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Thought for the Week: *Kind words are music to a broken heart.*

WEST NILE PREVENTION

State health officials today announced continuing evidence of West Nile virus activity in Indiana. In just the last week, the number of Indiana counties with positive test results for West Nile virus has nearly doubled, bringing the current total to 15 counties.

"We know that the virus is already active in widely separated areas of Indiana," said James Howell, veterinary epidemiologist for the Indiana State Department of Health. "This amount of activity means we could see a period of intense transmission of the West Nile virus throughout the state, as we did last summer," Howell said.

There is no treatment and no human vaccine for West Nile virus.

Although most individuals infected with West Nile virus will experience mild, if any, symptoms, state health officials warn that there is a risk for more serious illness, particularly among individuals over age 50.

In 2002, 11 individuals died from West Nile virus infection in Indiana, and others took several months to recover.

"West Nile virus is preventable," said Howell. "Individuals can be their own best defense by wearing insect repellent containing DEET and following the simple steps we've identified to avoid getting bitten by a mosquito."

The most effective mosquito repellents contain diethyl toluamide (DEET) as the active ingredient. There are a number of commercial products of various concentrations of DEET, and supplies are widely available. One application of a product with higher concentrations of DEET may last 8-12 hours. Frequent reapplication of repellent is unnecessary.

"A prudent approach to using DEET is to select the lowest concentration necessary to be effective for the amount of time spent outdoors," Howell said. "Higher concentrations of DEET are not more effective, but they do last longer."

For most purposes, products with DEET concentrations of 30-35 percent are sufficient for adults. Lower concentrations of DEET can be effectively used on children who are outdoors for short periods of time.

Recent recommendations from the Academy of American Pediatrics indicate that DEET solutions

should not be used on children under two months of age. Instead, children of this age should be protected with mosquito netting.

State health officials offer the following tips on use of repellents with DEET:

- + Use just enough repellent to lightly cover the skin; do not saturate the skin.

- + Apply repellents only to exposed skin, clothing, or both. Do not use under clothing.

- + Do not spray directly into your face. Instead, dispense repellent into palms, rub hands together, and apply a thin layer to the face.

- + Avoid contact with eyes and mouth. Do not apply repellent to children's hands.

- + Wipe repellent from the surfaces of the palms after applying.

- + Never use repellents over cuts and wounds or on inflamed, irritated, or eczematous skin.

- + Do not inhale aerosol formulas or get them into the eyes.

- + Wash treated areas with soap and water once you are inside.

Culex mosquitoes are the primary carriers of the West Nile virus. This "filth" mosquito, in its larval stage, lives in highly organic watery areas like septic outflows, catch basins, leaf-clogged gutters, and unattended birdbaths and pools.

Another place where large numbers of disease-carrying mosquitoes breed is in accumulations of sewage water. So homeowners should repair all malfunctioning septic systems that are discharging to the surface.

Health officials also recommend that homeowners stock ornamental ponds with fish, like bluegills or sunfish, so that the fish will feed on the mosquito larvae and pupae.

Howell said that State Department of Health staff is working closely with local health departments to monitor for the virus, including collecting and testing mosquitoes. As part of its surveillance for West Nile virus, the State Department of Health also tests live wild birds and dead bluejays, crows, and birds of prey. Once a county has had a positive test result for West Nile virus, the primary focus in that county will be on testing mosquitoes for the West Nile virus.

For more information on West Nile virus, including the most recent data on positive test results in Indiana, go to the State Department of

Health's Web site at <http://www.IN.gov/isdh>.

MY FAVORITE YEAR

The Pulse Opera House will present My Favorite Year beginning this Friday and Saturday.

My Favorite Year is a musical based on the 1982 movie.

Performance dates are August 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 with the curtain rising at 8 p.m. each night.

Tickets are available at the door. For reservations, call 375-7017 Tuesday through Saturday, 10 to 4.

VBS AT LIBERTY

Liberty Center Community VBS will be held August 3-7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Rancho Roundup will be for ages 3 through grade 1 at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church. Grades 2 through 5 will be at the Liberty Center Baptist Church.

Cruising Down the Nile will be the theme for grade 6, 7 and 8 at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Adults are invited to attend Adult Bible Study at the Boehmer United Methodist Church.

INTERESTED IN HOME SCHOOLING??

Know someone who is?

The Huntington Area Home Educators (HAHE) will offer a Home School Orientation for anyone who is interested in Home Education, at the Huntington City Township Public Library meeting room 200 W. Market St. in Huntington on Tuesday, August 5th at 7 P.M.

For further info, please contact: Terry & Melinda Daniels at home 375-4190 or 800-895-7035, Kevin & Lori Binkerd 782-0046, Byron & Cindy Mossburg 758-2272, or Gary & Laura House 786-1736.

MISSION AUCTION

The 16th annual Mission Auction will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5th at 6 p.m. at the Poneto United Methodist Church. A hog roast by the Hog Roast Specialists will begin at 5 p.m. There also will be homemade pies and desserts.

