrols. The pickup trucks resemble typical vehicles normally seen near Indiana highway construction zones. Motor-

ists are urged to always comply with speed limits in construction zones and improve safety for both the highway workers and the motoring public.

Some drivers think it is safe to ignore work zone speed limits if workers are not present. But, on average, four out of every five deaths in highway work zone crashes are drivers and their passengers, not highway workers. Last year, 13 motorists (no workers) were killed and more than 450 people were injured in Indiana highway work zone crashes. The majority of these injuries and deaths are caused by driver inattention, speeding, following too closely, making unsafe lane changes or failing to yield right-of-way.

Highway work zones leave no room for distractions and require attentive, cautious driving habits. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid all distractions, including cell phones, especially while driving through work zones.

April is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Labor, Indiana State Police and INDOT have partnered to award \$5,000 scholarships to high school and college students who compose the most creative and viral social media posts on Twitter, Instagram and Vine using #TXTL8RIN. The DRIVE NOW. TXT L8R campaign runs through the month of April. Go to [www.txtl8r.in.gov](http://www.txtl8r.in.gov) for contest rules and information.

Speeding or driving recklessly in a work zone is dangerous. Obey the posted speed limit at all times, and please be patient. Remember, the work zone crews are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.

For more information on work zone safety, visit [workzonesafety.in.gov](http://workzonesafety.in.gov). Motorists can learn about highway work zones at [www.TrafficWise.IN.gov](http://www.TrafficWise.IN.gov) or by

calling 1-800-261-ROAD (7623). Get updates by following @INDOT\_Northeast on Twitter and by liking Indiana Department of Transportation: Northeast on Facebook.

### SENIOR EXPO

Wells County Council on Aging's 16th Annual Senior Citizens Expo Thursday May 1st from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Wells County 4-H Community Building in Bluffton

- Free Admission
- Free information and education from many area businesses including financial institutions, home improvement companies, housing options, insurance, hospitals, doctors and many more!
- Free gifts and prizes provided by vendors
- Free breakfast provided by Christian Care from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Free lunch provided by Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Free Snacks provided by Markle Health and Rehabilitation from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- NEW: Free Take Home Dinner for 1st 250 Seniors here at 3:00 pm provided by River Terrace Estates
- BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND-GOLD STAR PASSPORT PROGRAM!
- o Lots of prizes will be given away with a Grand Prize being awarded to a lucky winner!
- Free Transportation to and from the event for Wells County residents of all ages provided by the Wells County Council On Aging's WOW! (Wells on Wheels) Public Transportation Program

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- Bluffton Regional Health Checks on site!
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- WOW! Public Transit Frequent Rider Cards for sale
- Solly's Coins offering appraisals, buying and selling of collectible coins - remember to bring yours!
- Bluffton Animal Clinic will be on site to offer reduced cost (\$32) pet vaccinations for Senior pet owners
- o Pets need to be brought through the back entrance of Community Building
- o Pets must be kept on a leash or in a pet carrier and under control by owner at all times
- o Pets are NOT allowed in the food serving or eating areas

People of all ages are encouraged to attend!

ADULT FICTION: Hogan-Two Sisters; Coben-Missing You; Cussler-The Bootlegger; Childs-Steeped in Evil; Macomber-Blossom Street Brides; Rosenfelt-Without Warning; Graham-Waking the Dead; Chapman-Murder Simply Brewed; Carr-Four Friends; Doyle-The Plover; Woods-Carnal Curiosity; Scottoline-Keep Quiet

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New materials received at the Warren Public Library are:

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ADULT NON-FICTION: Feldman-Family Practice Stories; Ham-The New Answers Book: Over 25 Question on Creation / Evolution and the Bible; Turner-

Radical Remission; Pembroke-Reasons My Kid is Crying; Grumpy Cat-A Grumpy Cat Book

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Paige-Dorothy Must Die; Myers-Dark Power Collection; Westerfeld-Peepe; Sage-Flyte; Sage-Magyk

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION: Iron Man: Extremes; Batman: Year One; The Legend of Zelda: Hyrule Historia; Batgirl/Robin: Year One; Wonder Woman: The Greatest Stores Ever Told; X-Men: Days of our Future Past; JLA: The Deluxe Edition Vol. 1; Captain America: Winter Soldier; Thor: The Mighty Avenger; Star Wars Omnibus: Knights of the Old Republic

