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*Thought for the Week:* To play it safe is not to play. Robert Altman



## TIN PAN ALLEY ALIVE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around Heritage Pointe. The Christmas trees are decorated, the Christmas Village, compliments of John William, is beautiful. We have even enjoyed an early visit from Santa.

On Friday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. in our Chapel, Heritage Pointe would like to invite you to final Fine Art's program for 2016. Vocalist David Giardina, and pianist Paul Bisaccia have performed around the country in a show called "Tin Pan Alley", a pure Americana review of favorite songs from the 20th century.

Tin Pan Alley ALIVE-will be a performance packed full of traditional Christmas favorite such as Jingle Bells, I'll be Home For Christmas, Carol of the Bells, The Lord's Prayer, O Holy Night... just to mention a few. This beautiful blend of vocal and piano music will be a program you will not want to miss.

Come early and enjoy a bowl of ice cream prior to the program.

## SHOP LOCAL

While doing your Christmas shopping this year - don't forget about all the businesses in Warren. Here are a few ideas.

Kim's Katered Affair offers Gift Certificates for a fantastic meal. East of Chicago has great food too.

The Pulse Opera House puts on several shows each year - contact them to see if they have gift certificates available. D&D Bike Shop has all the new and used bicycles your child would want.

DeWeese Appliance and Softwater has a wide selection of new appliances available. What mom couldn't use a new stove or refrigerator!! Or how about new flooring from Accent Interiors.

Warren Pharmacy has lots of greeting cards and small gift ideas. Talk to SonRise Bakery about goodies for Christmas parties or Christmas dinner.

At the Corner Salon will make your gift recipient look fabulous for the New Year - new style, new color - new you!

Stop in at Town Hall to place a ribbon on the Town Christmas tree in remembrance of a loved one.

All ribbon sales go towards the Town's Christmas lighting. NAPA has tools and parts for your favorite mechanic. The Flower Pot and Gebharts have tons of gift ideas and seasonal decorations available. Dollar General has lots and lots of ideas. Buy

groceries for Christmas. Oh - We hope to see you this and don't forget the gift shop at Heritage Pointe. They have a wide selection of items made by residents of the home.

Got a friend or family member who heats their home with propane? Put some money on their account at Warren Service & Supply or at Suburban Propane. How about helping someone out with their electric bill at Town Hall. Not all gifts have to be physical.

Sometimes during the holidays things can seem very bleak to someone low on cash.

Don't forget about the Bargain Basement - they have lots of items that can be upcycled or used as is.

Think outside the box this year - but don't forget to Shop Local! Money spent in the community helps those businesses stay in the community.

## FREE SOUP SUPPER

This is just a reminder that there will be a Free Soup Supper on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 5:30-7:30. This is free to the public with a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry. All donated money and food will be given to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

This supper will be held at the Warren Sportsman's Club. Come out and enjoy some warm comfort food on a chilly night.

## PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

There will be an All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the Warren Sportsman's Club on Saturday, December 10th from 7:00-10:00. Adults: \$6.00, Children 5-12 is \$4.00 and kids under the age of 5 eat for free. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast before you start your day. We hope to see you on Saturday at the Warren Sportsman's Club on Saturday, December 10th.

## FOOD DRIVE

The Warren Dental Clinic (Dr. Zach Coclosure) will be collecting non-perishable food items and hygiene items until Friday, December 16 for the local food pantry.

Items can be dropped off at his office, 40 Bennett Dr, Suite A, during regular business hours.

## PAINT PARTY

After Christmas is the time to relax and have fun. Let's have a paint party! NickiZ Designs offers in-home pallet painting parties - called MiTi parties (Make It Take It).

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### THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

First real snow of the season and was pretty coming down, just glad to be home and looking out to enjoy it.

Many of the winter projects are now out of the way for another year. The Festival of Trees were all beautiful both downtown and at Heritage Pointe. Also enjoying seeing the outdoor Christmas decorations about town and here at Heritage Pointe.