New and used auction items are donated by area merchants and include a Lawnboy push mower, HP computer printer, Web cam, CD player & many more items & gift

certificates. Handmade items include a "mission" style hall tree & bench, quilts, converting picnic table & bench and many baked goods. Auctioneers are Rudy Frauhiger, Jody Holloway, and Jesston Nusbaumer.

All proceeds will go to missions and help support local, national, and world wide projects, including the following; Youth For Christ, Drags Not Drugs, Grace Children's Hospital, World Gospel Mission missionaries in Africa, South America, and Southwest Indians, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

OUTDOOR CONCERT

The 2003 summer series of "Parlor Music Concerts" at Myer's Ice Cream Parlor will continue with the second summer concert which will feature Rhonda Landrum. Rhonda will present a blend of country and gospel music in her concert. A Huntington native, Rhonda will be appearing at the Northern Gospel Singing Convention July 31-August 2 in Marion, Indiana.

The summer concerts will take place on the lawn behind the ice cream parlor at 2809 Theater Avenue in Huntington. These outdoor concerts are sponsored by the LaFontaine Arts Council and Myer's Ice Cream Parlor. The concerts are reflective of past "afternoon and evening with the arts" programs sponsored by the LaFontaine Arts Council. Like the afternoons and evenings with the arts program, the goal of these summer concerts is to promote local talent from the county and heighten awareness of the arts in our community. So many times a community is unaware of the outstanding talents in and around the area.

A freewill offering will be taken after each concert. Proceeds will be directed toward the arts council's yearly scholarship, which is awarded to a county student focusing on a fine arts education. The scholarship is just a part of the "Arts in Education" annual programming sponsored by the LaFontaine Arts Council in Huntington County. This programming takes place in the schools each year and features a wide range of presentations, including the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic. Each student in the county in grades K-12 encounters a facet of the "Arts in Education" curriculum.

The Parlor Music Concerts will continue throughout the summer. The schedule continues as follows: Sunday, August 17, at 6:00 the group "Cold Fire" will perform. Rounding out the summer series will be Susan Guilkey, Miss Huntington 2003. She will entertain on Monday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Myer's Ice Cream Parlor provides the venue for the concerts and also offers the availability of refreshments for those in attendance. Rod & Jeanne Myers are the proprietors of the parlor.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy these free concerts. It is suggested that attendees bring a blanket and/or chair. Any questions regarding the concerts, call 358-0055.

Besides the Concerts, the LaFontaine Arts Council upcoming calendar includes "Fashions for the Arts", a fall fashion show/brunch and fundraiser to be held Saturday, November 1st at the LaFontaine Golf Club. SteinMart will provide the fashions and emcee. A local artist will be spotlighted at the event. The Festival of Church Choirs will be held Sunday, November 2nd at College Park Church. The concert will begin at 3:00 P.M. Local church choirs present a Sunday afternoon concert.

REGIONAL ART SHOW

The LaFontaine Arts Council Regional Art Show and Sale will open at the Wilson Gallery at the Merrillat Centre for the Arts at Huntington College on Friday, August 1st and continue through Friday, August 22, 2003.

The exhibit features over 35 artists and 85 works of arts on display. The Wilson Gallery hours are 9-5 daily with some summer schedule exceptions. The Merrillat Centre for the Arts telephone number is 260/359-4261. Artists from Northern Indiana are featured, representing a wide array of mediums.

The judge for the show was Alison Adams, a sculptor, from the Orchard Gallery.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

RABBIT THANKS

Tyler and Sam Kratzer would like to thank Tim Fitch for all his help with their rabbits at the Huntington County 4-H Fair.

2003 is its 214th anniversary, founded August 4, 1790

IN WAR AND PEACE, THE COAST GUARD STANDS STRONG

The United States Coast Guard is the nation's oldest maritime agency. Founded in 1790, it assumed the duties of the Revenue Cutter Service, the Lighthouse Service, the Steamboat Inspection Service, the Bureau of Navigation, and the Lifesaving Service. Coast Guard responsibilities include:

- Aids to navigation. It maintains lighthouses, beacons, and buoys.
- Law enforcement. In the 19th century, Coast Guardsmen defeated pirates Jean LaFarge and Jean Lafitte of New Orleans and destroyed their stronghold on Breton Island. In the 20th century, they captured contraband including large quantities of narcotics.
- Wartime service. The Coast Guard served valiantly in each war since its founding. In 1941, it seized 28 Italian, two German, and 35 Danish merchant ships. It sank 11 submarines during World War II.
- Search and rescue. Over its history, the Coast Guard came to the rescue of ships, large and small, often saving the lives of hundreds of people from a single ship.

Helicopters are one of the most important tools of Coast Guard search and rescue. During the 1980s and 1990s, they stopped thousands of Cubans and Haitians attempting to sail to the U.S.

After the sinking of the Titanic in 1914, the Coast Guard began the International Ice Patrol, radioing reports of icebergs in the North Atlantic shipping lanes to merchant ships in the area. The service is now performed by Coast Guard aircraft.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR AUGUST 5

More than 9,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada, the U.S. Territories, and military bases around the world are involved in the annual National Night Out event.