CHILDREN'S FICTION: Dora Loves Easter; Bostrom-Rufus and Ryan Celebrate Easter; Coven-Heidi Heckelbeck and the Tie-Dyed Bunny; O'Ryan-Galaxy Zack: A Galactic Easter; Underwood-Here Comes the Easter Cat; Guion-Baby Penguins Love Their Mama!; Hardie-The Sparkle Egg; Ritchie-Me and My Dad!; Peppa Pig and the Vegetable Garden; O'Connor-Nancy Clancy: Sees the Future; Birdsall-The Penderwicks; DuPrau-The City of Embers; Pearsall-Crooked River; Kehret-The Ghost's Grave; Gorman-Stumptown Kid; Goscinnny-Nicholas

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION: Amend-Wrapped-Up Fox Trot; Watterson-Something Under the Bed is Drooling; Mega Man: Spiritus Ex Machina; Tuminelly-Cool Cake & Cupcakes Food Art; Tuminelly-Cool Holiday Food Art; Tuminelly-Cool Creepy Food Art; Kenney-Cool Scripts & Acting; Kenney-Cool Sets & Props;

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

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## CLUPPER

Mrs. Donna J. Clupper, age 71, of Van Buren, IN. passed away at 9:27 PM, Friday, April 4, 2014 at her residence with her family beside her.



Donna was born in Jonesboro, IN, December, 12, 1942 to Howard and Martha (Simons) Wright. In 1960 Donna graduated from Van Buren High School, Van Buren, IN, She then married George F. Clupper in 1962 in the Locust Chapel United Methodist Church, Marion, IN. Donna and George attended the Hanfield United Methodist Church, Marion, IN. She was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandma as well as a second mother to the many children she babysat over the years. Donna will be greatly missed by many family and friends.

Surviving is her Husband: George F. Clupper of Van Buren, IN. Two sons: Michael G. (Monique) Clupper of Whitestown, IN. and Scott A. (Stacy) Clupper of Van Buren, IN. Two Daughters: Debra (Kevin) Kuhn of Tipton, IN and Christine (Darryl) of Van Buren, IN. 13 Grandchildren: Kurtis and David (Emily), Danielle, Dylan, Darby, Audrianna, Ethan, Evan and Weston, Jacob and Jaren, Trevor and Seth, and special Son: Gianfranco Castagnola, Lima, Peru, South America, Brother: Robert (Nancy) Wright of Gas City.

She was preceded in death by Her father and mother: Sister: Carolyn Sue Smith and Brother: William Wright and his wife Judy Wright.

Family and Friends may gather to share and remember at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, from 2 to 4 PM and from 6 to 8 PM. A Service to celebrate Donna's life will be held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM with the Rev Tim Helm officiating. Interment will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren, IN.

Memorials may be made to the Afterschool Childrens Program "Not Home Alone" Sponsored by the Van Buren United Methodist Church. Memorial envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home.

## TROSPER

Glen L. Trospier, 90, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 9:40 PM on Sunday, April 06, 2014 at his residence.



He was born on Friday, January 04, 1924, in Humrick, IL. He married Jane E. Whitaker on Friday, March 23, 1945 in Hartford City, IN.

Glen was a 1943 graduate of Roll High School. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Glen was a former member of the Farm Bureau, A.A.R.P, and the Montpelier V.F.W. He retired in 1996 from Cablec-Anaconda Wire & Cable in Marion after 31 years of service. Glen was a longtime Blackford County Farmer.

Survivors include: Wife - Jane E. Trospier, Montpelier, IN., Son - Walter Glen (Wife, Suelen) Trospier, Montpelier, IN., Son - Jack James (Wife, Barbara) Trospier, Warren, IN., Sister-in-law - Arlet Trospier, Montpelier,

IN., Grandson - Tony (Wife, Amy) Trospier, Poneto, IN., Granddaughter - Deborah (Husband, James) Thompson, Liberty Center, IN., Granddaughter - Tina Surfus, Warren, IN., Grandson - Michael (Wife, Wendy) Trospier, Warren, IN and 8 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his: Father - Walter Trospier, Mother - Florence (Marshall) Trospier and Three Brothers - James Trospier, Edward Trospier and Paul Trospier.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Wednesday, April 09, 2014 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Glen's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 10, 2014 with Pastor Henry Favorite officiating. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

## BIRTH

Kendra Mounsey and Richard Todd are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lakota Jeanie-Lynn Todd. Lakota was born on March 4th at 12:34 a.m. at Bluffton Regional.