What little Christmas shopping I do is done and now ready to settle down for a long winter stretch, and no doubt I will find plenty to keep me occupied. Just can't decide which to start first.

One thing on the list is to clean out my cook book that has dozens of recipes that I thought sometime in my lifetime I might choose to make. Cooking for one person I am sure that will not come about.

And of course sometime I at least will think about cleaning closets, that can be a major task. Wayne and I always clean out our dresser drawers on New Years day, now isn't that the most exciting thing you can possibly do to celebrate the New Year. I have no idea where or why we got started on that. No doubt it is the only resolution we kept at least for a day.

If you are still making candy for the holidays here is a recipe quick and easy that I made years back when kids were home. It is what they called cracker candy.

Take enough crackers either saltines or Ritz and placed in lightly oiled 9x13 pan in separate pan bring to boil 1 cup butter 1 cup brown sugar, boil for 3 minutes and pour over crackers and bake for 5 minutes at 350, remove from oven let cool 5-10 minutes and spread over 1 package of chocolate chips let them melt a bit then spread evenly over. top with chopped pecans or any kind of nut meats you care for. Let cool and break into small pieces.

Happy Holidays

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**ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freel 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  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —**  
**5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.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.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.hillcrestnazchurch.org](http://www.hillcrestnazchurch.org)  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Josh Johnson  
 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

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

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45-11:30a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Come as you are for all services

**PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2691  
 Jill Miller, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor  
 Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Cindy Osgood  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://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](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth:  
 K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Youth Directors  
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 ..... 4-5:30p  
 Grades 6-12 .... 5:30 - 7p

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
**375-2330** 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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projects ordered. There are over 100 designs available on the website or if you see something on Pinterest that you'd like to do instead - we can do that too. If you need a place to have the party Kim's Katered Affair has offered to let us use her store uptown.

Pallet signs make terrific gifts for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, baby showers and more - or just for yourself. MiTi Parties also are great for just getting together for fellowship. If you are the hostess you get a free sign (up to \$30).

You can find out more information online at [www.nickizdesigns.com/miti](http://www.nickizdesigns.com/miti) parties or on Facebook, look up NickiZ Designs. Or email [nickiz@nickizdesigns.com](mailto:nickiz@nickizdesigns.com).

Dates and times are available every day of the week, except Tuesday or Wednesday. I can do day time parties also. Signs are \$25 and up, depending on the size of the completed sign. Parties last approximately 3 hours and are lots of fun.

Contact me today and let's get this Party started!

### TOY SHOW

Jay County's 29th Annual Farm Toy Show will be held at the Jay County Fairgrounds 4-H Building on Sunday, December 11th from 9am-3pm.

Over 70 dealer tables, \$2.00 admission Chg. For more information call Ronnie Rudrow 260-726-6433.

### PHARMACY PLANS

This year a number of Pharmacy Insurance Plans have chosen to allow the Warren Pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. You may have the opportunity to choose an insurance plan or a Prescription Drug coverage Plan that includes the Warren Pharmacy in their Network. If you would like to choose a Pharmacy plan that allows you to get your prescriptions filled locally, please talk with us about your Pharmacy Insurance plan!

We are constantly striving to fulfill all of the regulatory requirements and contractual agreements with Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Insurance Companies so that you may receive quality pharmaceutical care from your local Pharmacist, Terry Daniels P.D., and our experienced staff.

### DEAN'S LIST

The University of Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that Wyatt Z. Korporal of Warren, has made the Dean's List for the October 2016 session in the College of Applied Technologies.

Full time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the Dean's List.

### HP SPORTS

Heritage Pointe winners this week: Congratulations to the pool winners this week who were Bob Slusser and Floyd Blake. Runners-up were Virginia and Larry Langdon.

There were 20 players. Good luck to all for next week.

Wi-Fi winner this week were Sawdust Minnich with a series of 193, and a high game of 233. Then it was Bud Lee with a series of 179. Next was Mary Dungan with a 158 series and Dick Lintner with a 150 series.

