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Thought for the Week: If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right. Henry Ford

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 7, 2023 in a called Special Meeting at Town Hall, 132 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Tavis Surfus, Jeremy Rufener: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Lee Poulson, Employee and others.

President Buzzard opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering, reviewed the Bid Tab for the Wayne Street Reconstruction Project/Community

Crossings Grant Project noting that the Bid Package stood at \$1,789,858.90 from Brooks Construction. Total cost of the project stands at approximately \$2.1 M. The project covers complete reconstruction of Wayne Street, replacement of sidewalks, and curb replacement. Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard, to accept the Commonwealth report and move forward with the project. The motion was approved unanimously.

Weather permitting, Brooks Construction has scheduled construction to begin April 2024 and last for approximately four months. Some initial clearing and preparation work could be done sooner.

Morrison summarized the 2024 Municipal Budget and reviewed the process of submitting to the Department of Local Government Finance.

There being no further business to come before

Council, the meeting was adjourned.

2024 TRAVEL WITH HCCOA

Tour: Reflections of Italy, April 24, 2024, thru May 3, 2024. 10 days 12 meals

Base per person rates: Double \$4,399; Single \$5,299; Triple \$4,369 (Rates for booking made before October 25, 2023.)

Highlights: Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's David, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Milan.

Tour: America' Cowboy Country, July 25, 2024, thru August 1, 2024 8 days 10 meals

Base per person rates: Double \$4,099; Single \$5,099; Triple \$3,869. (Rates for booking made before January 25, 2024.)

Highlights: Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton National Park.

Tour: Canadian Rockies Featuring "Rocky Mountaineer Train." September 15 thru September 22, 2024. 8 days 13 meals

Base person rates: Double \$7,899; Single \$9,899; Triple \$7,799 (Rates for booking made before November 30, 2023.)

Highlights: Vancouver, Rocky Mountaineer Rail Tours, Vancouver, British Columbia, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Rimrock Resort, Banff, Alberta,

Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, Alberta.

A detailed overview of each trip will be presented by Eric Scott of Collette Travel on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 1:30 pm. Please note that all prices are subject to change. Call the Huntington Council on Aging, Senior Center office to reserve your spot for the informational meeting.

For more information contact: Dick Murray, Huntington County Council on Aging 260-359-4410 or dmurray@huntingtoncountycy oa.org

DO YOU ENJOY BOWLING?

Do other people at your Church enjoy bowling? E-Z Bowl of Bluffton has a Monday Night Church Bowling League. This league welcomes Church teams from the area. This is a coed Adult league, for 4 Bowlers each Monday Night starting at 7:30 P.M. A team can have more than 4 members, but only 4 bowlers will compete each league night. This is a great way for 4, or more, members of a Church to get to know and encourage one another weekly. Or, for two couples to have a good evening together. It is a great way to interact with other Church fellowships.

All skill levels are welcome, and you can rent Bowling Shoes and use Bowling Balls from E-Z Bowl. Also, individuals, who want to bowl, can combine with people from other Churches to form a combination team. So, if you only have a couple of people who want to bowl, please call and make your situation known.

E-Z Bowl of Bluffton has a concession counter, which serves a variety of great food and snacks.

The Church League bowls 3 games each league night and the weekly bowling fee is only \$12.00/bowler for four bowlers/team (\$48/team). There is an annual team fee (\$40), and an individual USBA League Sanction annual fee (\$25).

Recognition of achievements are announced periodically and at the end of the season.

The League plans to begin competition Monday, August 14, 2023 and continues through April 2024.

For more information, you can contact Ed Tackett at E-Z Bowl, 1231 South Scott Street, Bluffton (260) 824-9966 or Terry Daniels at the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

As students head back to the classroom, state and local law enforcement agencies are reminding motorists to stop for school buses or face the consequences. Over the next couple of weeks, officers will be increasing patrols to prevent stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving around school buses and in school zones.

More than 200 agencies are participating in the back-to-school Stop Arm Violation Enforcement campaign – better known as SAVE. The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Despite thousands of motorists being cited under

the SAVE program, unsafe driving around school buses continues to be a concern, according to state officials.

