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Thought for the Week: Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped. Elbert Hubbard



#### "IT'S FARKAS...RUN!"

Alex Smart (upper left) plays the Bully Farkas in "A CHRISTMAS STORY" at the PULSE OPERA HOUSE, downtown Warren. Terrorized kids are (left to right): Keswick Shultz, Evie Rowley, Amelia Sabinski, Ben Warpup, Isaac Albertson, and Farckas'sidekick, Wallace Rowley

Final shows for "A CHRISTMAS STORY" are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 6, 7, 8 at 8pm.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under and are available at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby. Doors to the theatre open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. Online reservations can be made at www.pulseoperahouse.org or phone reservations can be made at (260) 375-7017.

#### SANTA AT VAN BUREN

Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Van Buren iAB Financial bank branch on 12/ 8 from 9-11:30 please bring your own camera for pictures.

#### **EVENT NOTES**

December 9 - The Van Buren United Methodist Church will be welcoming the Not Home Alone singers to the morning service at 9:30. They will be sharing songs they have learned during the Not Home Alone after school program. Family and friends are invited to attend. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served following the service in Fellowship Hall.

December 16 - The Van Buren United Methodist Choir will present their annual Christmas Cantata at 6:00 pm. There will be a fellowship time following the Cantata.

December 22 and 23-6:00pm-8:00pm each night. The Central Christian and the United Methodist Churches of Van Buren will be presenting the Live Nativity at the Lions Club Park in downtown Van Buren.

December 24 - The Van Buren United Methodist Church will be placing and lighting luminaries throughout the town of Van Buren followed at 6:30 with Christmas Eve Service at the

December 31 - The Van Buren United Methodist Church will have Watch Night beginning at 9:00pm. Bringsnacks and games to share. A time of devotion and prayer will begin at 11:45 pm.

#### **BEEF MEETING**

Beef producers can learn about new manure regulations and how to repair their pastures after the summer drought at a meeting is hosted by the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) and Purdue University Extension. This meeting will take place on January 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Columbia City, IN at the Eagle's Nest on 125 S. Glen Trail.

The meeting will feature great food and valuable information on beefissues. IBCA will provide an update on policy and programs. There will also be a presentation by Ron Lemenager, Purdue Extension beef specialist.

If you would like to attend the Area XI beef meeting, please RSVP by calling the Huntington County Extension Office by December 31. Note that the counties in Area XI include Adams. Allen. DeKalb. Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley.

"Drought has been particularly cruel to the beef cattle industry," noted Chris Hurt, a Purdue agriculture Extension economist. "Brood cows remain the last major livestock industry that is land-extensive. So when dryness causes wide stretches of land to be unable to support cow grazing, producers have to buy feed or send cows to town."

"This is going to be the most upto-date information that we can provide to farmers relating to the drought and upcoming rules

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and regulations that are going to impact operations," added Lemenager.

Lemenager said farmers need to know about manure management changes that will take effect in February. He said most beef producers would be affected if they have any hay waste around a feed area that will be land applied. They will need to have a plan in place for disposal under the new rules.

Other topics include an industry update from the association; what to look forward to in the upcoming growing season for pastures and forages; and, depending on advancement of proposed new regulations, a possible update on feed-grade antibioticuse.

Cattle producers can find additional information and keep up with the latest beef news on the Purdue Animal Sciences Beef Blog at http:// www.thebeefblog.com/.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

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## DOWNTOWN AWARDED **GRANT**

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman selected Historic Warren as a downtown enhancement grant recipient. The organization received \$5,000 to fund façade upgrades to downtown structures. The lieutenant governor named nine grant winners totaling nearly \$45,000.

The Downtown Enhancement Grants are administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), and were created to fund projects that support and promote community-based planning, marketing and restoration efforts for Indiana Main Street communities.

"The downtown square is an important part of our rural communities both visually and economically," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "These grant dollars are highly competitive and assist our Indiana Main Streets with achieving their long-term strategies.'

The façade improvement program in Warren will provide an opportunity for needed improvements to the façades of downtown structures. The project will include exterior painting, restoration of awnings, window replacement and masonry renovation. The organization has partnered with the Town to provide matching

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# KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

# THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

It is hard to believe December has arrived and still having nice weather, for me it can stay his way. While trying my brain to decide what to write about this week, I thought

of Christmas past and some that has special meaning to me or the family and perhaps to your family as well.