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an education honor society, met Saturday November 12, 2016 at the Huntington Library. The chapter includes members from Grant, Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley Counties. President Roxanne Thomas welcomed members and guests to the meeting. A continental breakfast was enjoyed by attendees.

Karen Kinney, the Alpha Zeta treasurer, presented the program titled "Children's Literature...It's Not Just for Kids". She shared children's books through reading, summarizing, and having attendees write a story and participate in a reader's theater. Each book imparted a nugget of wisdom. She interspersed quotes from her former kindergarten and third grade students between the books.

Joyle Allen conducted a memorial service for Roberta Lael Littlefield and Eileen Meyer, members who recently passed away.

Memories were shared by Margaret Wilson, Judy Ward, Nancy Kolb and others.

In chapter business, minutes of the September

meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted. The chapter website and the possibility of a Facebook account were discussed. Members were reminded that they may apply for international scholarships by Feb. 1 and for an Educational Foundation Project Grant Award by January 3. The coming state convention April 28-29 and Northeast Regional Conference July 12-13 were announced. The Fall Arts Retreat will be November 3-4.

The next meeting January 14 will be held at the Huntington Library with a time change to 9:30 a.m. The program will be about a non-profit organization Kate's Cart.

Members attending from Huntington County were Joyle Allen, Barb Buroker, Barba Eickoff, Pat Hauenstein, Carol Herzog, Karen Kinney, Ruth Moreland, Leona Bear, Alice Sell and Mary Sell.

Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. For more information, visit the DKG website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) or call 260-402-9140.

### LEARNING TO CARE FOR YOURSELF WHEN CARING FOR ANOTHER

from the American Counseling Association  
Taking care of a loved one is not an uncommon occurrence these days. Lifestyle changes and medical advances have more people living longer, but sometimes without the ability to safely handle the challenges of daily living themselves.

It isn't simply an aging population that is expanding the need for caregivers.

Many families have members who may have mental or physical impairments, or serious, debilitating health issues.

And while there are a growing number of facilities and organizations that can provide care, they are often out of the financial reach of many families or go against a family's wishes to personally provide the needed care for a loved one.

The result is that many people find themselves in the role of family caregiver, a role that can often be close to a 24-hour, 7-day a week job. Unfortunately, many of those providing family care often fail to realize or choose to ignore the toll that such an obligation, along with other family or work requirements, can have on them.

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### Community Calendar

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

Dec 7 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting  
Dec 9 9-1 Holiday Cookies, Candy & Crafts, Heritage Hall, Htgn.  
Dec 19 5:00p W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall  
Dec 19 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC  
Dec 21 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting  
Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE  
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY  
Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE  
Jan 1 NEW YEARS

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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While there are no easy solutions to such situations, there are things that can be done to help family caregivers take better care of themselves.

In many cities, it is possible to find businesses, organizations or individuals who can provide what is called "respite" care. This is when someone comes in for a few hours, maybe once or several times a week, in order to give the primary caregiver a much-needed break. Such services, however, can be hard to find in many places, especially smaller towns and rural areas, and may be prohibitively expensive if they are available.

The alternative is for the individual providing the care to learn to care better for himself or herself, to essentially work out a "personal respite" program.

This can take a variety of forms, from just scheduling a short break to have a cup of tea or read a book, to turning to friends and other family members for their assistance in providing the help that will give the caretaker a few hours of personal time.

While family caregivers tend to be concerned, giving people, it's vital for them to monitor their own mental and physical well-being, too. Failing to recognize when the stress of helping is having a negative impact on their patience or ability to think clearly or respond appropriately can lead to serious and unexpected issues.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

## 2 THINGS TO DO TO GET "ME" TIME DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is notorious for inciting panic in women and if they don't know how to deal with that shoulder-burdening aspect of this time of year, they're destined to miss what the holidays are really all about...PEACE, JOY, HARMONY.

I was recently asked to appear on a local television talk show in Portland, Oregon, to talk about the free day I have in my weekly plan. To bring up this topic, this time of year when most women who work outside their homes can barely find a free hour let alone a free day each week seemed absurd!