It is designed to combine an entertaining evening and an intermingling of adults, children, and local law enforcement officers.

Adults get to know officers they usually see from a distance. Children have an opportunity to interact with officers and see them as people who they can call on for help.

The stated goals of the event are to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support and participation in anti-crime efforts and organizations.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The National Sheriff Association is credited with developing the Neighborhood Watch concept in the early 1970s. Today, such programs are some of the most effective means to combat community apathy toward crime. They are an organized means by which citizens and law enforcement people can collectively reduce or remove the opportunities for crime.

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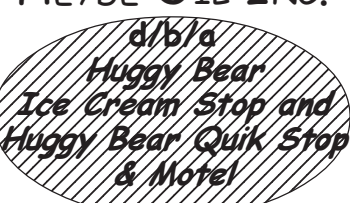

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 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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 765-934-2199

Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

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Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

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260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

Corner of 900S & 300W

Kathie Jones, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022

Eric Vitz, Interim Minister

Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren

375-2779

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.

2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.

Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30p.m.
 Wed - "Circle of Friends" (Begins 9/17)
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST

375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor

B. Morton, 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.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330

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Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sue Brown, Children's Ministry

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister

Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8294S 900W 35

Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.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.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Bard, Pastor

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor

Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor

Bus Service 375-2510

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..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Charles Dye , Jr., Pastor

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.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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Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Blake J. Neff

Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m.

3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.
 Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor

David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:

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

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

Wayne Wright, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor - Eric Dubach

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship

..... 6:30 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

FRESHMAN MIXER

Class of 2007 Freshman Mixer will be held August 15, 2003, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Huntington North Auditorium.

At the Mixer, incoming freshman may pick up term one schedule, tour the high school, find their locker and classrooms and meet classmates.

Parents welcome. Sponsored by the Huntington North Guidance Department.

COW SHOT

Crimestoppers is seeking information on a recent animal cruelty case. On July 22, 2003 officers were called to the Shuttleworth property located on north Rangeline road. Upon arrival officers were shown a cow that was used for breeding, that had possibly been shot with an arrow. It is believed that the cow was near the roadway and had been shot and then ran into a pasture and died. In addition there was another cow taken during the same time that the other cow was shot.

Crimestoppers is offering cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for this crime. Those with information should call Crimestoppers at 1.800-237-STOP or call the Huntington County Sheriffs Department. Calls made may be made anonymously.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County will once again be offering their "Tools for Life" school supply campaign. Over 400 children received school supplies last year through generous donations. In the past years we were able to put barrels at local stores, but this year we are not able to do so in some of the businesses. Therefore, we are asking the public to simply collect school items for us to distribute to the children such as pens, pencils, wide rule paper, glue, scissors, pink erasers, etc. Once the items have been collected, please drop them off at the Youth Services Bureau located at 1344 Maple Drive (behind the Fire Station on Etna Avenue). For more information, please call 356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, July 23, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Tony Manry opened the meeting with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about a water problem on Second Street. They asked if Town Employees could grade down a hill into an alley to help the situation. Council agreed to check on the situation.

Another citizen in attendance was concerned about weeds on a property adjoining his. He also, asked about paving an alley along side his property. Council only plans to pave streets.

Officer Pat Collins reported prices for a new printer for the Police Department ranges from \$49.00 and up. The Police report was also given.

President Manry signed a certificate for Mike Helms for his property on North First Street.

Brooks Construction from Warren submitted a proposal in the amount of \$8,350 to put roofing and siding on the Well House. Council denied the proposal because of the uncertainty of costs for furnishings for the new Town Hall.

The gas company was expected to be informed that IDEM has given their OK for soil around the new Town Hall.

On Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. there will be a pre-adoption hearing for the Budget. The actual adoption hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 27.

The second Council meeting in August has been changed to Aug. 27.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave a brief report. Skyline Electric had worked on problems at the water plant.

Webb was concerned about drains on Jefferson and Third Streets and wanted to have them jetted out. He also asked for vacation time.

There was also a short discussion on moving the phone system to the new Town Hall.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOW-OUT

Did you miss the water ball fight, the kid's carnival and other such types of events due to the inclement weather over July 4th? National City Bank is sponsoring a Back to School Blow-Out for kids ages 2 to 102 to be held on Saturday, August 16th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (and maybe beyond) at the Knight-Bergman Center and on Nancy Street in front of the Center. To be co-sponsored by the Warren Area Kiwanis Club and the Knight-Bergman Center, the event will feature the world famous Warren/Salamonie Twp Fire Department water ball fight. Get your team ready, don your gear, and join in the fun. In addition, the Warren Police Department and the Parkview-Huntington Hospital Paramedic unit will be sponsoring a Bicycle Rodeo complete with a training and testing course. On top of all of that, there will be a money machine. For the adults, step in the wind machine and grab some quick cash. To keep things moving, there's also going to be games from the kid's carnival. Planning isn't complete but mark the date on

your calendar as more details will be on flyers and in the next issue of the Warren Weekly. One more important detail - free food. Hot dogs with a variety of supporting food will be found on the list of activities. Whether to join in the activities or to be a spectator, come on down for the fun. For parents and students and friends and family, let's celebrate the final week-end before school starts. And as always, during the first week of school, drive safely.

TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

1. Shop, Compare and Negotiate - But Move with Caution When Refinancing Your Mortgage

Homeowners anxious to lower their mortgage interest rates are refinancing in record numbers, according to industry experts. While refinancing may save you perhaps hundreds of dollars off your existing mortgage, it is not for everyone. If you are considering refinancing, the Better Business Bureau suggests you shop around, compare prices and negotiate. But also move with caution when dealing with some lenders.

To help you decide if refinancing is for you and to help you prepare to approach a financial institution, the BBB offers these tips.

When you refinance your home, you simply apply for a new mortgage at the lower rate in order to pay off the old loan. This means that, for many lenders, you will again be required to pay most of the costs you originally incurred to get your first mortgage - loan application fees, title search, appraisal, credit check, lawyer's services, discount points (in many cases) and other finance charges. But, many institutions offer plans where most of these fees are folded into the loan, reducing your actual "out of pocket" cash to a minimum. Most consum-

ers are able to take a tax deduction on the interest. Ask your tax advisor if this applies to you.

Before you go through the expense of refinancing, check the interest rates to make sure they have dropped to a level that makes refinancing worthwhile. Conventional wisdom states that a two or three percent difference between the rate on your current mortgage and the new rate over a period of time - generally several years - usually offsets the costs you must pay at closing. The ultimate amount you may save depends on many factors, including your total refinancing, whether you sell your home in the near future and the effects of refinancing on your tax situation.

If you decide to refinance, obtain information from several lenders. Knowing just the amount of the monthly payment or interest rate is not enough. Ask for information about the same loan amount, loan term and type of loan so that you can compare the information. Remember, you do not have to refinance your mortgage with the same lender that provided your original

mortgage.

Also, be cautious of smooth-talking lenders that call you on the phone or come to your door offering easy credit, guaranteed low-interest loans or loan terms that sounds too good to be true. Fraudulent lenders often prey on people who are desperate for cash to pay bills, make home repairs or who do not understand the mortgage loan process. Their loan terms can include excessive fees, high interest rates and provisions that can make it expensive for you to get out of the loan. If a lender asks for an up-front fee before you can obtain the loan, look elsewhere. Be sure to check with the Better Business Bureau and your state attorney general for a reliability report on the lending institution(s) you are considering.

Once you know what each lender has to offer, negotiate for the best deal that you can. Have the lender or broker write down all costs associated with the loan. Be sure to read the loan documents carefully

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at

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Aug 6	Chamber Luncheon, noon, Town Hall Annex
Aug 6	Van Buren Town Council, 7pm
Aug 8	Warren Recycle Day
Aug 9	KBC Board Meeting, 8am
Aug 11	Warren Town Council, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex
Aug 14-16	Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 27	Van Buren Town Council, 7pm
Aug 22	Warren Recycle Day
Aug 25	Warren Town Council, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC. **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30. **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC. **Addiction Recovery Support Group** Tuesdays 7pm at Hillcrest Nazarene

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and be certain that all spaces are filled in before you sign them. Always assume that any document you sign is a contract. If you do not fully understand it, do not sign it!

2. Products and Services Offered to Protect Your Identity

Thousands of Americans are victims of identity (ID) theft each year. The sad part is, most ID theft victims do not know how or when their identity was stolen. They often find out when an irate creditor or collection agency calls or a credit card is declined. A number of companies offer credit monitoring and insurance protection programs to help consumers protect their identity. But, are these products right for you?

Most experts recommend that you obtain a copy of your credit report at least once a year from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to ensure accuracy and to look for signs of ID theft. But, if you find that you do not have the time to do this, you may want to subscribe to a "monitoring service." Credit bureaus or other companies usually offer this service for about \$30 to \$150 a year, depending on what is included.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission (FDIC), a monitoring service may provide, for example, an automatic copy of your credit report from one credit bu-

reau or all three major companies, on a quarterly or monthly basis. You also may be able to obtain e-mail notices of any changes in a credit report, sometimes within 24 hours. The most important alert is one telling you that an account has been opened in your name. If you do not recognize it as your account, you can take immediate action to get the account closed.

Should you order your credit report on your own or pay extra for a special service? The answer depends on how closely you want to monitor your credit reports and how much you are willing to pay for convenience and other extras.

If an ID thief uses your name to commit fraud you are likely to incur expenses trying to correct your files or otherwise defending yourself. That is why some insurance and credit card companies now sell "ID theft insurance." These types of policies typically cover expenses such as lost wages; fees associated with reapplying for loans you were denied; and the costs of mailings and phone calls to creditors, credit bureaus and law enforcement agencies. The policies may also cover certain legal fees. The policies do not, however, cover losses for which you are liable by law or that are otherwise not reimbursed by a financial institution or merchant. It does not fix your credit standing nor clean up a criminal record acquired in your name by the thief.