My mom told me many times of the only Christmas she can remember and was, She was quite young and the family had gone to church and upon coming home they found the only Christmas tree they ever had. It was a tree branch with limbs covered in cotton and a few hand made ornaments on it. Gifts were apples and oranges and a few local grown nuts from someone's yard. Being a family of 13 children and very poor this was quite a treat and surprise. Later they found out the neighbors had done this for the family. What a humble and loving neighbors they surely had. One Christmas my grandpa made for grandma a whittled crochet hook and on it in tiny print he put "to momfrom dad 1923." I still have that precious gift in my possession and is a priceless memory. How many of us today would really appreciate a gift such as that knowing it was the only thing you received.

In my early days we always received a huge box from our Uncle and Aunt in New York state. That was the real day that Santa Clause came to our house. One year I received a set of china toy dishes. I have passed them on to my great grand daughter and I hope she can keep them as long as I have. That same Christmas all of us kids got one gift a nice big slate chalk board which I still have and which I learned to print my name on and also all the grandkids in the family have had their share of fun on it.

On the brighter side, funny things have a special spot such as Santa making a personal call to the big brick house and making sure a certain little girl cleaned her room or there would be no gifts under the tree and in later years this certain grown up little girl put too many heavy things in the socks on the mantel and causing it to pull away from the wall. What a mess that was, but now we laugh about it. Then there are some things that happened that best not be printed.

Christmas this year will be a bitter sweet time not only for us but for many others who have lost a loved one, but with the love of families lets make the best of it.

A most wonderful holiday to all of you from our family.

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8294S 900W 35 Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

#### **BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**

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Sunday	Worship		9	3:30a.m
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Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones

Youth Leader	's - Kelly Jones
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#### 888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Dick Case, Pastor

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

#### 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship. .8:30 a.m. Sunday School .. ... 9:45 a.m. .. 11:00 a.m.

#### 2nd Worship.. HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a m

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat . 9:00 a.m.

#### THE NEW BEGINNING

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

#### **NEW HOPE MINISTRIES**

9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/375-4224

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

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Kathy Newton, Pastor

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

#### LANCASTER WESLEYAN

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Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School ... 9.30 a m

Worship .. .. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.

#### LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor

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

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### MCNATTUNITED METHODIST

375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor

Lois Slusher, Supt. Coffee Fellowship...... . 8:30 a.m. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday School ... Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

#### MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor Trad. Worship ...... ..... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship ..... . 10:30 a.m

#### 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday Youth . **MOUNTETNA WESLEYAN**

Pastor Brian Holland www.mountetnachurch.com ..9:30 a.m. Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Wed).... . 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### **PLUMTREE** UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor Sunday School..... ...9:30 a.m ..10:30 a.m. Worship...

#### SALAMONIE **CHURCH OF BRETHREN**

468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg

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

#### VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Jeff Wass, Pastor Sunday School. 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship ... ...... 10:30 a.m. Children's Church ..... . 10:30a.m Evening Praise Hour..... .6:00p.m.

#### Hour of Power (Wed) .. 7:00p.m. VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431

Pastor Leon Pomerov

9:30 a.m. Worship Service ...... Sunday School .. 10:30a.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)...... 7:00 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed .... . 7:00 p.m.

#### WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister

Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -Secretaries

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

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Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino

Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt. Sunday School ..... ...9:00 a.m.

#### WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School ..... ..9:30 a.m.

#### .....10:15 a.m. Worship ...... Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m. www.warrenwesleyan.com

#### FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609

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

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# AREA NEWS

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funds for the establishment of this program.

Indiana Main Street, a division of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns.

#### BENEFIT PLANNED

David & Cindy Smith Benefit DECEMBER 16th, 11:00AM— 1:00PM - Soup Lunch & Bake Sale, Warren Sportsman Club, Warren, IN, Behind Tower Park on 3rd St.

FREEWILL DONATION \*Funds will go towards rebuilding of Smith Autoin Chester Township, Wells County...due to fire that destroyed business

Contact Info: Colleen Franklin 260-414-0223 (Organizer of the event), Ethan Stivers 260-228-0997 (Minister at Warren Church of Christ) \*If you are unable to attend but would like to give a monetary gift please contact us.

