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Thought for the Week: When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less. Paul Brown

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Salamonie School Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser, Thursday, January 28 from 5pm - 7 pm, for the 4th and 5th grade Chicago trip. Parking in back of School. Free Will Donation.

SWINE BOOSTERS

The Huntington County Swine Boosters will meet on Wednesday January 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntington Co. Courthouse Annex Conference Room. The discussion items include equipment/property improvements and an update on the May 22 Swine Show at the Huntington Co. Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 1340 South Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

SPELLING CHAMP

Congratulations to Brooke Swaidner for winning the Salamonie School 5th grade spelling bee 2015-2016. Brooke won in the 12th round spelling the word "sympathy" correctly. Brooke will compete in the Huntington County Spelling Bee at Huntington University on February 8th. Our runner up was Luke Trickle, 5th grade.

4-H ENROLLMENT

Indiana 4-H enrollment is now open in Huntington County through January 15, 2016. 4-H is a premier source of enjoyable, educational programs to help young people reach their full potential. Plus, new for 2016, enrollment is easier than ever

with the 4-H Online system, <https://in.4honline.com>.

Indiana 4-H is the state's largest youth development program for grades 3-12, reaching over 200,000 youth in all 92 counties. 4-H Youth Development Educators in each Purdue Extension county office coordinate local activities.

In Huntington County, approved adult volunteers teach young people specific skills related to a wide variety of subjects through hands-on, experiential learning. Youth also develop leadership and citizenship skills by participating in one of 34 organized 4-H Clubs. Subjects include: science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); agriculture; citizenship; healthy living; art; consumer and family sciences; and more. In 2013, a Tufts University study showed that 4-H members also excel in positive youth development areas compared to peers, including:

- Four times more likely to contribute to their communities (grades 7-12)
- Two times more likely to make healthier choices (grade 7)
- Two times more likely to be civically active (grades 8-12)
- Two times more likely to participate in extra-curricular STEM programs (grades 10-12)

Now, the new 4-H Online system makes it even more convenient to offer enrollment, event registration, calendars, and secure payment online.

Youth may be enrolled in Huntington County 4-H by January 15, 2016 online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by visiting the Huntington County

Purdue Extension office, 1350 S. Jefferson St, Ste. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The \$15 fee per child includes all Indiana 4-H program fees.

For more information about specific 4-H subjects in Huntington County or the 4-H program in general, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington If you have questions about Huntington County 4-H, call Karen Hinshaw, County Extension Director, Health & Human Sciences Educator, at 260-358-4826.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Kent Abernathy, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced that all BMV license branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 16 through Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

All branches resume their regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

APPLY FOR STUDENT PAGE

Local students in grades six through 12 can submit requests to serve as a page with State Sen. Jim Banks' (R-Columbia City) office at the Statehouse during the Indiana General Assembly's 2016 legislative session.

"The Senate page program allows students to come to downtown Indianapolis and tour the Statehouse, as well as interact with state officials and observe debates inside the Senate Chamber," Banks said. "This is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience in the legislative process."

Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school. The day begins with orientation at 8:30 a.m., and pages are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Students break for lunch prior to the Senate session.

The program runs from January through March. Students may serve as pages on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Due to limited space, applicants need to submit materials as soon as possible.

Students can apply online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program or send a letter to State Sen. Jim Banks, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Applications need to include the student's name, address, home telephone number, age and school affiliation or home-school status.

After applications are processed, students receive confirmation of his or her scheduled date to serve.

For more information, call 800-382-9467.

SALAMONIE EVENTS

Upcoming events at Salamonie School are:

Jan. 19 - All school skating party @ West Park Skate Center, Huntington

Jan. 21 - PROS (Parent's Reaching Out @ Salamonie) meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 - 5th grade b/g basketball game @ Lancaster Elem. 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 26 - 5th grade b/g basketball game @ Andrews Elem., 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 27 - 5th grade b/g basketball game @ Salamonie Elem., 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 28 - Early release day @ 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 28 - Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

WELLS ROBOTICS

The Wells County 4-H Robotics Club will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday, January 11, 6:30 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Meetings will continue on January 18, 30, February 8, 20, 29, March 12, 28, and April 11 and 25. The club will also have some representatives participating in the State 4-H Robotic Challenge on April 23 in Danville, Indiana.

Robotics members will work in teams to build and program a robot to perform various tasks to complete a challenge.

The robots (Lego Mindstorm EV-3's) and laptop computers are provided by the club. Special thanks to sponsors of the equipment: Wells County Foundation, Northwood Computers, Wells County Economic Development, Apex Clean Energy, Indiana 4-H Foundation, and the Wells County 4-H Association.