Today it seems we women are more concerned about recharging our cell phones than about recharging ourselves. If you don't take time for yourself, you'll end up being an old lady who looks in the mirror one day and says, "Who in the hell are you?" You won't know what you love and you'll regret not giving yourself time to just be you, without an agenda, without a "To Do" list.

So when I got on the show and was asked, "How can you have a free day every week?" the young host who is a wife and mother, works full time in television and radio and takes care of 80% of the work involved in running a happy household, my answer was, "You can't."

She howled! And when she composed herself, we talked about all the extra things we do for our families to make this time of year festive and fun and how we can eek out some free time even though

it's the busiest time of the year.

A few days before I went on the show, I had my semi-annual dental check-up, so I asked the hygienist if she has a free day. She looked at me as though I'd ask her if she has five breasts! Then she said, "I had this discussion with my husband a couple of months ago. I told him I either needed to cut back my hours at work (which would mean less money for us) or he needed to pitch in and help. He's a longshoreman and gets paid for full-time but often works half-time. He didn't like either choice, but he said he'd try and help more. I gave him a month to see if he actually would help more. When he didn't, I cut back to only three days a week instead of five and it has really helped me! Now I get a break from work in the middle of the week so I can clean and keep up the laundry and I can enjoy my weekends with the family instead of catching up all that gets behind.

She went on to say she has one of those deals you strap to yourself that counts your steps and she averages 20,000 steps a day. I told her she should strap it to her husband to see how many steps he clocks. Her eyes got huge and she said, "I wanted to do just that, but he wouldn't let me! He knows he'd probably clock about 2,000 steps!

When my dentist came in I asked him if he feels the pressure of the holiday season. Instantly he said, "Oh yeah! My patients want to use up all their dental insurance before the end of the year, and college students come home and want to get dental work done while they're home. Then I

said, "No I mean the pressure from all the holiday activities like writing Christmas cards, shopping, decorating, food preparation, gift wrapping and mailing packages in time and entertaining?" He thought for a minute and responded, "Oh, right, well yeah, I have to get up in the attic and get all the boxes down for my wife. Oh and I put the tree in the stand and put the angel on the top."

Well now, isn't that so special?

There are two things you need to do if you want free time during the holidays. 1) Learn to delegate and give up control of having things exactly the way you want them. 2) Be willing to eliminate activities that aren't fun. For example, I quite writing and sending Christmas cards at least 20 years ago. Instead, every card I receive goes on a "calling" list. Since I love to talk on the phone I take time to sit and call each one. I don't shop, I give cash with humor and flair with my Stick it Right on the Money Gift-giving kit and using ideas I have in ELM Everybody Loves Money which gives fun ways to give cash which are available on my website.

That's it! Delegate and eliminate.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

## 4 WAYS YOUR SMARTPHONE IS YOUR ULTIMATE HOLIDAY HELPER THIS SEASON

(BPT) - The holidays have always been the elf's time to shine. Decorating, wrapping, toy making-it's what traditional holiday helpers spend all year prepping for. But in a world of online shopping, on-the-go recipe planning and streaming carols, a smartphone and wireless plan actually does the holidays better.

Two-thirds of Americans say their cellular data plan works overtime during the holidays, according to research from Straight Talk Wireless, with nearly half of Americans saying they simply couldn't make it through the busy holiday season without their smartphone. As you start to tackle your holiday to-do list, don't go it alone. Use your smartphone to make these four holiday tasks a whole lot merrier.

\* Make your list and check it twice. Party planning, shopping lists, holiday calendars -tasks of the holiday season used to require a whole library of materials to record everything. However, with your smartphone, you can catalog holiday to-dos in one simple spot. That way, whenever you need it, your next holiday task is just a click away.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### GARD

Marjorie Gard, 102, a long-time resident of Huntington County, IN, died Sunday morning, Dec. 4, 2016, at the home of her daughter, in Bluffton.