#### **H**EALTHY **T**IPS

So here we are the first week of December and before we know it Christmas will have came and went and that exceptionally exciting date of JANUARY 1st will be upon us... We all know what happens then don't we? A new year, a new you-NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS will be made and broken, but it doesn't have to be

that way if you prepare for it, you can keep those resolutions if you put a little time and thought into if beforehand. I am here to help of course.

Let's go for the big one: Quitting smoking-probably the MOST important thing you can do for your own health and for anyone who cares about you. I am not just blowing smoke (pun intended) I am speaking from experience... I smoked for almost 15 years and I have been totally smoke free for 12 years now. I know how hard it is . I know the stressand the identity challenges that go along with it so all I can do it speak from experience and hope that it helps

YOU have to chose to do this for yourself, not because someone else wants you to, it has to be important to you. You have to challenge yourself and battle yourself. You are your own worst enemy when it comes to this one. But YOU have to make up your mind. Not someone else or pressured by someone else. Your strength and your power has to come from you and be for you. You will be amazed at how much better you will feel once you quit and how strong you really are.

Now once you make up your mind that this is what you want. Take steps you need to set yourself up for success.

Set the date one that makes sense... I have to start on a Monday, always, with whatever it is I am starting (diet, exercise program, new schedule etc). Women, don't plan to try to stop smoking when you know you are

atyour most stressed out during the month. Never try to quite then (I can say that I am a female).

Now your date is set...Leading up to this date notice when you smoke, what triggers it, when it's automatic what your ticks are. Do you smoke with your coffee, after meals, on the phone etc... Think about what you will do instead and be prepared. Doodle with a pen, pick up a new habit, part of the addiction is the hand to mouth contact you have. Use a straw, tooth picks etc.. Buy carrot sticks. Whatever it takes but think about it before it catches you off guard. I smoked when I was on the phone. I told my best friend I probably wouldn't be talking to her in awhile because I was quitting. She understood. A few years later she said the same thing to me when she was quitting. It helps!

Some people are afraid of quitting because it's part of their identity... They are a "smoker". That is how they see themselves.. See yourself as something else, anything else, find a new identity you would like to be and you might be surprised at how comfortable it fits J

When you chose your day. Make sure you are not stocked up. Try not to have any in the house that day and make it your own challenge to not give in. Are you strong enough? Yes you are!

Here are something's to consider as you start your day and tips to help. One day at a time is all it takes. These facts were taken from the book Prescription for Nutritional healing-second edition.

If you refrain from smoking, withdrawal symptoms occur. These can include irritability, frustration, anger, anxiety, difficulty concentrating, restlessness, increased appetite, headache, stomach cramps, a slowed heart rate, arise in blood pressure and most of all an increased craving for nicotine.

Uncomfortable physical withdrawal, while unpleasant, last for a limited period of time, usually no more than a few weeks. Long term cravings are more likely a matter of psychological dependence, and require an ongoing effort to master.

Here are a few facts I focused on as I battled my addiction to nicotine and helped me succeed.-In just 24 hours after your last cigarette, your blood pressure and pulse rate should return to normal, as should the levels of oxygen and carbon monoxide in your blood. Within a week, your risk of heart attack begins to decrease, our senses of smell and taste improve and breathing becomes easier-This is what got me thru the first 24 hours and the first week. Why would I want to go backwards from where I was at knowing this???

There are a few things that help with the symptoms and get the nicotine out of your system quicker. Drink Lots of water; eat healthy foods such as fruits and veggies. Avoid junk food processed and refined foods those will only slow down the process of withdrawing from nicotine

Read all you can and educate yourself on how to help yourself. YOU have the power within you to do this, whatever the reason you chose to quite: Health,

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#### HOMECOMING REPS

 $Southern\,Wells\,Home coming\,Court\,picture\,d\,above:$ 

Left to right. Juniors Dane Gerber and Ivy Maddox, Seniors King Kory Crump, Queen Kayona Benefiel, Ben Fiechter, Sam Rhodes, Jase Small, Kaylie McCammon, Sophomores Brad Woodward and Molly Stoffel. Freshmen Bryce Bonewit and Sydnee Jones

They were presented and announced at half-time of the recent basketball game versus Adams Central.

Fresh/Silk Flowers Music Boxes
Green/Blooming Plants Stuffed Animals
Gifts/Greeting Cards Balloons/Party Supplies
Poinsettia's, gifts, fresh & silk wreaths!