Happy grandparents include; Randy and Cindie Mounsey, Richard and Tina Todd of Knoxville, Tennessee. Also great-grandparents; Dean and Pat Mounsey(Poneto), Burr and Jeanie Ryan(Marion), and Charles and Lowan Hicks(Eaton).

The new parents would like to thank all of the family and friends who have given gifts, sent cards, and sent prayers in this new and crazy time.

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## CHAUTAUQUA

Twenty two members and one guest were entertained by "Piano Girl" Stephanie Schultz in the Heritage Pointe Chapel for the April 4th program of the Chautauqua Literary Club. Stephanie presented a very delightful program of Springtime and Old Time Musical favorites on the piano, and complimented the music with a clear, lovely professional singing voice. The program was enjoyed by all.

The group returned to the Calico Room for the business meeting. Later, springtime refreshments were served by hostesses LuEllyn Pond and Oma Zent. Ann Spahr was responsible for the fine program.

Members attending were Janet Beavens, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Elaine Eckman, Barbara Engle, Linda Howell, Phylis Hubartt, Karen Hunnicutt, Colleen Odon, LuEllyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Kitty Throop, Harriett Tobias, Freda VanWinkle, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent, Joan Huffman, and guest Judy McClanahan.

The next meeting will be held May 2, 2014.

## FRIDAY POOL

There were 20 residents that entered the pool tournament at Heritage Pointe on April 4th. The

winners were Bob Beavans and Elwood Karchner with Dick Lintner and Larry Langdon finishing second. The in-house play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room. The in-house tournament will be held on Monday April 14 starting at 9:00am with coffee and rolls available at 8:30. The grand champion playoff will be on Tuesday April 15th at 1:00pm. There are both women's and men's tournaments. The public is invited to watch.

## BOWLING SCORES

The Heritage Pointe Wednesday morning Mixed League scores are as follows:

High Scores -Game 1 Clara Mossburg 186,- Game 2 Floyd Minnich 154, - Game 3 Ralph Taylor 192,- and Game 4 Clarence Myers 181. High Series was Ralph Taylor with 711.

The Thursday morning Men's League Scores were Game 1 Ralph Taylor 179, Games 2 & 3 Dick Hinton 184 & 194, and Game 4 Ralph Taylor 228. Ralph Taylor had the high series with 737 total pins. Sawdust beat both "Curly & Popcorn" in game 2.

## ALL-STAR SHOWCASE AT TAYLOR

The Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance will play their 13th annual North-South Varsity All-Star games on Saturday 4/12/14, at Odle Arena on the campus of Taylor University in Upland, IN.

Gate entry is only \$2 at the door (5 and under=FREE)

The event is open to the public and you are invited to attend!

The doors to Odle Arena will open at 11:30 A.M.

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The opening introductions, prayer and presentations will begin at NOON. The Teams will gather in the gym for pictures.

The Varsity Girls game will start about 1:00 PM and the Varsity Boys game will follow after 2:30 PM.

## HONOR ROLL

Salamonie School announces the following students have attained Honor Roll status.

5th Grade - All A's - Grace Barlow, Kade Brown, Joseph Kibellus, Lacey Jo Nightenhelser, Aidan Raab, Damon Rains, Clayton Shively, Hannah Warpup, Lane Wright and Zach Zehner. A's/B's - Kourtney Chaney, Thomas Charles, Lillian Clanin, Bryce Davis, Jonah Ellis, Cayleb Gasaway, Felicity Henline, Gary Ingram, Thain Kelly, Anna Manry, Ashton Mattucci, Kael Maul, Connor Miller, Valerie Miller, Anna Scott, Ganon Speed, Miranda Spittler, Logan Surfus, Kloe Vickrey, Hudson Winters and Alyzabeth Womack.

4th Grade - All A's - Gabrielle Alford, Mackenzie Bargo, Jillian Bieber, Engelbert Dickson, Grayson Foudray, Madison Herstad, John Markley, Aurora Maul, Cam McCarver, Paige McCutcheon, Kennedy Mitchem, Nicholas Neuenschwander, Megan Ormiston, Evan Reynolds, and Mason Scalf. A's/B's - Derek Anstead, Zane Bodkins, Trista Fishbaugh, Alexander Gallegos, Craig Ingram, Abigail Miller, Caleb Sellers, Cheyne Slone, Jarrod Sprinkle, Alexis Weaver, Logan Welker, and Caedin Womack.