Some consumers may already have this insurance at no extra charge through their homeowner's insurance or their credit card. If not, you may be able to purchase the coverage separately for about \$25 per year or more. A deductible is usually included and can run anywhere from \$100 to \$500 per claim.

If you are thinking about purchasing a policy, be sure to compare the annual insurance costs with the amount you would probably recover if you were to become an ID theft victim. Also, you may want to get the opinion of someone knowledgeable, like a financial planner or insurance professional you trust.

The BBB, along with the FDIC, warn consumers to beware of telephone or e-mail scams promoting credit-monitoring services, "free" credit reports or ID theft insurance. Fraudulent companies often use false or misleading statements to get you to send money or divulge personal information. Always check out a company with the BBB before making a purchasing decision.

OBTAINED MASTERS

LaTishia D. Horrell, Anderson, IN, graduated on July 18th from Ball State University with her Master of Science degree in Sports Psychology. She presented her Thesis Paper "Comparison of Intercollegiate Athlete's Motivational and Cognitive Imagery Use by Division

and Events in Track and Field Early in the Season" on July 14th to the Ball State graduate school. She is a 1997 graduate of Huntington North High School and graduated in 2001 from Anderson University with her Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology.

LaTishia has accepted a position as a Throw Coach for both the Men and Women's track teams at Anderson University. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Horrell of rural Warren and the granddaughter of Frances Cramer of Warren.

SUMMER READING

A lot of exciting things are happening at the Van Buren Public Library's Summer Reading Program (Agriculture 2003).

On Monday July 21st our special guest Christa Swagger, a very nice person, who owns a local business called Countryside Grooming, came to the library. She brought along her Saint Bernard Dog. Christa showed how she combs the dog's long hared coat. This is such a pretty dog. Christa shows this dog in dog shows. Heather Swagger brought along her short haired dog Jake. He is such a well-behaved dog, Christa clipped his toenails, cleaned his ears and brushed his short haired coat. Christa also gave us information to take home on how to take care of our pets. Alisha

Schuiteman, our helper during the Summer Reading Program, read information to the children on what do for a dog if certain things would happen. Thanks to Christa and Alisha for all the good info and thanks to Heather for bringing Jake.

Wednesday July 23rd our Special Guest Pat Palmer shared with us information about her local farm. Dan and Pat's chicken building receives thousands of chickens that produce thousands of eggs to sell to companies. It was so interesting to watch a video and listen to Pat as she shared on how her day is spent on gathering eggs and all the other chores that need to be done in the chicken building. Pat also had a special craft for us to do. Pat drew a skillet on a sheet of paper with an egg in the center we copied this picture. Then each child took some broken egg shells that were colored yellow and made the yoke. These pictures really looked neat. We played games and had a chick mix for a treat. Thanks Pat!

Monday July 28th Dan Stanley brought his tractor for the children

to see. Wednesday July 30th the Red Gold V W from Elwood will be here at the library. We meet here at the library 10:30-noon, so come for an enjoyable time.

DINO STORYTIME

Sixteen children attended story time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday, July 25, 2003 to celebrate Sue's Ultimate Dino-Mite Bone Dig Up Day.

We started off by Tarrah reading a dinosaur book "How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon?" Then we split the children into 4 age groups 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13. Alisha and Tarrah took the 4-6 year olds to start digging Emily won the prize. Age 7-8 years old went next and Autumn won that prize. 9-10 years old and Frankie won that prize. 11-13 years old and Gregory won that prize.

Everyone was looking for dinosaurs and McDonalds Gift Cards, and yellow and red bones that said Grand Prize, which was Gift Cards for McDonalds (Cone, French Fries, Cheeseburger, Medium Soft Drink, Happy Meal).

Then the kids colored a picture that they could send in for a drawing to the Minnetrista center or color "My Dinosaur Book" or play ball toss or dig in the sand again. A lot of them wanted to dig in the sand again. We displayed petrified wood that Larry Beouy had brought into the library. Snacks were Dinosaur Bone sugar cookies, Dinosaur fruit snacks and a gumball. A drawing was held for a dinosaur book and Frankie Flemmings name was picked.

Children attending were Tommy Flemming, Frankie Flemming, Mary-rose Bums, Wesley Schuiteman, Lindsay Schuiteman, Anna Roush, Remi Felver, Holly Felver, Lanessa Peiffer, Douglas Peiffer, Gregory Peiffer, Kayla Purvis, Autum Smith, Nixon Smith, and Mallory Messersmith.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

NASH

Devon Leigh Nash, 26, of Bluffton, died at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 1, 1977 at Liberty Center to Frederick L. and Karen (Arnold) Nash, who survive. A disabled person, she attended Southern Wells school. Also surviving are a brother, Daniel L. Nash of Cromwell; a grandmother, Lois Herr of Warren; and a grandfather, Estel Nash of Bloomington.