Families can enroll youth at the first meeting or by going to: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells. The annual membership fee is \$20 per member. This is only paid once each year. If you are a member of another club in 2016, you do not pay the fee for that club. Robotics also has a supply fee of \$5 per member. Cash or check payable to Wells County 4-H (this is separate from the enrollment fee).

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THIS IS THE DAY

by Johnny A. Phillips

JANUARY 15, 2016

Composer, philanthropist, politician, diplomat and businessman, his was one of the most varied and interesting lives in modern history. It was today, January 15, 1919, ninety-seven years ago when Ignacy Jan Paderewski was appointed Prime Minister as well as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the newly independent nation of Poland.

Paderewski's accomplishments, talents, benevolences and offices held seemly had no end. He founded a vineyard in California whose wine to this day is held in highly prized. In addition to being the Prime Minister of Poland, he also served as that country's Ambassador to the League of Nations and he affixed his signature to the Treaty of Versailles. When he played the piano, Carnegie Hall would fill with his admirers as well as would Madison Square Garden and other concert halls around the globe, and some of his compositions here a century later still considered masterpieces of classical music. His humanitarian involvements were every bit as extensive: The Polish Relief Fund, the Grumwald Monument in Krakow and the Paderewski Prize for young American composers likewise a similar charitable award in Leipzig were only a few of his compassionate concerns.

While all of the above is about the man true, ironically, Paderewski is probably best known among the public for a story that is totally fictional.

It is often related that once when the great classical pianist was waiting in the wings prior to a performance a young mother with her small son arrived early at the concert hall. Hoping that Paderewski's presentation would inspire the lad who only reluctantly suffered through piano lessons, she chose seats near the front of the auditorium. Soon she engaged in conversation with other members of the audience while the neglected the youngster wandered away --- in fact he meandered up on to the stage where he sat on the bench of the grand and his little untrained fingers began to the consternation of those coming in to pick out on the keys the one tune he remembered, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

The young mother was mortified, and the early arrivals were so disgusted, thinking that such an incident was an insult to the talents of the great musician, began to jeer the child. But Paderewski having heard the commotion, instead, stepped out of the wings, and came up behind the little pianist. There he reached over his shoulders and began to weave into the tune a counter melody while all the time whispering into the child's ears, "Don't stop; keep on playing. Don't stop; keep on playing."

The story is purely fictional; however, it serves very well to teach us a spiritual truth. Many of our best efforts are liken unto a child playing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Nevertheless the Master comes up behind us with words of encouragement reminding us it is He who ultimately is responsible for results and that for which we are accountable is simply to give our best efforts.

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CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
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Worship Service 9:00a.m.
Sunday School 10:00a.m.
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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.
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.
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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.
SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
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Paul Burris, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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468-2411
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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 Worship9:30 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 School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.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
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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
The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am
Sunday School 10:30am
Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m.
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Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p
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Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Richard Ladouceur
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Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Youth Group6:00 pm
Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

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Scholarships are available for the membership and the supply fees. No youth will be turned away for financial reasons. Check with the leaders or the Extension Office for details.

For more information about the Robotics Club, contact leaders: Brandon Gephart, 765-499-7042, Jason Bricker, 765-717-0517 or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

HORSE & PONY

The Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will meet Wednesday, January 13, 6 – 8 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Details about this year's club events will be shared and door prizes will be awarded.

Members are encouraged to bring a box of cereal to donate to the Kids Backpack Program.

For more information, contact Ann Elmore, 260-824-0912 or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

POULTRY WORKSHOP

The Wells County 4-H Poultry Project will hold a workshop on Thursday, January 14, 7 – 8 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Topics for the meeting will include information on types and breeds of poultry. Suggestions by the Poultry Committee will also be shared on where to find various breeds of poultry and about what would be best to start in 4-H Poultry.

For more information about the workshop and 4-H Poultry, contact Jeff Ivins, 260-273-9083 or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

BE HEART SMART

As the leading cause of death for all Americans, heart disease claims 600,000 lives annually. It's understandably frightening to be at risk for heart disease. Purdue Extension's Be Heart Smart program can help you fight this disease by better understanding it and gaining the necessary knowledge to make heart-smart choices.

Purdue Extension's Be Heart Smart program is a new community program comprising four heart-health classes. It's intended to complement healthcare providers' recommendations and help you, or your loved one, prevent or manage heart disease.

Topics include:

- Identifying and understanding risk factors for heart disease
- Guidelines for healthy cholesterol and blood pressure
- A heart-healthy eating plan, including a cooking demonstration
- Techniques for stress reduction
- Best practices for talking to healthcare providers

Join Molly Hoag, Health & Human Sciences Extension Educator, for the Be Heart Smart program on four Thursday nights: February 4, 11, 18, and 25th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Registration is \$15 due by February 4th.