3rd Grade - All A's - Ashton Antoine, Blaine Brown, Gage Cronin, Cadence Crouse, Zoe Erickson, Summer Jackson, Gabrielle Leichty, Emily Manry, Matthew Martin, Cole McCarver, Kiera Searles, Lucas Trickle, Abagayle Wright, and Charlie Zehner. A's/B's - Isaac Bodkins, Erica Dickson, Cassandra Imel, Savannah Johnson, Taylor Jordan, Joshua Justice, Keaden Justice, Shaun Mitchem, Amiah Norman, Raelynn Perbernat, Hadleigh Phelps, Alexandria Raab, Hailey Rains, Brooke Swaidner, and Kora Vickrey.

2nd Grade - All A's - Clayton Bell, Rehryn Brooks, Dalton Davis, Aiden DeWeese, Izaya Dunno, Tessa Maul, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scalf, Blake Sheward and Julia Spittler. A's/B's - Trinity Cain,

Kelsey Chaney, Asher Chipchosky, Jay Clampitt, Devon Davis, Parker Ellenburg, Noah Gallegos, Nolan Knapp, Jillian Loftis, Kahlen Lows, Jericho Lykins, Riley Mautz, Aschton Michaud and Shaylyn Suchcicki.

## WHAT TO DO

Every spring, kind-hearted Hoosiers "rescue" an injured or seemingly abandoned baby wild animal and try to care for it.

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has one thing to say: Don't do it.

In early April, cottontail rabbits and squirrels have young in their nests. If you come across a nest, leave it alone, even if you don't see an adult animal around. The best place for these animals is in the wild, learning to fend for themselves.

"Most baby animals are not abandoned," said Michelle Cain, DNR wildlife information specialist. "Many animals leave their young alone when searching for food and come back to them throughout the day. They also use this as a way to deter predators because a predator may follow the mother back to its young."

Picking up a baby animal that is not orphaned or abandoned can harm the animal and takes it out of its natural environment. It's also illegal.

If you believe the animal is truly abandoned, or you know that the mother is dead, call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are educated to properly care for wild animals. In the hands of an untrained person, an animal is unlikely to survive if it is returned to the wild.

Wild animals also pose safety and health risks for humans. They may look helpless, cute and cuddly, but they can bite or scratch people who attempt to handle

them. Some wild animals carry parasites and infectious diseases that can be transmitted to humans.

The best way to make sure an animal is orphaned is to wait and check it periodically. If you are unsure, place some strings or sticks across the nest. Place some grass across the top of a rabbit nest that is found with young in it. If such items are later disturbed, the mother has probably returned, so leave the young animal alone.

If a bird has fallen out of a nest, it is OK to gently return it to the nest.

Rehabilitator contact information is at [dnr.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild/5492.htm). Click on "wildlife rehabilitator" near the bottom of the page for a list. Assistance can also be found by:

-Calling the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indianapolis at (317) 232-4080

-Calling DNR Law Enforcement, 24 hours a day at (812) 837-9536

-Calling a licensed veterinarian. State laws prohibit keeping wild animals without a DNR-issued permit. Federal laws also prohibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. It is illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit.

In the spring, ducks or geese often nest in landscaping or gardens. Leave the nest alone and keep any pets away. Be aware that the bird may return next year. If the bird becomes a nuisance, call a nuisance waterfowl control operator. A contact list is at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fwnuisancewaterfowlControlOperators.pdf](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/files/fwnuisancewaterfowlControlOperators.pdf)

## GOLF OUTING

Pathfinder Kids Kampus Child Care Center in Huntington will hold its 23rd Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 14th. The fundraising event, sponsored by David Culp and Company, will take place at LaFontaine Golf Club, 6129 North Goshen Road, Huntington. Registration and a lunch sponsored by Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church begins at 11:30 A.M., with a 12:30 P.M. shotgun start.

The cost for the Outing will be \$65 per golfer and \$260 per team and hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Pathfinder Kids Kampus is happy to pair golfers with teams if they do not have one. Online registration and more information for the event is available at [www.kidskampus.org](http://www.kidskampus.org).