In April, thousands of bus drivers who participated in a one-day observational survey counted 2,091 stop-arm violations in Indiana. That one-day total, when multiplied by the number of school days, adds up to a potential 376,380 violations throughout the school year.

"It is disheartening that we still have people who are willing to put the lives of students and bus drivers at risk," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Law enforcement cannot be everywhere, so it is up to drivers to do the right thing and exercise caution around school buses. Students' lives depend on it."

The data comes from the National School Bus Illegal Passing Driver Survey, which is managed by the Indiana Department of Education in the state. This year, data collection took place on April 25, with 6,665 bus drivers participating from 195 school districts.

To prevent unsafe driving, officers will use a range of enforcement strategies from high-visibility patrols to police spotters on buses. For each jurisdiction, officers will coordinate with local bus drivers and school transportation officials, with efforts concentrating in the morning and afternoon hours. Agencies will also be working to raise awareness about the importance of school bus safety and following the law.

Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop when the overhead lights on a

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Wow July went flying by and now the kids will be off to school this week. I believe Klynn is ready to go back. She really likes school and hopefully she keeps up with her homework. She struggled last year because she just didn't want to do it. I understand being in school for 7-8 hours who wants to do homework when they get home, not me!!

I can remember my first days of school. All the new workbooks, text books and all the supplies we needed to get through the year. Now most of it is on the computer so there is not much but the text rental is still out of this world. I heard and I'm not sure if this is true but the state of Indiana got rid of all textbook rentals and computer charges. That would be great, those costs were astronomical for some grades. So let's hope that the news is true.

You know kids always have a growth spurt over the summer and of course then they need new clothes, shoes etc. And on top of getting all the supplies that the teachers need for each class, parents are literally broke. Then to top off with the book rental...it's unreal. I wonder how my mom and dad ever did it. I know we had homemade clothes and took our lunch many of times because of the cost. But that didn't make any difference we were still accepted as we were. Now days kids have to have certain shoes, clothes, clear down to the school supplies needs to be the best. Thank god for the churches and etc for donations to those kids. It helps out a lot.

I love the first days of school pictures. You can tell how quick those kids grow up. Then when it's May and it's the last day of the school year, I am just amazed how much different the photos are. It amazes me how time flies and how fast children grow and then the next time they are graduating and off to college, then have kids of their own all in the blink of an eye.

This past couple weeks we have hit some local car shows. Two shows and 3 trophies later so we're off to a good start. We can't possibly hit all the shows but I like to go to certain ones. John said we are gonna have to do something with the trophies and I said I have that all planned out. My office will get moved and we'll turn it into a trophy room. Trust me I got this!! So that's the next room once I get some other things done first.

I won't be starting anything too soon, I go in for hand surgery the 25th. I have a trigger thumb and carpal tunnel on my left hand getting done. Should be out for at least 4 weeks, so I got some things lined up to get done that doesn't require both hands. So wish me luck, I will be glad when I get

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>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</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
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 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
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 375-2102
 www.warrenucc.net
 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 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</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
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school bus are flashing yellow. Once the lights turn red and the stop arm extends, drivers are required to stop on all roads with one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.

Motorists should also be mindful of posted speed limits, avoid distractions and watch for children in or near school and residential areas. Planning ahead and allowing for extra time during each commute will help keep all road users safe.

Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days for the first offense or up to 1 year for the second.

If the person disregarding a school bus stop arm causes bodily injury to a person, the offense becomes a Class 6 felony. Violators face anywhere from six months to two and a half years in jail. If someone is killed, the offense becomes a Class 5 felony, carrying a sentence between one year and six years.

ANTIQUe STEAM & GAS ENGINE SHOW

The 46th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Engine Show will be held August 17 – 20, 2023 in Jefferson Township Park at 1720 S. Webster Road, New Haven, IN. Admission charge is only \$5.00 a day or \$10.00 for all four days. Memberships are available. More information at Maumeevalley.org.