Visitation was held Sunday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, with services set for Monday at the funeral home, with Rev. Tom Bradley officiating. Burial was in the Mossburg Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Friends of the Shelter.

PULLEY

James D. Pulley, 55 of Decatur died Thursday, July 24, 2003 at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Born Aug. 30, 1947 to Francis Dale and Madge J. (Berrier) Pulley, he married Terry L. Honchel on March 8, 1979. She survives. He was an electrical engineer for Micro Precision in Berne.

He is also survived by his father of Montpelier; two stepsons, Matthew Striker of Houston, Tex. and Craig Striker of South Dakota; two daughters, Michelle Scott and Sheila Pulley, both of Anderson; two sisters, Janet Kraner of Montpelier and Judy Buckland of Warren; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and one sister, Joyce Bantz of Hartford City.

There were no calling or services. Arrangements were handled by Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

BETTS

A young man whose courageous fight against leukemia rallied the community, Corey Paul Betts, 14, died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, of complications following a bone marrow transplant.

Born July 28, 1988 to Keith K. and Sara J. Helms Betts, he would have been a freshman at Bluffton High School this fall. He was an honor roll student at Bluffton Middle School.

He was an active member of the Bluffton Bengal Brigade marching band, the concert band and the pep band. He played baseball in the Sandy Koufax and Junior League and had been a Farm league All Star. He also had played T-ball and had been a member of the Willie Blair All-Stars. He played football and basketball at Bluffton middle school both his seventh and eighth grade years and had played in the Future Tigers and Pal Club basketball leagues. He also had played Pee Wee football and had been a member of the Optimist Soccer League.

He attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church where he was a member of the Sonlight Youth "Powerhouse" ministry.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a brother, Brandon Betts and a sister, Emily Betts, as well as his paternal grandparents, Jay and

Nancy Betts of Petroleum.

His maternal grandparents, Paul and Virginia Helms, are both deceased.

Services were held Monday at Bluffton High School with Rev. James Matchett officiating. Burial was in the Six Mile Cemetery.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and to Bluffton High School Band Boosters.

BROWN

A 1996 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Jesse Scott Brown, 25, of Marion, died in an auto accident in at the intersection of Ind. 18 and Pennsylvania St. in Marion Saturday, July 26.

He was born April 11, 1978 to Alvin Gene and Susan L. Larakers Brown in Marion.

He was a dialysis Technician at Northeast Indiana Kidney Center in Marion and was an active member of the Warren Wesleyan Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Michael G. Brown of Gas City and Robert A. Brown, Evart, Mich., as well as a niece and a nephew.

Services will be held at Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Warren Wesleyan Church with Rev. Bill Barlow officiating. Burial will be at Redmen Cemetery, Warren.

Calling hours were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, and prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Warren Wesleyan Church.

EMBREE

Thelma D. Embree, 84, 309 N. Nancy St., Warren, died at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, July 27, 2003 in Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

She was born August 13, 1918 in Marion to the late Albert H. and Bertha C. (Ditsler) Lee. She married Ralph E. Embree on Sept. 12, 1936. He died Jan. 12, 1981. She was a 1935 graduate of Van Buren High School.

Mrs. Embree was a homemaker

and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and playing the guitar.

Survivors include children, Bonnie (Phillip) Mathias, Marion, Marilyn (Larry) Jennings, Warren, Beverly Grotrian, Fort Wayne, Sheila (Jim) Aul, Patoka Lake, Karen Reber, Huntington, and Larry (Karen), Warren; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, 2722 S. Washington St., Marion, with Dr. Thomas Mansbarger officiating. Burial is in Gardens of Memory cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, Canton, Ohio 44720.

BIRTHS

Shane and Shanda (Jenkins) Mason, Bluffton, are the parents of a son, Britian Jay Mason, born at 12:47 p.m. July 18, 2003. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches at birth. He joins a sister, Destinea Jenkins, age 4.

Grandparents are Stanley Jenkins and Tonya Jenkins of Liberty Cetner, Mike Perry and Connie Perry of Bluffton, and Randy Mason and Tammy Mason of Craigville. Great-grandparents are Joe and Yvonne Haney of Warren, Larry and Betty Arnold of Bluffton and James and Barb Mooneyhan of Bluffton.

Steve and Cheryl (Elliott) Blinn of Warren are the parents of a daughter, Arianna Augusta Blinn, born at 1:52 a.m. July 21, 2003. The baby weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and measured 19 3/8 inches at birth. She joins a brother, Aidan, age 2.

Grandparents are Jerry and Joan Elliott of Bluffton and Jerry and Rita Blinn of Warren. Ralph and Velma Meyer of Versailles OH are the great-grandparents.

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"The timing couldn't be better with the first anniversary of the Indiana quarter approaching," said Horst.

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Greetings from America Stamps
The initial printing of 200 million 34-cent Greetings from America stamps was virtually a sell-out. However, the stamps are now available at the new 37-cent First-Class rate at post offices and by order through the Postal Service's Web site and the toll-free telephone number.