A contest for a chance to win \$5,000 sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank of Huntington will take place-allowing participants in the outing to take one swing for the chance to win. If a hole-in-one occurs on hole #5 the winning golfer will receive \$5,000 and Pathfinder Kids Kampus will receive \$5,000. Certain restrictions will apply with the hole-in-one contest. In addition to the hole-in-one contest, a putting contest will occur at this year's outing as well.

A silent auction will be held prior to and during the golf event including items such as an autographed basketball from Purdue University's Men's Basketball coach Matt Painter, and an autographed football from Purdue University's Football Coach Darrell Hazell, customized entertainment packages, golf packages and more!

A live auction will take place at the end of the event and include items such as a week long stay at the Sea Oats Resorts Vacation Condos on Redington Shores Beach in Florida. All proceeds from this year's Golf Outing will go to Pathfinder Kids Kampus.

To register for the Golf Outing, please go online to

[www.kidskampus.org](http://www.kidskampus.org), or stop by Pathfinder Kids Kampus located at 435 Campus Street, Huntington, IN Monday through Friday from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. For questions regarding the golf outing please call Jessica Miller at (260) 356-0500 Ext. 3146 or e-mail her at [jdmiller@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:jdmiller@pathfinderservices.org).

## PUSHING THE LIMITS

Programs are made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation

The Wells County Public Library was recently awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation and the Califa Group to hold a series of science programs featuring the themes of knowledge, nature, survival, and connection.

The first program will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Main Library in Bluffton and feature a survival theme and spotlight the book "Arctic Drift" by Clive Cussler. The programs are designed to be a reading, viewing, and discussion series to highlight how science is around us in our everyday lives.

IPFW faculty member, Dr. Jordan Marshall, will give a brief presentation on the topic and then two documentaries will be shown. One features an author interview and the next is a special interest documentary on the theme of survival. This will be followed by a discussion of the topic and the featured book. Participants are encouraged to read the featured book prior to the program, though it is not required. The discussion will center on the themes found in the book and not the entire book itself.

The program is free and open to anyone in the community. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Copies of the featured books can be picked up at the library.

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More Pushing the Limits programs will be held on May 8, June 12, and July 10 at 6:30 p.m. They will tie in nicely with the "Fizz. Boom. Read." Summer Reading Program.

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by Melinda Myers

Don't let a lack of time or space get in the way of gardening your way to a healthy lifestyle. Plant a container of nutritious vegetables and herbs. Include a few planters on the front porch, back patio or right outside the kitchen door.

All that's needed is some potting mix, fertilizer, plants and a container with drainage holes. A fifteen to twenty-four inch diameter pot or twenty-four to thirty-six inch long window box is a good starting size. Bigger containers hold more plants and moisture longer, so it can be watered less frequently.

Check containers daily and water thoroughly as needed. Self-watering pots need less frequent watering, allowing busy gardeners and travelers the opportunity to grow plants in pots with minimal care.

Fill the container with a well-drained potting mix. Read the label on the container mix bag. Add a slow release organic nitrogen fertilizer, like Milorganite ([milorganite.com](http://milorganite.com)), at planting for better results with less effort. It provides small amounts of nutrients throughout most of the season and eliminates the need to mix and water in fertilizer throughout the growing season. Sprinkle a bit more on the soil surface midseason or when changing out your plantings.

Mix colorful flowers with nutritious vegetables for attractive, healthy results. Bright Lights Swiss Chard, pansies (their flowers are edible), colorful leaf lettuce, spinach, radishes, and trailing ivy make a great cool season combination. Fresh-from-the-container-garden vegetables make the best tasting salads and the greens provide Vitamins A and C as well as calcium. Use the pansy flowers to dress up a salad or frozen in ice cubes for an added gourmet touch to beverages.

For summer, use a tomato, pepper, eggplant or peas, beans, and cucumbers trained on a trellis. All are packed full of nutrients and make a great vertical accent. Surround the towering vegetables with purple basil, tricolor sage, carrots, beets and a colorful trailing annual like verbena, lantana, or bidens.

Don't forget to squeeze in a few onions or garlic. The fragrant foliage can be decorative and these vegetables help lower blood sugar and cholesterol, while aiding in digestion.

So be creative and add a few small-scale, attractive vegetables high in nutritional value to a variety of containers this season.