Register by calling Purdue Extension Wells County office at 260-824-6412. Please register before January 28, 2016. For more information, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

TRI KAPPA

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa met on January 5th at the home of Christy Neuenschwander.

The meeting was called to order by President Courtney Sewell. Roll call was taken by answering, "What you did to bring in the new year." There were eight members present. They were, Wendy Laymon, Rita Bolinger, Christy Neuenschwander, Erin Small, Courtney Sewell, Karen Pinkerton and Andrea McQueen. The business meeting was held at this time.

Some topics discussed were, the December bake sale held at Heritage Pointe, spring fundraising ideas, the tree preparation for the Holiday Walk and Festival of Trees, a Cross Keys report given by Debbie Ledbetter, and the success of our annual nut fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. February 2nd, 2016 at the home of Karen Pinkerton. We will be having a chocolate or sweets exchange, for Valentines Day.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Club met January 8, 2016 at Heritage Pointe in the Calico room.

President Peggy Schweikhardt opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with the members reciting the collect.

Roll call was taken answering Most Unusual Winter Experience.

Sue Blair introduced the guest speaker, Marsha Wright from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She is an

Author, speaker, writer and also a music teacher having study at three universities including The University of Jerusalem. She also directs Senior Saints Sing Together.

Marsha gave a talk and power point of her Mother, Margaret Ringenberg accomplishments in flying. She was a WASP who flew during World War II and also has circled the world twice, in powder puff derby's racing planes. She was the youngest of three children growing up in the Hoagland area. Her parents, especially her father encouraged her to follow her dream of flying.

In a daring move, young Maggie carried her pilot's license and responded to an invitation from Uncle Sam to join the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, the WASP, one America's first women Air Force pilots, she served her country and did what she loved the most—flying. Maggie dropped flyers from her airplane over Ft. Wayne announcing the end of the war and had been sponsored by radio station WGL.

During her life-long aviation career, Margaret "Maggie" Ray Ringenberg logged over 40,000 flying hours. Racing planes, she has circled the world twice continuing to race well into her 80's. Tom Brokaw paid tribute to this amazing woman, dedicating an entire chapter to her story in "The Greatest Generation." Mother, grandmother, public speaker and pilot, Maggie inspires others to follow their dreams to new heights.

After her presentation, minutes of the December meeting were read by Karen Hunnicutt, substituting for Nancy Bonham. Treasurer's report was given by Sharon Gebhart for LuEllyn Pond.

Peggy closed the meeting with a reading titled "Country People and their Riches." Refreshments were served by Janet Beavans and Carol Spangler.

Those in attendance were: Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Elaine Eckman, Barbara Engle, Linda Howell, Phylis Hubartt, Suellen Jones, Colleen Oden, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Kitty Throop, Alice Whitmore, Ellen Laymon and those mentioned above.

SIGMA PHI

On January 5, eleven members of the Beta-Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority, met at the Knight-Bergman Center for their first meeting of the year 2016. President Tara Korporal called the meeting to order. Followed by Susan Ralston taking the roll call of members present by asking what their favorite winter past time is. Susan then read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved. Kathy Ralston gave the Treasurers report for the month. Carol Irick read a letter describing the various projects and supplies requested for the International Convention to be held in July. Jenny Plummer read Christmas cards that the Chapter had received.

It was followed by a discussion lead by her, about our upcoming luncheon at the Knight-Bergman Center on April 3. The main dishes of baked steak and chicken and noodles were decided upon.

Claudia Boxell reported that the by-law changes were approved.

Lorie Fiock passed a sign-up sheet for Alpha-Bits.

Carol announced that the Calico room had been reserved by Sharon Gebhart for the 70th anniversary party to be held March 12, 2016.

Province will be held in Kokomo this year and the deadline for sign-up is February 12, 2016.

The meeting was closed with

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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.

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| Jan 18 | | Martin Luther King Day |
| Jan 18 | 6:30p | W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC |
| Jan 20 | 7:00p | V - Town Council Meeting |
| Feb 3 | Noon | W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall |
| Feb 3 | 7:00p | V - Town Council Meeting |
| Feb 8 | 5:30p | W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall |
| Feb 12 | | Lincoln's Birthday |
| Feb 14 | | Valentine's Day |
| Feb 15 | | President's Day |

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 These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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 prayer by Betty Yoder.
 Other members present but not mentioned Sandy Eichhorn, Suzette Gephart and Rosemary Zeller.
 The next business meeting will be February 2, 2016.