Mrs. Gard graduated from Jefferson Township School in 1932 and was a homemaker, living in Lancaster and Wayne townships. She was employed by Wabash Magnetics for 22 years and was a meter reader for Huntington County TEMC for many years.

She was a lifelong member of Warren United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday school and was active in the Sisters in Faith women's group and JOY Sunday school class. She was a charter member of the Lancaster Township Better Living Homemakers Club. She was a member of the Town and Country Home Economics Club and the Samuel Huntington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She volunteered with many organizations and charities.

She was born Oct. 31, 1914, in Jefferson Township, Huntington County, to Charles Luther and Daisy Farr Knight. She married J. Arthur Gard Sr. on Nov. 4, 1934, and he preceded her in death in February of 2012.

Survivors include four daughters, Sandra (Gary) Wegenke, of DeWitt, MI; Dianne (Jim) Surfus-Burk and Cathy (Patrick) Pearson, both of Bluffton; and Jane (Edward) Polzin, of Angola; two sons, James A. (Sydney) Gard Jr., of Edmond, OK, and Charles (Cathy) Gard, of Huntington; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Gard, of Kokomo; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, in Huntington. Additional calling will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a service



following at 11 a.m. at the Warren United Church of Christ, 202 E. 2nd St., Warren. Rev. Scott Nedberg will officiate. Interment will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Warren.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Warren United Church of Christ or Huntington County 4-H Fair Association, both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### HILL

William A. "Bill" Hill, 86, of Markle, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at 10:10 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hill graduated from high school in Amity, AR, in 1950. He worked at the Majenica Tile Company for 40 years and was a member of the Majenica Conservation Club. He was born April 18, 1930, in Alpine, AR, to William T. Hill and Winnie R. Jackson. He married Neoma M. Whitten on July 4, 1954, in Kirby, AR. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Doyle (Waneta) Hill, of Warren, and Tracy Hill, of Huntington; a brother, a sister, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Jim Graham will officiate. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Burial will be at Star of Hope Cemetery, in Huntington.

### MASTERSON

Stella Ruth Masterson, 74, of Bluffton, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Stella was born Aug. 12, 1942, in Jellico, Ky. to Walter West and Rose Parks West.

On May 17, 1960 in Bluffton, Stella and James "Jim" E. Masterson were married.

Stella was a homemaker for many years. She cleaned many homes in the surrounding area. She volunteered at Christian Care for many years and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed her flowers gardening, puzzles and playing cards, and most of all of her grandchildren. She attended many churches in the area.

Survivors include her husband, Jim of Bluffton; along with two sons, Terry (Linda) Masterson of Poneto and Doug (Marie) Masterson; two grandchildren, D.J. (Toni) Masterson and Terra (Chad) Morris, all of Bluffton; and six great-grandchildren.

Stella is also survived by siblings, Donald Lee (Eunice) West of Bluffton, Charles (Donna) West of Geneva, Pauline Rothgeb of Fort Wayne, Midge (Huey) Ginter of Liberty Center, Bernice (Larry) Wine of Fort Wayne; along with many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter; along with siblings, Raymond, Harold and Claude West, and Ruby Mae Copeland.

A service to celebrate Stella's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Jeff Lemler officiating. Visitation will take place on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral, and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Stella's name to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. Stella's funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

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### HOSTED DISTRICT

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary Unit #368 recently hosted the November 5th District meeting. Unit President Karen Kirkpatrick (above left), welcomed Fifth District delegates, Department guests and presented District President, Linda Torpy (above right) of Laketon Unit #402, with a gift.

Nine Units were represented to hear chairman reports and welcome Department guests: Department President Peggy Bishop of Evansville, National Executive Committeewoman Ruth Rairdon of Shelbyville; President-Elect Judy Morris of Lebanon; Vice President Betty Slagle of Nappanee; Past Department President Florence Briggs of Eaton; Department Historian Rose Ann Dzielgiewicz of St John; Department Sgt-of-Arms Mary Edwards of English and Brenda Byerly of Boonville.