# Community Calendar

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

Dec 5 Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Dec 5 7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council Meeting

Dec 79:30-12:3010th Annucal Cookie Candy Sale @ Htgn Sr CtrDec 106:30 p.m.Warren Town Council meeting, Assembly Hall

Dec 17 6:30 p.m. KBC Board Meeting at KBC

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

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Peace, love and fitness: The Fitness Studio, Rm#2 KBC

Join us for FREE Zumba-bring a food pantry item Friday Dec 7th@ 6:30pm

#### **C**ANTATA

Liberty Center Baptist & Methodist Church Choirs present Silent Night, Holy Night a Christmas Celebration Cantata, Sunday, December 9th @ 7:00p.m. at the Liberty Center Baptist church. Followed by dessert & fellowship.

#### LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, Dec. 9th from 5:30-8pm @ Montpelier Ag, 240 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, IN.

#### WINDOW DECALS

SW Window Decals! Get one quick! On sale NOW! At all Southern Wells home games and also in the High School office. White, interlocking SW window decal for only \$5. Proceeds to go to Southern Wells Jr & Sr Academic Recognitions.

#### BUFFET

The Southern Wells Cheerleaders will host a Pizza Hut buffet in Bluffton on Monday, December 10th from 5-8:00p.m. Please come out and support our Cheerleaders!

#### FREE AT PHARMACY

The Warren Pharmacy has just received the 2013 Norman Rockwell 13-Month Pocket Planner. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Small enough to fit in a purse, each Calendar starts with December 2012, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you



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The Warren Pharmacy also has the 2013 Farmers Almanac. It is available FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

The Warren Pharmacy also has two choices of 2013 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2012, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. And each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so there is always one piece of GOOD NEWS for the day.

We also have 2013 Appointment/Wall Calendars from Windmill Vitamin and Nutrition, with the art of Norman Rockwell.

These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

#### PRESCHOOL CRAFT PARTY

Preschool-age children and their accompanying adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool on Dec. 12, to attend one of two holiday craft parties that day.

The identical craft parties will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and again from 12:30 to 2 p.m., at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, in Andrews.

Kids can make crafts that could be given as gifts to family members and pine cone bird feeders for the feathered friends at the Interpretive Center, all while celebrating the holidays with party snacks. Adults are invited to bring snacks to share, if they would like.

The program fee per child is \$2. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr. IN. gov/

uwis or Facebook.com/ UpperWabash, or call (260) 468-2127

Salamonie Lake is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

#### SAFE SITTER CLASSES

Lutheran Children's Hospital is now enrolling participants for its next two-day Safe Sitter® class Dec. 27 and 28, 2012. Safe Sitter® is a medically based instructional program that teaches girls and boys how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Classes include two days of instruction that incorporate lifesaving techniques, how and when to talk with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, injury prevention, behavior management. managing a toddler or preschool guest, valuable tips on child care and how to screen babysitting jobs. The classes are taught by Lutheran Children's Hospital staff and prepare babysitters to confidently handle crises.

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited. The cost for the two-day class is \$50. Students must be at least 11 years-old to participate. Call Child Life Specialist Tammy Else with Lutheran Children's Hospital, at 260-435-7344 to register. Or get more information online at www.lutheranchildrenshosp.com. Classes take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the

following dates: 2013 - April 4 and 5, Jan. 2 and 3, June 17 and 18, July 15 and 16, Aug. 8 and 9

2014 - Jan 2 and 3

Lutheran Children's Hospital opened in 1999, the result of several local pediatricians who envisioned giving families throughoutnortheastern Indiana access to expert pediatric medical care. Previously, these families were driving several hours one way for that care. Today, Lutheran Children's Hospital teams with more than 75 pediatricians practicing in 27 areas of pediatric specialties in

an environment filled with imagination and color. The award-winning design of the tree house elevator, specially decorated rooms, hallways and waiting areas invite children and their families to focus on something other than the often unpleasant purpose of their visit. Lutheran Children's Hospital believes children are special people, not just small adults.

#### RIVER OTTERS IN INDIANA

River otters are expanding in Indiana and now occupy much of their historic range, representing a success story for wildlife conservation.