MASTER NATURALIST CLASS

Do you love our natural world and sharing it with others? If you would like to learn more about nature in an indoor/outdoor hands-on setting at a State Park then this Master Naturalist Program is for you.
 Ouabache State Park has partnered with Friends of Ouabache State Park, Wells County Purdue Extension, Wells County YMCA and Limberlost State Historic Site to host an Indiana Master Naturalist class from March 16 through May 11 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-9:30pm. The Indiana Master Naturalist Program (IMNP) is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue University Extension to provide Hoosier's who love experiencing and then sharing nature with others by learning through hands-on educational opportunities.
 The mission of the IMNP is to bring together natural resources specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils and wildlife and to promote volunteer service in local communities.
 Dustin Clark, Property Manager of Ouabache State

Park, indicated that he hopes graduated participants will choose to use their newly learned skills as volunteers for the Park and the Friends group.
 The class size will be limited to 30 students and the fee for the class is \$75.00. Registrations will be due by February 23. To get a registration or to learn more about the program, contact Jody Heaston, Indiana State Parks Volunteer Coordinator, at jheaston@dnr.in.gov or 260-437-8650 or visit Wells County Purdue Extension located at 4-H Park in Bluffton.
 The standard park entrance fee will be waived for students during class times.

COOKIE TIME

Yum! It's time for Girl Scout Cookies! Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, and the 10th anniversary of everyone's favorite Lemonades are just around the corner!
 Beginning this weekend be on the look out for those adorable Girl Scouts earning money for camp, troop adventures, and more as they look for hungry consumers to help support them. Yes, they're awesomely delicious. But buying Girl Scout Cookies is about so much more than just handing over money for a box of treats.
 It's about having fun and making new friends. And it's about the skills a girl gains from interacting directly with you—the cookie customer! It's about the experience of running her very own cookie business, working with others—and building a lifetime of confidence

as she learns five skills essential to leadership, success, and life.
 When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you help fund new adventures and life-changing opportunities for girls—from trips to our nation's capital to community projects, summer camp, and charitable donations. The more cookies you buy, the more you help today's girls develop into tomorrow's leaders.
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STAY SAFE THIS WINTER

As temperatures drop, state health officials are reminding Hoosiers to take steps to prevent injuries while clearing driveways and sidewalks of snow and ice.
 "Winter can be a fun time, but it can also be dangerous," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Activities like shoveling snow can provide a good workout, but Hoosiers need to make sure they're safe while doing so to prevent injury or even death."

Shoveling snow can put a big strain on your heart and muscles. Don't pick up that shovel without a doctor's permission if you have a history of heart disease. If you feel tightness in the chest or dizziness, stop immediately. A clear driveway is not worth your life.
 Here are some other tips to stay safe while clearing the way:

- Warm up by stretching and doing a few exercises before shoveling.
- Dress warmly in layers, being sure to wear a hat and cover your neck.
- Avoid smoking or eating a large meal before shoveling.
- Shovel heavy snow in stages. Start by skimming off the snow from the top, and then remove the bottom layer. Don't overload the shovel.
- Allow enough time to do the work. Follow a slow and steady pace and take frequent breaks to stand up and stretch.
- Watch for ice patches and uneven surfaces. Don't let a hat or scarf block your vision.
- Use a shovel that's comfortable for your height and strength. Space your hands on the tool grip to increase your leverage.
- Push the snow instead of lifting it. If you must lift, squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift with your legs. Do not bend at the waist.
- Do not throw the snow over your shoulder or to the side, as it could hurt your back.
- Breathing cold air dehydrates the body, so drink water during breaks.

Operating a snow blower can also pose a hazard if the user isn't careful. Finger and hand lacerations and finger amputations can occur. Be sure to read the instruction manual and become familiar with safety

features before using a snow blower.
 Residents also are urged to use caution when walking during the winter. When snow falls, so do people. Ice-covered sidewalks, steps, driveways or porches can cause falls that result in broken bones and head injuries.
 To stay safe, remove snow and ice as soon as possible. Keep your steps and walkways as free of ice as possible by using rock salt or another chemical de-icing compound. Sand or cat litter may also be used on walkways to reduce the risk of slipping and falling.
 Don't forget your family pets. If it's too cold outside for you, it's probably too cold for your pet. Like people, animals are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside or provided adequate shelter if outside. Owners should also ensure that pets' water sources don't freeze over.
 For more winter safety tips, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/features/winterweather/>.
 Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

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Educators put in a lot of hard work for a demanding job, and local retailer United Art and Education is celebrating those efforts by sponsoring a Teacher of the Year Contest. The winning teacher will receive a \$250 gift card to United Art and Education. Students of any age are encouraged to write a short essay (250 words or less) explaining why their teacher is outstanding and turn it in to their nearest United Art and Education retail store. Entries will be accepted through April 1,

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DRENNAN

Warren Vincent Drennen passed peacefully into the arms of his Heavenly Father at 6 am on Sunday January 10, 2016. Warren died, after living a long full life, in his son's home on the land he had lived on for 68 years. He had been on hospice for over 2 months slowly losing strength.