This year we are featuring International Harvester Tractors, Gas Engines and Garden tractors with a special feature of the Scout built in Fort Wayne, Indiana. NEW: A cruise-in of Pre-1974 car and trucks 9 a.m. to dusk Friday and Saturday. We also welcome other brands of gas engine and tractors.

All exhibitors are free but must register at the office to receive a button and plaque. See the 125 HP, 15-ton Buckeye Oil Engine with a 19" piston that came from Grabill, IN, one of two in existence still running. A stationary Chews steam engine will also be in operation. Visit the trading post, flea market, quilt show and blacksmith shop. Plowing, sawing lumber and threshing wheat with tractors and steam engines will be demonstrated. Children will enjoy a sand box, barrel train rides, and tractor driving lessons and special activities Saturday of a Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m. and an Exotic Animal Show at 3:00 p.m. with a Magic show after the parade.

A show favorite, steamed sweet corn will be sold. I bet you will not eat just one. Fish and Chicken dinners will be served Friday and Chicken dinners on Saturday. Other food vendors and homemade ice cream are available. Dekalb County Horsemen will give free hayrides on Friday and Saturday with horses and mules. Tractor pulls will be held Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Friday evening entertainment will be country music at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, a square dance begins at 6:00 p.m. A spark show (Steam engine fireworks) will be after the

entertainment about 9:30 p.m. President Tony Herman (260-414-9489). Daily admission is \$5.00 or \$10 for all 4 days. Children 12 and under are free. Opens at 9 a.m. and closes at dusk. Golf carts are welcome with proof of insurance. The cost for all four days is \$10.00.

HOLLAND MICHIGAN TULIP TRIP DAY # 2

by Larry Ryan
Good Morning! After a complimentary breakfast in Sharkee's Grill at Hampton Inn, the bus departed at 9:30 for downtown Holland. It was free time to shop or browse the many stores. We stopped for a while at Window on the Waterfront Park to view the 68,000 tulips. No, I did not have time to count them; took the word of our tour guide. Besides, it was only 43 degrees!

While motoring past the city's Electric Power Plant, we were informed that the plant also heats water that runs through tubes in the downtown sidewalks. Not only can a person walk barefoot in winter, but it aids in snow removal! Lack of foot wear, in Wooden Shoe region? The driver gave us a bus tour of the inner city streets to familiarize us somewhat and stopped north of Centennial Park to unload our group between 8th and 9th Streets. He announced

that this would also be the gathering location for a 1:00 pm departure.

This allowed three hours to get lost or shop. My wife and I are not big on shopping, but we forced ourselves to enter a few stores. However, I found a few items of interest at the Dutch Village Downtown business. I cannot tell what they are because it's a secret! In the last few years, a decision was made to purchase Christmas gifts as early as possible to avoid the December rush. This determination led me to pull out the credit card and carry boxes to lunch.

In addition, we purchased two small jars of pretzel dip at the Cherry Republic store. The hundreds of food items here were all cherry flavored. My selected flavor was Cherry Horseradish Sauce. Guess

which one opened the sinuses?

We chose the perfect location for lunch. The only seats available at the busy, Crane's Restaurant on East 8th Street, was at the front window counter. We conquered the elevated stools and enjoyed people-watching while devouring our meals. She selected a tasty bowl of chili soup. Remember, it was chilly outside. I ordered the usual turkey and cheese on rye bread. Hot tea was a requirement and we shared their famous apple cider donut.

While leaving downtown, I noticed an old building that maintained the faded name of the former business: Studebaker, DeSoto, Plymouth, and Venhuzjen Auto Co. That dates back to the late 1940s to early 1950s.

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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.