Hoosiers now have a good chance of seeing river otters in many Indiana watersheds, a memory that will last a lifetime. Officially considered extirpated from Indiana by 1942, river otters were absent from the landscape for more than 50 years. Then in 1995, wildlife officials began releasing otters into key areas of the state.

Over a five-year period, 303 otters were transported from Louisiana and released at 12 sites in northern and southern Indiana. The reintroduction was so successful that by 2005, otters were removed from the state's endangered species list.

Otters have moved into central Indiana, where the habitat wasn't considered ideal for the species. But otters found suitable areas there to live, according to Scott Johnson, nongame biologist with the Indiana Department of

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#### BEING A SMALL PART OF A BIG BLESSING

In keeping with the spirit of giving in November, Small World Preschool invited its students and families to share food with the Bread of Life Food Pantry. The children were encouraged to think about how much food they had in their cabinets and consider sharing with other families in the Warren community. The result was a wagon overflowing with food items.

Small World Preschool is so thankful for the work that is done through the food pantry and for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of an important ministry in Warren.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

#### IN MEMORY

The family of the late Dale C Sparks wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon our family following his death. Your loving support in the way of prayers, flowers, donations, cards, food, etc. continue to be of great comfort to us in our time of sorrow. We also send our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staffs of Heritage Pointe, Glancy Funeral Home, and the Family Hospice and Life Care, along with the Rev. Edwin Clark, Rev. Gerald Moreland, and Rev. Howard Cress

Carolyn Sparks and Family

#### THANK YOU

The family of Marvin Gephart would like to thank everyone who supported us during his illness and death. Times like these are when you find out who your friends are and he had many of them. Thanks for all the card, flowers, food and memorials. A big thank you to Glancy Funeral Home. You guys are great. You did everything we asked for. Also, Heritage Pointe and Family Hospice was really great for the shorttime we were there. Pastor Heath Jones of Central Christian Church in Van Buren did a great job sharing stories about Marvin. It was a very nice service and the ladies of the Church gave us a very delicious dinner. Thanks also to Pastor Scott Nedberg for coming to Heritage Pointe and having prayer with our family.

Linda Gephart Suzette Gephart Richard Gephart

#### GABBARD

Louise H. Gabbard, 93 of Warren passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Louise was a homemaker; she helped herhusband work at their restaurant, "Little Hut Hamburgers" in Royal Oak, Michigan. She was a member of the Huntington Baptist Church. She enjoyed crafts, such as cross stitch and crocheting.

She was born on December 23, 1918 in Huntington County, a daughter of Joseph Franklin Haynes and Bertha Ann (Isenhouer) Haynes.

She was united in marriage to Lloyd Gabbard on July 2, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. He preceded her in death on February 22, 1995

Survivors include two daughters: Donna (Gary) Waters of Markle; Janice (Greg) Myers of Logansport; a son: Steven Gabbard of White Lake, MI; five grandchildren; one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter: Sharon Ansama, a brother: Orvin Haynes and three sisters: Vesta Kelker, Vernice Paul and Alfrieda McElhaney.

Visitation was held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana.

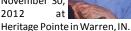
Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. following visitation at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Amos Albright officiating.

Interment will be at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery.

Memorials can be made out to Huntington Baptist Church in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

#### Ногт

Treva M. Holt, 90, of Warren, IN, passed away at 9:43 PM on Friday, November 30, 2012 at



She was born on Monday, February 13, 1922, in Larwill, IN, the daughter of Lester and Cleo (Barnes) Souder. Mrs. Holt graduated from the Larwill High School class of 1939. She married Frank Ross Holt on Monday, September 2, 1946 in Churubusco, IN.

Mrs. Holt went to beauty school in Ft. Wayne and ran her own beauty shop for 6 years. Mrs. Holt was a member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church, Warren, IN. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women's Group and was a member of the Auxillary of the Huntington Parkview Hospital.

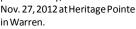
Survivors Include: Daughter -LouCinda Holt, Cleveland, OH, Son - Erik Lee Holt, Austin, TX, Son - Brian (Wife, Pamela) Holt, Cabot, AR, Son - Kevin (Wife, Joy) Wayne Holt, Sonoma, CA, Grandchildren - 3. Mrs. Holt was preceded in death by: Husband-Frank Ross Holt, Father - Lester Souder, Mother - Cleo (Barnes) Souder, Sister - Esther Grigsby, Sister - LuraBelle Sougenfrei, Sister-Mary Frances Williamson, Brother-Lester "Gene" Souder.