Warren was born in Blackford Co November 20, 1920 to Benjamin Harrison and Lucy Mae (Leffingwell) Drennen. During his infancy and early years his family were tenant farmers on the Renner Stock Farm. He was a 1938 graduate from Roll High School. Warren was a lifelong farmer, tenant farming with his family on the Willmann Farm and Weschke Farm in Blackford Co before settling on their own farm in Southern Wells Co in 1948. Mr Drennen worked at Gripco Fasteners from 1973 to 1989. He was actively involved as a Wells Co Jackson Township Farm Bureau Member. He was also a life member of Friends of Five Points School. Warren was known for working hard and working well. Warren ended his farming career by giving wagon rides and tours of his farm to hundreds of children who visited the Pumpkin Kingdom.

He married Edith Lucile Spaulding, who was "the best thing that ever happened to him" on August 26, 1962. They were married at Independence Church of Christ where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. Warren



faithfully attended until his health kept him home bound.

Warren is survived by his son Rex Allen and Daughter-in-law Vivian Rose (Steffen) Drennen, granddaughter Vanessa Rose Drennen and three grandsons Vince Allen, Vaughn Robert and Valiant Brooks Drennen of Montpelier and 15 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Forest (Drennen) Rogers, his parents, and two nephews. He lost his loving wife on July 7, 2007.

Calling hours will be Wed Jan 13 from 2 to 8pm at Glancy Funeral Homes- Walker Chapel 109 W Windsor Montpelier. Funeral Thursday at 11 am, Independence Church of Christ 500N 300W, Hartford City with calling one hour prior to funeral, Les Bantz



officiating.. Arrangements handled by Glancy Funeral Homes. Memorials can be sent to Independence Church of Christ or Friends of Five Points School, Inc.

SCHLOTTER

Jay Allen Schlotter, 55, of Warren, IN, passed away unexpectedly at his home at around 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 05, 2016 in Warren.

He was born on Tuesday, July 12, 1960, in Huntington, IN to Pete and Judith Schlotter. Jay was a 1979 graduate of Huntington North High School. He formerly worked for Hiner Transport in Huntington and Rock Leasing in Warren. He was the former owner and operator

of Pipe Creek and Freight Company; both trucking companies. Jay loved spending time with his grandkids. He enjoyed fishing, reading, watching westerns and was a big history buff.

Loving survivors include: Father - Pete Schlotter, Warren, IN, Former Wife - Jill L. Vogleman, Huntington, IN, Daughter - Jessica (Fiance, Preston Dishman) Schlotter, Montpelier, IN, Daughter - Jenifer (Husband, Brad) Myers, Warren, IN, Son - Jarod Schlotter, Warren, IN, Grandchildren - Adaira & Chance, Warren, IN, Brother - Len (Wife, Cheri) Schlotter, Fishers, IN, Brother - Phil (Wife, Deb) Schlotter, Warren, IN, Brother - Loren Schlotter, Huntington, IN, Sister - Renee (Husband, Terry) McClain, Grant Co., IN, Brother - Kent Schlotter, Huntington, IN.

He was preceded in death by his: Mother - Judith Schlotter Belisle and Brother - Bary Schlotter.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Friday, January 08, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A service to celebrate his life will follow at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 08, 2016. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials: The Family-c/o Glancy Funeral Homes PO Box 366 Warren, IN 46792

COTTON

Gladys R. Cotton, 87, of Bluffton, passed away at 3:48 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

A lifetime resident of Wells County, Gladys graduated from Rockcreek High School in 1946

and Wayne University of Cosmetology. She was a beautician and the owner/operator of Gladys's Glamour Shop in Bluffton for many years.

Gladys was born June 13, 1928, in Wells County to John and Hazel McCleery McAfee. On July 27, 1947, she married Lyle J. Cotton. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2013.

She was an active leader and member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton and in the United Methodist Women. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Bluffton and Waynedale, Bayview Reading Club and Daughters of the American Revolution along with being a District Officer for B.P.W. Business and Professional Women. She also served as the president of the Fort Wayne Society of Beauticians for several years and was an active member of the Wells County Historical Society.