The Greetings from America stamps were illustrated by Lonnie Busch of Franklin, N.C. Busch's art was inspired by the retro "large letter" postcards that were popular in the 1930s and 1940s. Bearing the legend "Greetings from," these retro postcards featured depictions of local scenes inside big letters that spelled out the name of the place or attraction.

CLASS REUNION

On Saturday, July 19, six members and two guests of the Warren Classes of 1934 and 1935 met in the Corner Depot in Bluffton for the 2003 reunion.

The table centerpiece, a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers, was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Thompson.

Wendell, president, gave the noon prayer and conducted the business meeting. Mary Brown read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. After a discussion of the groups future plans, it was decided to continue and a tentative place was suggested for 2004.

Notes were read from Inez Ruth (Wooten)Murray of Scottsburg, IN and Mr. and Mrs. J.W.Cloud of Bloomington, IN. A change of address was noted for Lucile (Alexander) Croft who now resides in Sugar Grove, Oh.

For entertainment Peg Christner gave some interesting comments from the book "Old Age is Always 15 Years Older Than I Am" and Wendell added a few of his own.

Past attendance records and activities were gleaned from the Secretary's book. Three deaths were reported - Fern (Eikenberry) Engleman from the Class of 1934 and Arnold Creed and Russell Dalrymple from the Class of 1935. Thinking of you cards were signed and sent to those members reported ill.

In attendance from the 1934 class were Mary (Schweikhardt) Brown, Madge (Wait) Ellerman, Wendell

Thompson and guests, Madaline Thompson and Mrs. Harmon (Joan) Wiley and from the 1935 class Ruth Alice (Ellerman) Christner, Vera (Schweikhardt) Spahr and Hazel Dean (Hart) Wilson.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Your Pharmacist, Terry Daniels, of the Warren Pharmacy, recently attended the 15th Annual Midwest Regional Conference for Consultants Pharmacists in Indianapolis. Continuing Education Seminars were held on H.I.P.A.A. privacy regulations, Medical/Legal Issues, Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH), Drug Interactions, Wound Management, A.C.E. inhibitors in cardiovascular disease, Pain Management, & Treatment of Depression.

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Front: Alene McGowen, Nondas Schafer
Rear: Betty Blinn, Martha Daugherty and Isabelle Daugherty.

HOLMES SISTERS GATHER IN ILLINOIS

The five daughters of the late Y.E. and Ethel Holmes gathered together for the first time in twenty years to celebrate the birthday of Isabelle Daugherty on July 22nd. They met for lunch at the United Methodist Village in Lawrenceville, IL where the two oldest sisters reside. The afternoon was spent visiting and looking at old photos and clippings.

Enjoying the day were the sisters, Alene McGowen and Nondas Schafer of Lawrenceville; Isabelle Daugherty, Chandler, IN; Betty Blinn, Marion, IN; and Martha Daugherty, Warren, IN. Also attending were John Schafer, husband of Nondas, Lawrenceville; LaMoine Armstrong, Mt. Carmel, IL; Rev. Kenton Daugherty, Chandler, IN; Diane Morrison, Huntington, IN and David Daugherty, Warren, IN.

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RATIONING IN WWII

(by Dick Smith) crskrs@pacol.net
For those Warren Area residents who worked, worried and waited while loved ones fought overseas, a different kind of battle was being fought daily on the home front. The enemies were waste and illegal use of critical commodities; and our weapons were thrift and ration coupons. The federal government began the rationing system to make sure of fair assignment of essential items, and to keep inflation and hoarding from taking-off. While the write-up below will bring back memories for many of us, I felt it was something that the later generations should know about so they can have a "real feel" for the sacrifices that were made by the Warren Area people to support our Armed Forces and win WWII.

I remember the various Ration Books (a total of four, I believe) and the various colored stamps, tokens and coupons. Registration for these Ration Books took place at the Warren High School, with Clifford Pribble (the Principal) as the Site Manager. The Rationing Office, where people could argue for changes in their allotments, was located in Huntington. Later, a Branch Rationing Office was opened in the Warren Town Building, with Mrs. Daisy Chopson in charge.

The write-up below is based on articles in the Warren Tribune, other newspapers of the time, History books, and my own memory. I have found considerable differences in the dates and Ration Books numbers for the various items, so I've taken what I believe to be the best estimates. (I have been unable to find exactly what Ration Book #2 was used for.) You may have copies of these books around the house, along with the dime-sized red and blue tokens given as change.

Gasoline and rubber tires were the first items rationed in early 1942 in a separate rationing program. Gasoline was rationed not to conserve it, but rather to conserve rubber instead (just as was the 35-mph speed limit!). For our cars, we

got either A, B, or C-Stamps posted on our windshields. With an A-Stamp, we got 4 gallons per week; with a B-Stamp, we got an additional 4 gallon (enough to drive 150 miles to work—if you had three car pool riders!); and with a C-Stamp, one got as much as needed to drive to a defense job. E and R-Stamps were issued to farmers for non-highway farm use. Trucks were issued a T-Stamp. Since many Warren Area people worked out-of-town, this gas rationing quickly brought-on car pools!