Family and friends gathered to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A service to celebrate Mrs. Holt's life was held at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 with the Pastor Kathy Newton officiating. Interment will be private in the Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Preferred memorials: Solid Rock United Methodist Church, Warren, IN or Heifer International or Heritage Pointe Wheel chair Van Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

#### **G**EPHART

An 18-year employee of Corning Glass, Marvin D. Gephart, 70, died at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday,



He was born June 14, 1942, in Van Buren, to Homer and Anna Margaret (Losure) Gephart. He married Linda L. Schwob, in Van Buren, June 23, 1963; she survives.

Other surviving relatives include a daughter, Suzette Gephart of Warren; a son, Richard Gephart of Van Buren; and four brothers, Jerry (Norma) Gephart of Muncie, Larry (Betty)



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The Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

#### Birth

Mattand Stacy Gilbert would like to announce the birth of their 9th child, a son, Zeke Evan. He was born at 12:54 a.m. at Bluffton Regional on October 23, 2012.

Zeke was 7 pounds 10.5 ounces and 20 inches long. He joins siblings Drake 13, Tess 11, Callie 10, Rhett 7, Regan 5, Sylvie 4, Cash 3, and Hub 1 1/2.

Grandparents are Andy and Pat Wagner, Jimand Dottie Irwin and Tom Gilbert. Greatgrandparents are Jeannie Wagner, John and Ann McCammon, and John and Kate Gilbert.



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In our memories forever. Dave & Elaine Ferguson Harley Denham







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Natural Resources.

River otters now occupy more than 80 percent of Indiana counties, Johnson said.

"It's now been seven years since delisting, and all our information indicates the otter population continues to expand," Johnson said.

Work to improve water quality in the state has benefited the river otter, whose diet consists primarily of fish, but also includes mussels, crayfish, reptiles and amphibians.

State wildlife managers are aware that conflicts can arise from higher otter numbers, especially with private pond owners who are sometimes surprised by the rate at which the animals can eat fish.

"One pond owner may enjoy watchingotters, while a different landowner may find them to be a nuisance and is upset by the loss of fishin his pond," said DNR furbearer biologist Shawn Rossler.

Last year, District Wildlife Biologists received 34 complaints on river otters eating fish out of private ponds and commercial fish hatcheries or destroying private property. As of early spring, wildlife managers had issued 10 control permits to resolve otter complaints in 2012.

As the otter population grows, wildlife managers must find balance to keep populations healthy while preventing conflicts with landowners. Finding balance isn't always easy, but it's needed to ensure the continued success and acceptance of river otters in Indiana.

For more information, visit IN.gov and search "river otter".

#### **OVERNIGHT KIDS CAMP**

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is inviting kids ages 7 to 11 to an overnight camp at Salamonie Interpretive Center, Dec. 28-29, to explore the winter night sky.

Camp will begin at 1 p.m., Dec. 28, with pick-up at 9 a.m. the next day.

Activities include constellation stories around the fire, a night hike, stargazing and more. Camp also includes an evening meal and nighttime snack on Dec. 28, and breakfast on Dec. 29.

Cost is \$30 perchild. Those who can't spend the night are invited to attend Dec. 28, from 1 to 9 p.m. for \$20 per child.

Registration is required. Call (260) 468-2127 to register or for more information.

The center is located at Salamonie Lake's Lost Bridge West Recreation Area, off Highway 105, in western Huntington County.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or Facebook.com/UpperWabash.

#### **NORAD** IS **R**EADY

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The North American Aerospace Defense Commandis prepared to track Santa's yuletide journey! The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, is going live today at 7 p.m. EST.

It features a holiday countdown, games and daily activities, video messages from students around the world, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the WindowsStore, AppleStore, and Google Play, so parents and children can countdown the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets! Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Google+. Santa followers just need to type

"@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Starting at 12:00 a.m. MST on Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make the preparations for his flight. Then, at4:00a.m. MST (6:00a.m. EST), trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the tollfree number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending email noradtrackssanta@outlook.com. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will also stream videos as Santa makes his way over various locations.

NORAD Tracks Santa is truly a global experience, delighting generations of families everywhere. This is due, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors.