Survivors include her daughter, Claudia Ann (Richard) Gipson of Dillsboro, and a son, David McAfee (Kathleen) Cotton of Lynnwood, Wash. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Jason T. (Karie) Gipson, Alysa Shay Gipson, O. Bryce (Valerie) Gipson, Ian D. (Angel) Cotton, Dylan S. Cotton, Matthew S. Cotton, Joshua F. (Brandie) Cotton and Daniel C. Cotton. Other survivors are 10 great-grandchildren and a brother, Jackie (Marlene) L. McAfee of Lake George, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven F. Cotton; a daughter-in-law, Judy A. Cotton; and siblings, John McAfee, Don McAfee, Bob McAfee, Elizabeth McAfee, Fred McAfee, Harry

McAfee and Maxine Moser.

Calling hours will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A funeral service to celebrate Gladys's life will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Bard and Pastor Henry Favorite officiating. Burial will follow at Prospect Cemetery in Uniondale.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church or the Epworth Forest Improvement Fund.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

SLONE

Rose Ann Slone, 26, of Andrews, IN, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at 11:45 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Slone graduated in 2008 from Christian Life Academy, in Huntington. She was a member of Christian Life Tabernacle, in Huntington.

She was born July 1, 1989, in Fridley, MN. She is survived by her parents, Richard Alan (Brittania) Sorgdrager, of Pine City, MN, and Melanie Sue Willis (Mark) Peterson, of Warren. She married Michael T. Slone on April 18, 2008, in Huntington, and he survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Dennis Joel Slone, of Andrews; a daughter, Sara Elizabeth Slone, of Andrews; a stepdaughter, Krystal Star Slone, of Huntington; two stepsons, Christopher Michael King and Jerth Christian Chaffins, both of Huntington; four sisters, Robin Sorgdrager,

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of Pine City, MN; Ruth Thompson, of Huntington; Amanda Whitcomb, of Princeton, MN; and Alexandra Whitcomb, of Warren; two brothers, Ray Sorgdrager, of Huntington, and Kenneth Whitcomb, of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., with a service following at 2 p.m., at Christian Life Tabernacle. Rev. Jon W. Willis will officiate. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at www.livestream.com. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, in Huntington.

Gifts to assist with funeral expenses may be made to Michael T. Slone in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

WAMPNER

Willis W. Wampner, 92, of Marion, IN, and native of Huntington County, IN, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at 5:01 a.m. at Marion General Hospital.

Mr. Wampner was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. He had been employed as a machinist

for General Motors. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church, in Gas City, where he had served as a trustee for several years, and was a member of Van Buren American Legion Post 368.

He was born in 1923 in Huntington County to Tracy and Edith Coffelt Wampner. He married Donna M. Hawkins on March 20, 1946, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Christine (David) Osborn, of Anderson, and Patricia (William) Endsley, of Van Buren; a son, Joseph (Angie) Wampner, of Tucson, AZ; two brothers, Elwood (Marilyn) Wampner, of Marion, and Delbert Betty) Wampner, of Wisconsin; four sisters, Ellawione Miller, of Jonesboro; Shirley Lyons, of Gas City; Virginia (Ron) Estes, of Bunker Hill; and Lois (Tom) Kilgore, of Summitville; 10 grandchildren, J.L. Wampner, Jina Jessie, Mark Endsley, David Endsley, Brian Endsley, Mike Osborn, Kristie Adams, Lori Adams, Amber Feurstock and Kylie Fuerstock; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Monday, Jan. 11, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. A service will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, at New Hope

Baptist Church, 800E. South C St., Gas City, with Rev. Mick Simpkins and Rev. Tim Hewitt officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the New Hope Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 125, Gas City, IN 46933 or Cancer Services of Grant

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2016. The winner will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week in early May. To print an entry form to accompany an essay, visit <http://www.unitednow.com/teacheroftheyear.aspx>.

THE EFFECTS OF HEROIN USE ON TEENS

MARION, Ind. – Heroin is a highly addictive, physically damaging drug that is spreading across Indiana. But it's not limited to adult use. Teens in southeastern Indiana also are making the dangerous decision to use heroin. A 2015 survey from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center shows heroin use among students in eastern Indiana counties peaks during the sophomore year and then again senior year.

In response to heroin gaining popularity among teens, the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) and Family Service Society, Inc are bringing in two speakers to delve into this dangerous trend. The forum will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 21 at Marion Public Library Carnegie Building, 600 S. Washington Street in Marion.

Laci Giboney is not only a therapist with Unified Solutions, she also is a former heroin addict. Giboney can provide personal insight into the drug, the addiction it creates and how difficult it is to break the cycle. She spent nearly a decade in recovery trying to gain back control of her own life and hopes to start a faith-based

alternative sentencing recovery center.