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### MISC TAX DEDUCTIONS

The following Money Management column is provided jointly by the AICPA and the Indiana CPA Society as part of the CPA profession's nationwide 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy pro-

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Most people know they can deduct items such as charitable donations, mortgage interest and property taxes. But they may not be aware of a long list of other deductions that fall into the "miscellaneous" category. Taxpayers who fail to take these deductions pass up the opportunity to make significant reductions in their tax bill, according to the Indiana CPA Society. Here's an overview of what you need to know.

#### Calculating Your AGI

To claim some deductions, you must have expenses that add up to more than 2% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). How can you determine if your deductions qualify? First, add up your total income for the year. Then, subtract the adjustments to your income, also known as "above the line" deductions. These adjustments typically include deductions for educator expenses, moving expenses, student loan interest and tuition payments, alimony payments, IRA contributions, and several others. Let's say that what's left—your AGI—adds up to \$50,000. Two percent of \$50,000 is \$1,000. So, after you subtract \$1,000 from the total amount of certain miscellaneous expenses, you can deduct the rest. You can refer to your prior year federal income tax return to get a quick estimate of your current year AGI.

#### Using the 2% Limit

Which expenses are subject to the 2% limit? They include job-related expenses that your employer does not reimburse, such as travel, entertainment and gifts associated with your work or license or legal fees or educational costs you incur. Any qualified costs you incur for a home office fall in this category, as well as depreciation on a computer your employer requires you to use in your work. Uniforms, work clothes not suitable for everyday use, and tools you need for your job would also fall into this category, as would union dues. When you look for a job in the same field, your related expenses would be subject to the 2% limit. Deductions for tax preparation fees and several other expenses are also subject to the 2% limit.

Other Miscellaneous Deductions

A lower income may help you qualify for a variety of programs,

including the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (and similar state and local credits available in 22 states, the District of Columbia, New York City, and Montgomery County, Maryland), which can lower your taxes or even provide a refund, depending on your income level and the number of children you have. Other credits that may reduce your federal tax outlay include the Child Tax Credit and the Child and Dependent Care Credit. Your CPA can offer advice on the tax and other benefits that can improve your financial outlook while you're looking for work.

#### Other Commonly Overlooked Deductions

Those are a few of the miscellaneous deductions that many taxpayers fail to claim, but there are other valuable deductions and credits that taxpayers overlook every year. They include deductions for state and local income tax, medical and dental care expenses, the child and dependent care credit, mortgage refinancing costs and self-employment expenses. Your CPA can determine whether you qualify for these deductions, including the limits that apply in some cases.

#### Tip #5: Learn about Self-Employment Taxation

There's good and bad tax news for people who begin consulting or set up their own business when they find themselves out of work. You should be able to deduct many of the ordinary and necessary expenses related to starting up and running a new business, including costs associated with a home office or the business use of your car. But, since you won't have an employer withholding taxes for you, you will have to make quarterly estimated tax payments on your self-employment income. That will include paying the full cost of self-employment taxes as well as income taxes.

Your Local CPA Can Help  
There's a lot more to know about miscellaneous deductions and about the kind of tax planning that can ensure you're paying the right amount of taxes. Before you finalize your tax return, be sure that you've claimed all the deductions and credits to which you're entitled. If you're not sure that you've taken the right ones, turn to your local CPA for expert advice. He or she can answer all your financial questions.

### FIVE TIPS FOR A LIFETIME OF HEALTHY VISION

(BPT) - Forty percent of Americans worry more about losing their eyesight than their ability to walk or hear, according to the American Optometric Association's annual American Eye-Q survey. To protect your eyesight, the AOA ([www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org)) recommends these tips:

1. Schedule yearly comprehensive exams.
2. Protect against UV rays by wearing sunglasses year-round. Choose a pair that blocks more than 95 percent of UVA and more than 99 percent of UVB radiation.
3. Give your eyes a break from digital device use. The AOA recommends that people practice the 20/20/20 rule (every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away).
4. Eat your greens. Six nutrients - antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin, essential fatty acids, vitamins C and E, and the mineral zinc - have been identified as helping to protect eyesight and promote eye health.
5. Practice safe wear and care of contact lenses. Contact lens wearers who don't follow their optometrist's recommendations for use and wear can experience symptoms such as blurred or fuzzy vision, red or irritated eyes, pain in and around the eyes or, a more serious condition in which the cornea becomes inflamed, also known as keratitis.


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