New to this year's program are Bing, HP, iLink-Systems, Kids.gov, Microsoft's Windows Azure. BeMerry! Santa, and SiriusXM. Returning collaborators include the 21st Space Wing, Acuity Scheduling, Air Canada, American Forces Network, Analytical Graphics Inc., Avaya, Citadel Mall, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council, CradlePoint, Defense Video Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), Federal Aviation Administration, First Choice Awards & Gifts, Globelink Foreign Language Center, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Meshbox, National Tree Lighting Ceremony, Naturally Santa's Inc., Newseum, OnStar, PCI Broadband, Pentagon Channel, RadiantBlue, Space Foundation,

TurboSquid, twtelecom, UGroup Media, Verizon, and VisionBox. Santa's Countdown Calendar and the Santa Cam videos will feature music by military bands, including the Naden Band of the Maritime Forces Pacific, Air Force Academy Band, Air Force Band of Liberty, Air Force Band of the Golden West, Air Force Band of the West, Air Force Band, Air Force Heartland of America Band, U.S. Army Ground Forces Band, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Band, Air Force Band of Mid-America, and the West Point Band. Santa trackers can also purchase official NORAD Tracks Santa licensed goods by visiting the "Official Licensed Products" link on the site.

It all started in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct – only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the Crew Commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition which NORAD carried on since it was created in 1958.

#### My FAVORITE THINGS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley Today, a song from the Sound of Music keep playing in my head; My Favorite Things. This is the GodBreeze for my musing. Many yearsagol read a wonderful book by Pam Young and Peggy Jones; The Happiness File! This book changed mylife because ittaught me to surround myself with the things I love and that make me smile.

This is why it was so important for me to declutter. I needed to get everything out of my house that brought on feelings of guilt and sadness. I deserved to live in a home that hugged me as I walked through it! Don't we

Not only did I eliminate all the things that had bad memories, I also pulled things out of storage that made me happy! I putthem right out in the open so I could be reminded of the good memories.

My Happiness File started with my home but then I began establishing Happiness Files in every area of my life. I decided to be kind to myself by only using things I loved. I was tired of settling for just any face wipe, shampoo, toothpaste or sheets. What I finally realized that when you use what you love you save money because you quit buying things to just try!

By being nice to myself I saved money and smiled a lot! I finally allowed my Happiness File to extent to my calendar. I only put things on my calendar that I knew would bring me joy! This leads to my motto for living; To be a devoted loving wife to my sweet darling and to find joy in everything I do. What I finally realized is when I am finding joy in everything; I am a devoted loving wife. That is when I dropped the first part of my motto!

Have you ever made a list of the things you love? When we were children one of our favorite gifts was a box full of my grandmother's favorite things. She passed away a few weeks ago and I have been thinking about putting together some of these boxes for Christmas.

I have surrounded myself with the things I love! It is a blessed way to live and to love myself! This Christmas I am not asking for things; I am asking for donations to help me build a home with Habitat for Humanity. This is a cause that brings joy to

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#### PIZZA BENEFIT

The 2012 Southern Wells FFA Livestock Judging Team won the State Contest this past May. We are now headed to DENVER, COLORADO to compete in the National Western Livestock Judging Contest. The teams consists of Jackson Johnson, Justin Penrod, Jordyn Sills and Jayde Sills! The coach is Randy Mounsey. Your help in making our trip to Denver is greatly appreciated.

We're hosting a Fundraiser at East of Chicago in Warren on December 10 from 5-8 p.m. We'd love for you to come support our cause!

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2. Use a gift selection website that does the picking for you. The Timex Gift Finder website,

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#### KUDOS GRANTS

Above: David Daugherty, Huntington County Community Foundation board member, presents a Kudos Grant check to Trent and Christy McCarver, Scoutmasters of Troop 122 in Warren. Kudos Grant recipients are chosen by board members of HCCF because of the valuable role they play in improving the quality of life in Huntington County.

Front Row, L to R, Darren Jackson, Cam McCarver Middle Row, L to R, James Ormiston, Kalel Maul Back Row, between Trent and Christy McCarver, Tristan Westlund

Below: David Daugherty, Huntington County Community Foundation board member, presents a Kudos Grant check to Deidre Irick Gray, Director of the Warren Boys & Girls Club. Kudos Grant recipients are chosen by board members of HCCF because of the valuable role they play in improving the quality of life in Huntington



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