Giboney will be joined by Joel Makin, a mental health counselor with Family Service Society. He is certified in addiction counseling and has worked with people who have addictions for the past five years. Makin will speak to attendees about the current trends in the recovery process and how they can help create a culture of healing.

As part of IYI's Youth Worker Café program, the forum and lunch are free, but reservations are required. Please RSVP at www.iyi.org/ywc. If you have trouble with the link, contact IYI Statewide Outreach Manager Debbie Jones via email at djones@iyi.org.

Youth Worker Cafés are designed to bring together local youth workers to build relationships and inspire collaborations that will benefit children. For more information, contact IYI East Central Outreach Manager Alison Palmer via email at apalmer@iyi.org.

6 IMPORTANT STEPS TO SOLVING ALMOST ANY PROBLEM

1. Face the problem in full light
2. Assess what you can do to solve it
3. Create a plan of action
4. Do at least one action every day according to the plan
5. Be patient and persistent
6. Know you're not alone

It's never too late to change when you don't like something in your life! But you have to be able to illuminate the cause of a problem and what part you've taken to create it in the first place. See your part in the problem, for as long as you blame someone else for it, you have no control over the change. You can't get anyone to do anything they don't want to do.

1. FACE IT

One divorced woman wrote that she'd been married for 25 years and her husband had cheated on her more than once during the marriage and had ultimately left her for another woman. She said she hardly recognized her home or herself and she blamed him. Then she realized in spite of a cheating husband she'd successfully raised two happy children and she needed to stop worrying about what her husband did and focus on what she was going to do.

She figured he probably felt he'd had a good excuse for the affairs because she'd gained a bunch of weight and was not attractive. She hadn't had the energy or desire to be intimate with him because of her unhealthy body, the house had gotten out of control and she was a fulltime homemaker and felt guilty for her shortcomings.

It occurred to her if she were to get her act together; she'd get her life back, her body back and her home back. She didn't mention anything about wanting to get her ex back. It took her a little over a year to reach her goal and she was looking forward to flaunting her new self (in a size eight, mother-of-the-bride suit) at their daughter's wedding.

2. DO WHAT YOU CAN DO
Deciding what you can do, especially when someone is unfaithful, isn't always easy, but it's necessary if you want your power back. I remember going to my minister when my husband was caught having an affair (I had three little kids and they came to the session with me because I couldn't get a babysitter) and he told me that my job was to be the best me I could be, not for my husband but for me. Back then I was frumpy, suspicious, and overweight and kept a totally cluttered and dirty home. I knew what I needed to do. I knew disorganization affected every aspect of my life; my health, relationships, finances, appearance, recreation, hospitality etc. but I got temporarily stuck in self-pity and the resultant poor habits and routines. Getting help is essential, and most of us aren't very good at asking for help, but we need to get over that.

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It was only when I shared my problems with my sister that the two of us came up with a plan. Where two or more are gathered you increase the energy tenfold, whether you're robbing a bank or getting organized.

3. CREATE A PLAN

When I discovered that I could baby step my way to being organized, I let go of the vision of a mountain to climb. In Sidetracked Home Executives: from pigpen to paradise we said, "You can only eat an elephant one bite at a time!" Not that we were into eating elephants, we just initially saw our "problem" as something so much bigger than we were.

4. BREAK IT DOWN

When you break any problem down into manageable bites you can do anything! (I walk five miles every day and when I figured out in a year I walk 1,825 miles, I couldn't believe it! That's almost half way across our country.)

5. BE PATIENT AND PERSISTENT

Keep the vision of what you want in your mind as much as you can. One of my visions was surely from Nelly (my inner child). I wanted revenge. I wanted my ex to see what he lost and be sorry. Oh dear, I hadn't quite learned that vengeance isn't mine and anyway, the best revenge is having a happy successful life! We don't need to spend a single moment of our precious minds thinking about what somebody else thinks, even if he or she did hurt us. "What goes around, comes around," is good enough for me.

6. KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALONE

In The Course in Miracles it says, "If you only knew who was with you on the path you've chosen, you would never be afraid." Spend time feeling the presence of your guardian angels, the spirits of your ancestors and the Holy Spirit. You are NOT alone whether you know it or not.

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HOW TO PICK A HEALTHCARE PLAN IF YOU HAVE A CHRONIC CONDITION

(StatePoint) Choosing a healthcare plan can be difficult, especially when you have a chronic lung disease like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Affecting millions of Americans, COPD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema and makes it difficult to breathe. It can also be very expensive.