Aug 14	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 16	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 23	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 25	6:30p	W - Whoa Man Concert @ Riverside Park
Sep 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Sep 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Sep 11	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Sep 23	6:30p	W - SSF Committee Meeting @ KBC
Sep 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
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In five minutes the bus arrived at the Windmill Island Gardens. The multicolored tulips here numbered at least 150,000 on 36 acres. Besides these admired beauties, a Dutch street organ, named the Four Column' Amsterdam Street Organ, played high-pitched music intermittently. Another highlight was the 251 year old, De Zwaan Windmill which still grinds wheat into flour when visitors are prohibited. I climbed up and down the wooden steps of its four floors. My leg muscles felt the effects on the next day. My wife found a nearby bench and safe-guarded a lonesome, retired, two ton millstone. At the gift store, another Christmas gift was added.

Dinner that evening was at Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant which overlooked Lake Macatawa. A buffet of chicken, braised beef and vegetables was followed with an ice cream sundae. Two passengers and the bus driver's birthdays were celebrated.

On the way back to the hotel, the bus passed the campus of Hope College. Those who wanted to see the sun set over Lake Michigan at Ottawa Beach stayed on the bus at the hotel while the shopping-weary passengers departed. The sun

disappeared at 8:25 pm amid a cloudy sky. Not the perfect view! Adjacent to the beach was a high sand dune named Mount Pisgah. Somehow a mansion was perched on top of this space. In the Bible, Moses saw the "Promised Land" from a Mount Pisgah.

A ride on a dune buggy is scheduled for tomorrow before returning home.

**CONSUMER ALERT:
PRODUCTS RECALLED IN
JULY**

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in July. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.

"The summer is coming to an end and kids are spending their final days outside before returning to school," Attorney General Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your bicycle or jungle gym are defective or could cause you or your family harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in July:

- * Sky Wheels from Soft Play

- * Yamaha Personal Transportation Vehicles from Yamaha

- * Model Year 2023 Yamaha Golf Car, PTV and Umax from Yamaha Golf Car Company

- * woom ORIGINAL Kids' Bicycles from woom Bikes USA

- * Residential 300 Series Snow Blowers from Husqvarna

- * VRURC portable chargers from VRURC

- * Frigidaire Gas Laundry Centers from Electrolux Group

- * Gas-fired hot water residential boilers from ECR International

- * Timberline Solar Energy Shingles from GAF Energy

- * Showrunner II Consoles, with included wireless phone chargers, sold with fitness equipment from True Fitness

- * Pottery Barn Kids Penny Convertible Cribs from Pottery Barn Kids

- * CUPKIN Double-Walled Stainless Steel Children's Cups from Soojimus

- * Superlight Rocks from Salewa USA

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

name flowed through me. I seldom heard her first name and called her Mrs. Strange, the greatest substitute teacher in the world.

When I was young, I was kind of a wild child and loved being away off on my own. Before I was even old enough to go to school, I would escape from the house and go exploring with my lamb and my dog, who were my best friends. We would find a bird nest or a pretty rock. Of course, there were always wild onions that were easy to find as the smell drifted across the breeze. If I was lucky, I might find a snake's skin, which I had to carefully add to my special collection so my mother wouldn't throw it out. My mother often worried about where I had gone, but I always returned home when I got hungry and the wild onions were all eaten.

My parents felt kindergarten was a waste of time. "We do not send our children to school to play," my father said. So, I didn't start school until I was old enough for first grade, and then I started a few days late. The principal ushered me to the room of a young teacher. As soon as I sat down at my desk, she asked me to recite the alphabet. I had no idea what the alphabet was. I could ride a horse bareback and identify many wild plants and animals, but I had

no idea what she was talking about.

As a result, the teacher said, "I don't have time to waste teaching a child that is dumb." I was put at a desk in the corner. I didn't mind too much because I was by myself, but the children joined in the name-calling, and the bullying was intense. More than once I got the paddle for fighting, when in reality, I was doing little more than defending myself.

That's where Mrs. Strange came in. About halfway through the school year, one of the teachers had surgery and would be gone for a few months. Mrs. Strange became her semi-permanent substitute. She saw how the other teacher and the children treated me and quickly learned about my situation. She asked that I be transferred to her class.