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\* Be the ultimate holiday gifter. In many cases, the hardest part of shopping for loved ones is actually deciding what you're going to get them while sticking to your budget. This is especially true for people who seem to have everything, or those known to be very picky. But have no fear - your smartphone can turn you into a gifting-genius by giving you endless hours of online browsing while helping you find the best prices. In fact, forty-one percent of Americans say they will buy up to 10 gifts on their smartphones during the holiday season.

\* Put your phone plan on the nice list. Switching to a more affordable cellular plan this year can help you spread more holiday cheer. Straight Talk Wireless offers consumers access to the best phones on the best networks at half the cost. For just \$45 per month you get unlimited talk, text and data with the first 5GB at high speeds (then 2G). And now you can double your data for only \$10 more with Straight Talk Wireless' 10GB plan, with the first 10GB of data at high speeds (then 2G) - all for \$55. And switching is easy because you can keep your phone, network and number with Straight Talk's Bring Your Own Phone program (BYOP). Best of all, there are no contracts, credit checks or mystery fees. Leave your old smartphone hassles behind this year, and replace them with more time for holiday fun.

\* Get in the holiday spirit with song. Why not use your favorite music app for a little seasonal merriment this year? Whether you import an established holiday playlist

of tried-and-true classics or create one of your own, the right holiday mix can get you into the spirit of the season and turn your holiday to-do list into holiday to-done.

To learn more about how Straight Talk Wireless can help you make the most of this holiday season, visit [get.straighttalk.com/holiday](http://get.straighttalk.com/holiday).

\*At 2G speeds, the functionality of some data applications, such as streaming audio or video may be affected. Please refer always to the latest Terms and Conditions of Service at [StraightTalk.com](http://StraightTalk.com).

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KRC Research conducted this research on behalf of Straight Talk via an online survey of 1,039 U.S. adults ages 18+. The survey was conducted between November 3rd-November 4th, 2016.

## A GUIDE TO HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WORTH STARTING IN 2016

(BPT) - Every family has their own set of traditions. Some involve going to holiday parties or shows like the Nutcracker, baking batches of cookies or a trip to the Christmas tree farm.

But just as our phones, cars and lives have changed over the past 10 years, so have holiday traditions. While ugly sweaters, family, trees and

gifts are as much a part of the holiday spirit as ever, new traditions are popping up, adding new memories and new possibilities to the holiday season.

New travel destinations

There was a time when it seemed like everyone scrambled to make it home for the holidays. And while families are still making plans to get together, an increasing number are shaking things up by traveling to a new state or a new city to celebrate the holidays.

And they're not only traveling to the iconic spots like the ice rink in Rockefeller Center or seeking out palm trees and white sand beaches. One vacation theme that has been rising in popularity involves reliving favorite Christmas movies.

The best example of this trend can be seen in Cleveland, Ohio where A Christmas Story House & Museum ([www.achristmasstoryhouse.com](http://www.achristmasstoryhouse.com)) is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary. Each year, thousands of people from all

over the country make the trip to visit the restored house where the iconic movie was filmed. Inside A Christmas Story House, open year-round, every room and detail matches up to the movie so people who have grown up watching the movie year after year can have the first-hand experience of what it's like to be one of the Parkers. Only the furnace works a little better, and no one gets his or her mouth washed out with soap.

Changing shopping habits

You've probably seen a store advertising artisanal, hand crafted, locally produced goods pop up in your neighborhood. It's a sign that people's buying habits are changing. This is especially true when it comes to their holiday shopping routines.

While there may still be plenty of people lining up outside of the big box stores for Black Friday sales, more and more are searching for that one-of-a-kind gift that can only be found in a local store or after some serious online hunting. Instead of

giving each other the gift everyone else wants, people are trying to give each other gifts that are truly unique and thoughtful.

Get a workout in

It's tradition to prepare for the numerous snacks, sweets and huge meals of the holiday season by buying a couple of baggy sweaters. But the current health conscious generation is changing that.