"Understanding the true total cost associated with available healthcare plans is so important for those with high-cost health needs like COPD, as access to care doesn't help patients unless they can afford it," says Harold P. Wimmer, National President and CEO of the American Lung Association.

When choosing a plan, consider all the factors that affect yearly out-of-pocket costs, including the premium, deductible and co-pay or coinsurance amounts. Also, check each plan's coverage for doctors, specialists, hospitals and medications. COPD patients may reach the maximum out-of-pocket expenses. Adding the total premiums to that figure should give patients an accurate estimate of annual costs.

The deadline for individuals to enroll in a healthcare plan for 2016 is January 31. For guidance on choosing the most cost-effective plan, visit Lung.org. COPD patients and their caregivers can call the Lung Association's free HelpLine at 1-800-LUNGUSA to speak with a certified enrollment counselor.

Before enrolling in a healthcare plan, use free resources available to help you make the most financially sound decision for your circumstances.

LET'S GET YOUR MIND BACK IN SHAPE

from the American Counseling Association
It's the time of the year when many of us get serious about getting our bodies back in shape. After all those holiday treats, we may notice that our clothes are just a wee bit tighter and that we seem out of breath much more often.

But while getting and staying physically fit is a great goal, many of us ignore the idea that we also need to be mentally fit.

And just as you can exercise

your muscles to get in better physical shape, there are things you can do to reduce stress and get your feelings and attitudes into better shape.

One starting point for shaping up your mental health is simply to make some time for yourself. It's easy in today's busy world to find yourself buried in work, family issues and social obligations, leaving little or no time for yourself.

An easy fix to that is to create a daily schedule that includes a time slot for "you." Actually schedule a time each day when you can do one thing that you find relaxing or enjoyable, then stick to that schedule. When it's "you" time, pick up a book or take that walk and leave the stress behind.

You can also improve mental well-being by doing things outside yourself. When you give something back to others, it can offer a meaningful escape from your own problems while also providing a sense of fulfillment and self-worth that's essential for good mental health. Look for volunteer opportunities with community, civic or religious groups that will give you a chance to do some good for others.

And yes, staying physically active and fit also plays a role in improved mental health.

Studies have found, for example, that exercise is a great way to fight depression. And as we get ourselves into better shape we begin to feel more confident about how we look and what we can do -- feelings that add up to good mental health.

Just as those extra pounds from all those holiday cookies are not going to disappear like magic, reducing stress and eliminating problems also takes effort to keep those issues under control. But when you build a little relaxation into your life, reach

out to help others, and stay physically fit, you'll find mental health improving, making it easier to cope with the challenges of everyday life.

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RESOLUTIONS STICK

(StatePoint) If your 2016 resolution is to spend less and save more, you're not alone. A quarter of US consumers are making money-saving resolutions, according to Nielsen surveys.

While everyone sets out with the best of intentions, the truth is that only eight percent of us are successful at achieving our New Year's goals, according to research published in the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology. With a little preparation you can be the exception to the rule.

- Prioritize goals: While you may think that saving money, getting promoted at work and earning a significant pay increase sound like great aspirations, you may be biting off more than you can chew. Instead of making a long list of possible resolutions, determine one or two top priorities so you can fully devote yourself to those goals.

- Make Measurable, Attainable Resolutions: Once you've set your money-saving goals, determine how you'll measure success. For example, if you are saving for your dream vacation, determine how

much to set aside for the trip and how much to save each month to reach that goal. Then, set short-and long-term milestones to help you stay motivated.

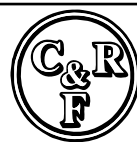
- Save for a rainy day: Putting away a small amount every week for emergencies can add up to big savings in the long run.

- Replace household items: Even though your refrigerator or fixtures may be working fine, they may be using more energy or water than they should. To save on water bills choose a quality faucet with a lower flow rate. For example, the new Kaden high-arc pulldown kitchen faucet from Moen offers a low flow rate with a sleek design that's easy on the wallet. It's long-lasting, too, which also saves money in the long run, as it's offered in Moen's exclusive Spot Resist Stainless finish, which helps resist fingerprints and water spots to maintain the brilliance of the fixture.

- Repurpose your stuff: One way to save is by repurposing what you already own. Use the New Year as a time to clean out closets, empty storage units and breathe new life into items by refinishing furniture or updating existing pieces of clothing. You can even sell clothes you don't wear as often through your own shop on websites like eBay or Poshmark.

- Heat up your savings: If you rely on oil to heat your home, contact your energy provider to determine whether you can pre-pay to lock into lower rates. This way, you won't have to worry about rising prices when the temperatures go down.

Setting achievable goals and planning ahead can help you stick with your resolution to save money.



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