She tried hard to teach me, but I often told her I was too stupid. She would have none of that, and would always say, "You can do anything and be anything you really want to be." Eventually, with her help and encouragement, I began to believe it. As I learned to read, it opened whole new worlds to my curious mind. I took books with me as I herded cows, one thing I did a lot in the summer. I soon had read the whole of our family's extensive library.

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by Daris Howard

I presented a seminar this weekend about work I have been doing for many years. It was about an ancient civilization that I had researched extensively. I studied their culture, archeology, and all I could about them. Often people will come up after such seminars to ask questions, but this time, as I was gathering my papers, a lady approached and said, "I am Emmaline Strange's daughter."

For a brief instant, I paused, then the recognition of the

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Over the years, Mrs. Strange's words of encouragement stuck with me. I worked hard and became a top athlete and valedictorian. Mrs. Strange's daughter even mentioned that and said her mother thought of me like a son. She said there was something fun the family was going to do on the night of my graduation, but Mrs. Strange came to my graduation instead to be there for me.

I had a pleasant visit with her daughter, and after she left, I continued to think of my wonderful teacher. I have had my share of failures, but I have had successes too. And each time I finished a degree, published a book, or received any honor, I often thought of Mrs. Strange.

My successes are very much the result of a kind little lady who kept telling a little boy he could be anything if he really tried.

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QUICK INDOOR ORGANIZING PROJECTS TO TACKLE NOW

(StatePoint) From leaving on vacations and weekend getaways to heading out for a hike or to a sporting event, frequent in-and-out traffic in summer can leave our spaces a mess. While a deep clean can be reserved for fall, home organizing expert Abby Lawson of the popular Abby Organizes blog says there are quick ways to tidy up the home now.

Easy Entrance and Exit: A new survey by Duck brand finds 76% of people feel "overwhelmed" by their family members' mess. To help control clutter near the entryway, install Duck brand EasyMounts Interior Drywall J Hooks to give items like beach bags, hats and umbrellas a designated spot.

Lawson says she also likes to put a basket by the door, so her kids have a place to toss their shoes.

"Helping everyone adopt a routine when they come into the door encourages tidiness," Lawson explains. "If you have little kids, move the hooks to their level, so hanging their bag becomes part of their routine."

Medicine Cabinet Makeover: The outdoor season brings its fair share of challenges like sunburn, bug bites, bee stings and rashes. Stock a cabinet with must-have emergency supplies. Lay Solid Grip Shelf Liner with Clorox on the shelf, so surfaces stay clean and dry from leaking bottles and sticky spills. Lawson keeps these essentials on a shelf near her entryway, so it's easy for her family to apply sunscreen or bug repellent quickly on their way to the park or pool.

Order for Overflow: More than half of the people surveyed say clutter in the living room is the "most annoying" mess their family members make on a regular basis. Lawson says she uses hooks on the inside wall of her hall closet to hold an organizer. This creates extra storage for small toys as well as hand soap and toilet paper. She also recommends that households establish a consistent cleanup time to "reset" the room.

"No matter how much we try to clean up, staying organized will come down to the habits that we have," Lawson says. "Institute a daily or weekly reset where everyone in the family works together to get everything back to where it goes. That will keep the clutter from piling up."

Gather Your Gadgets: From tongs to skewers, we often use the same tools to cook in the summer. Lawson suggests storing go-to grilling gadgets in a caddy, so they can easily be taken from inside to out. She also says to divide drawers with small trays and use shelf liner with fun prints and patterns under the trays to add a pop of color to the area.

Additionally, put bulky items like egg, pineapple and watermelon slicers in a basket on a higher shelf, so they don't take up drawer space.

Car Clean-Out: Whether you're heading on a day trip or a road trip, the car can easily get chaotic. Lawson recommends putting an organizer on each of the back seats, so kids' snacks, electronics and car games are easily accessible. These pockets can also be a handy place for hand sanitizer, trash bags and water.

Setting up these simple organizing systems with the help of useful products and organizing tools will encourage tidy habits for a neat home all season long.

HOW TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE AND HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

(StatePoint) As students return to classrooms, doctors say that it's important to ensure that children are up-to-date with routine childhood vaccinations.