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No, they're not replacing sugar cookies with kale chips, rather, adding a workout to the Christmas routine.

Many cities around the country now host Santa and reindeer-themed runs. But as fun as these are, few are as unique or memorable as A Christmas Story 5K/10K Run. Taking place each year in Cleveland, Ohio, the race involves more than 5,000 people dressed in pink bunny pajamas, the infamous lamp or any character from the iconic movie. Participants run from the former Higbee's Department Store and finish at A Christmas Story House & Museum, where runners can visit the gift shop to shop for some amazing A Christmas Story-themed presents. Those who are unable to make the trip, can still order their own Leg Lamp at [www.redriderleglamps.com](http://www.redriderleglamps.com)!

### 4 TAX CHANGES THAT COULD IMPACT YOUR 2016 RETURN

(BPT) - With tax filing season upon us, it's a good idea to educate yourself on what's changed since last year. While it's been a relatively quiet year in terms of new tax laws, there are a handful of items for which you'll want to prepare.

1. The Tax Deadline is April 18.

This year, the deadline to file returns is Tuesday, April 18, 2017, rather than the traditional April 15 date.

That's because the April 15 falls on a Saturday and Emancipation Day, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery, is recognized on Monday, April 17, 2017 and is a holiday in the District of Columbia. For tax-filing purposes, the IRS treats this day as a federal holiday.

2. Delayed refunds for some early filers.

If you claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) this year, you'll have to wait until after mid-February to get your refund. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, passed in late 2015, says the IRS cannot issue credits or refunds for an overpayment before Feb. 15, 2017 to any filer who claims the EITC or ACTC.

The delay gives the IRS more time to review income tax returns - and prevent the agency from inadvertently processing fraudulent returns. Fraudsters file bogus returns before the actual filer can complete their taxes and often claim credits like the EITC and ACTC.

Both the EITC and ACTC are refundable tax credits. That means they are beneficial even after reducing your tax liability to zero. If the amount of these credits is more than the amount of taxes due, you'll get the difference back as a refund. Savvy criminals know this - and input numbers to make it look like they should get more money back.

If you don't file either of these credits, the IRS says your refund will likely get processed in the typical time frame of 21 days.

3. Don't be surprised if your state asks for your driver's license number or state ID.

Depending on the state in which you live, you may be asked to provide your driver's license number (DLN) or state ID number when you file your 2016 state return. This is part of a broad effort by the IRS, states and the entire tax industry to lessen the risk of tax-related identity theft. Identity thieves may have personal information such as your name and Social Security number, but not your DLN. The additional information helps states verify you are who you say you are.

"Some states, such as Alabama, will ask taxpayers who e-file to provide both the DLN as well as date of issue, expiration number and issuing state," says Mark Jaeger, director of Tax Development for TaxAct. "If you use a DIY tax solution like TaxAct, you'll be prompted to enter the information required by your state as you prepare your return."

Implementing additional identity verification measures, such as requesting a filer's DLN and related information, can help curtail the number of fraudulent returns states process this year. The IRS now requests

this information, but it is not required to electronically file a federal return.

4. Affordable Care Act (ACA) forms may be late this year - but don't wait to file your return.

By now, you're probably accustomed to receiving ACA-related forms reporting whether you and members of your household met health insurance coverage requirements established by the ACA for the prior year. What's new this year is when you'll receive some of those forms.

The deadline for companies and insurers to issue Forms 1095-B and 1095-C to individuals has been delayed this year. Employers and insurance providers must mail your forms by March 2, 2017 - considerably later than the original Jan. 31 deadline.

"Remember, you don't need to file these forms with your return," Jaeger says.

"However, the forms can be helpful in identifying coverage months if the entire tax household did not have full-year health insurance coverage. Once you receive the applicable form, keep it with your other tax documents. The IRS gets their own copy so you don't need to attach it to your return."

Keep up to date with a little help from your friends.

Staying abreast of tax changes before you file your return can be tough. Fortunately, taxpayers can turn to a number of resources, including TaxAct, for help.



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