"The evidence around vaccinations is abundantly clear; they're safe, effective and will help protect you, your loved ones and your community from preventable diseases. If you have questions about vaccines,

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this brace off my hand, but then I will probably go to another brace or cast, which I hope not the cast.

Hope everyone has a great week, the temps are lower than Texas and that's all that matters. Please say a prayer for them as they suffer through one of the worst summers they have had. My family says it's hotter than ... well you know the rest. So enjoy while we can.

GENEALOGY REPORT

THOMAS

Esther B. Thomas, 85, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at the Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Esther was born on Jan. 9, 1938, in Marion, the daughter of the late Loren Sinclair and Sally (Pearson) Beryl.

She worked at RCA for 43 years until her retirement. She was a member of the Liberty Center Community Church. Esther enjoyed horses, gardening and watching movies, especially westerns and ones about horses. She loved her family.

She is survived by her son, Mark Thomas of Keystone, and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Bobbie L. Sinclair, Allen Sinclair and David "Dink" Sinclair, and a sister, Sandra "Susie" Clark.

Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd. in Marion. Funeral Services will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jerrod Mounsey officiating.

Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion.

Memorial contributions can be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46952, or to Gilead Ministries, 212 N. Baldwin Avenue, Indiana 46952.

PEARMAN

Lucy Marie Pearman, 47, of Warren, IN, passed away at 10:38 AM on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Monday, February 16, 1976, in Mansfield, OH. She married Daniel Pearman on Sunday, December 31, 1995 in Huntington, IN. Lucy had attended schools in Mansfield Ohio and in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was a stay at home mom. She had worked at Crossroads Pantry as a cook. Lucy enjoyed collecting Barbie's. She spent her time doing research on the Barbie's, finding out where they came from. She

resold them online. Lucy was a very busy mom. She homeschooled all four of her children.

Lucy will be missed by her husband - Daniel Pearman, Warren, IN, son - Timothy Jay Pearman, Warren, IN, son - Matthew Caleb (Brittney) Pearman, Markle, IN, daughter - Jessica Marie Pearman, Huntington, IN, son - Joshua Samuel (Maggie) Pearman, Warren, IN, brother - David Collins, OH, brother - Robert (Patti) Robinson, OH, and step father - Ivin "Joe" Craven

She was preceded in death by her father - Fred Collins, mother - Karen Collins Craven, and a sister

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Gardens of Memory Chapel, Marion on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

A service to celebrate her life will be at Gardens of Memory Chapel, Marion at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

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their safety, or effectiveness, please speak to your physician. We are here for you, eager to answer your questions, and ensure your family is protected," says Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

In an effort to promote a safer, healthier school year for everyone, the AMA is sharing these vaccine facts and insights:

* Vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. Routine childhood immunization is highly effective at preventing disease over a lifetime, reducing the incidence of all targeted diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, polio and chickenpox. For the U.S. population in 2019, vaccines prevented more than 24 million cases of disease.

* The benefits of vaccines can be quantified. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2021 will prevent 472 million illnesses, almost 30 million hospitalizations and more than 1 million deaths, saving nearly \$2.2 trillion in total societal costs, including \$479 billion in direct costs.

* Vaccination rates have fallen. Even before the rise in vaccine misinformation and disinformation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine hesitancy was increasing, elevating the risk of community outbreaks, which put under-and unvaccinated children at risk for serious illnesses, like measles. According to a mid-January 2023 report from the CDC, vaccination coverage decreased in most states for all vaccines among kindergarteners for the 2021-22 school year when compared with the previous school year, which was already below pre-pandemic levels.

* Speak to your child's physician. With increased misinformation around

vaccinations, it is critical that you seek out reliable, evidence-based sources for information. These sources may begin with websites like getvaccineanswers.org, but they should also include your child's physician.

Physicians can also answer questions on the new monoclonal antibody therapy, nirsevimab, available for infants and children under the age of 19 months, for the prevention of RSV disease.

* Don't let cost be a barrier. Programs like Vaccines for Children (VFC) are federally funded to provide no-cost vaccinations to children whose families otherwise could not afford them. Parents can learn more by contacting their state or local health department.

"Make an annual well-child visit and immunizations a part of your household's back-to-school routine," says Dr. Ehrenfeld. "Doing so will protect you and your family from a number of preventable illnesses. It's something I do for my own children, and I urge you to do so, too."

KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR BODIES, NOW YOU HAVE ANSWERS

(StatePoint) Children have a lot of questions about the way the world works and parents hope to have straightforward answers. But when it comes to questions regarding the body, parents and kids alike can find these conversations awkward, uncomfortable and embarrassing. Experts say that destigmatizing a child's curiosity about their body will not only help them take better care of their health, it may even spark their interest in science.

"Kids have so many questions about their bodies, some practical, some pure curiosity. Sadly, society sometimes chastises children for even asking these questions. By better understanding their bodies though, they can adopt good habits that stay with them for

life, and learn about physics and biology in a fun way," says David L. Hu, Ph.D., a professor at Georgia Institute of Technology and author of "The P Word: A Manual for Mammals."

Dr. Hu, an award-winning scientist, animal expert and author, wrote "The P Word" for his 10-year old son, who like many children his age, is eager to learn more about his body. While previous books dealing with this topic are written with teenagers in mind, Dr. Hu believes it's important for younger kids to enter puberty already having all the facts about their biology. His book, meant for ages 7-12, introduces the penis as an organ that unites all biologically male mammals. It's meant to serve as a gender-neutral, definitive resource about the penis for kids, providing tools kids need to recognize and name their body parts, understand when something might be wrong and practice good hygiene.

If you're a parent of a curious kid, or a parent of a child who hasn't yet voiced their questions, Dr. Hu offers the following tips:

1. Try not to shy away from these conversations or make your child feel ashamed for asking a question about their body. Keep in mind that many children will turn to the internet for answers if you aren't open to answering their questions, where they may encounter false information or inappropriate content. Instead, acknowledge their curiosity by answering their questions as best you can, and by pointing them to trustworthy resources.

2. Don't wait until your child reaches puberty. If you start talking to kids about their bodies when they are young, you'll normalize and desensitize the subject, and the act of talking about it. Helping a child feel comfortable in their own skin before things start to change, will set the stage for less stress during puberty.

3. Help kids understand that their body is natural and normal. In "The P Word," Dr. Hu intentionally presents colorful, engaging images and facts about different mammals around the globe alongside information about human bodies, including how animals use their penises to pee, mark their territory and reproduce. "Comparative biology makes learning fun and amusing, lightens the mood around a serious subject, helps young kids understand their place in nature, and offers insights into the role of their penis or vagina outside the role of sex," says Dr. Hu.

A valuable resource for parents, librarians, educators and of course, kids, more information about "The P-Word" can be found by visiting sciencenaturally.com/product-page/the-p-word-a-manual-for-mammals.

"My hope is that kids realize that every question they have, no matter how embarrassing it is, can be addressed by the tools of science. They should be proud of being curious about their own bodies," Dr. Hu.

HOW TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL EXERCISE WITH YOUR CHILD WEEK

(SPM Wire) Movement is good for the body and mind, and there is no better time to start a healthy habit with your family than during "Exercise With Your Child Week," which falls on August 6-12 this year.

Here are three ways to celebrate physical fitness with your family during the week-long event and beyond:

1. Participate in a fun run: Sign up for a 5K race or community fun run. You don't have to run the entire time. Walking is perfectly acceptable too! The important thing is to set and complete a goal as a family.

2. Play pickleball: Get in on the trend that's sweeping the nation and play a game of pickleball. Similar to tennis, the sport is less strenuous, as it's played on a smaller court with a lighter ball, making it a good choice for those new to exercise.

3. Take a hike: Combine your sweat session with an appreciation for the outdoors. Find the nearest nature trail suited to your family's skill level and get out there for a hike or bike ride. Use the All Trails app to find the perfect location for your adventure.

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