Ration Book #1, issued in May 1942, rationed sugar. A total of 2122 Warren Area residents registered at the High School to get 10 ounces of sugar per week for each member in the household; this was followed-up by registration for sugar for canning. The allowance was 1-pound for every 4 quarts of fruit canned, and 1-pound per person for preserving. (Sugar rationing wasn't ended until October 31, 1947—two years after the war!)

In December 1942, coffee joined the list of rationed items. The allotment was one pound of coffee per week for adults over 14. This really made the morning drive-to-work tough—not much gas, and not much coffee!

In early 1943, Ration Book #3 was issued containing brown stamps to be used for butter, cheese, lards, and fats. It was later extended to include rationing of leather shoes. We were limited to three pairs of shoes per year—it was pretty tough if you had a job where you needed work shoes. I read stories about people up in Minnesota and Montana who had to wear their winter boots most of the year! But in England at this time, they got only one pair per year!

In March 1943, we got hit by the announcement that rationing was being expanded to meats and canned goods. Ration Book #4 would cover canned goods and meats with red, green, blue, and black stamps. Again, we had to register at the High School for our Books. With our Red Stamps we initially could get 28 ounces per week of meat; this was later increased to 2½ pounds per adult,

1½ pounds per child 6-12, and ¾ pounds per child under 6. (Remember "Meatless Days?"). Farmers, who had their own source of red meat helped the War effort by increasing meat production during this period by about 50 per cent!

Blue and Green Stamps in Ration Book #4 were used for purchasing all canned goods, including juice, baby foods, bottled fruit, etc. All cans were assigned a point value: Baby Food=1point; 12oz. Can of Lima Beans=4 points; 12oz. Can of Fruit Cocktail=8 points; 21oz. Can of Tomato Soup=10 points; 20oz. Can of Canned tomatoes=16 points. It was all controlled by grocers. I can't find anywhere how many points we got each week, but it certainly required some planning and scheduling by the homemakers. The Black Stamps in Ration Book #4 were used as "spares".

In an attempt to stem inflation, President Roosevelt in April 1943 froze wages, salaries, and prices. So the prices housewives paid for these items stayed constant; and gas remained at 15 cents per gallon throughout the War!

As the War progressed into 1944, and victory seemed in the near future, rationing allowance were increased. Gasoline A-Stamps were allowed 5 gallons per week. Most ration restrictions didn't end until August 1945; with the exception of meat, which ended in May 1944, and sugar, which was rationed until 1947.

Sure, we all heard stories of people hoarding sugar, canned goods, etc., and using the "Black Market" to increase their supply of critical items. But I think that these people may have been in the minority. Overall, the Office of Price Administration did a good job of setting-up and managing a complicated rationing system.

I believe that we on the home front can take pride in the fact that, by following the rules of rationing and the philosophy of "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without", we helped make it possible for the men and women in the Armed Services to have the vehicles, arms, planes, uniforms, and food that led to victory over our enemies.

MOLD AND MILDEW MOISTURE IS THE PROBLEM

(NAPSI)—The fungus is still among us. Mold has been around practically since the beginning of time. Though there has been increasing public attention on a potential or suspected role in human illness from certain strains of mold, the Texas Medical Association has concluded that public concern for adverse health effects from inhalation of mold spores is generally not supported in any available data to this point.

Carpet, along with many other household building materials, has unwittingly become some sort of evil contributor to the rise of so-called "toxic mold." When addressing the air quality issues in homes, businesses and schools, however, let's be reasonable and direct in finding the sources of the problems first, rectifying problems, and then providing the very best environments for all.

Carpet is not a source of these problems, and in fact, has been confirmed to be a valuable asset in the battle for better indoor air quality.

Here are some facts you may want to know:

Mold has these five growth requirements:

- Something to feed on: paper, wood, natural fibers, even soil.
- Moisture, which can include high humidity in the air.
- Moderate temperatures, especially between 68-86 degrees F.
- Stagnant air, especially unfresh or non-circulating air.
- Time: typically there isn't much growth for the first 24-48 hours.

Prevention and identifying the source of an indoor air quality problem is essential. Remember, mold is a direct result of moisture within a building. Find the water source and fix it immediately. Also, keep humidity levels down and make sure

the HVAC system is properly maintained and working. Keep fresh air circulating.

Most of the mold you see, is harmless. Certain types of mold can aggravate allergies. Often, carpet is recommended for its filter-like qualities. That's because carpet has an innate ability to hold dust and other allergens, a very unique and positive feature no other floor covering can claim. It traps allergens from being circulated into the breathing zone whereas other surfacing does not. Carpet is also easier and less costly to clean from a time and labor standpoint.

So what should be done about mold?

The answer in three simple words is: "Clean and dry."

"Clean and dry" are today's healthy home catchwords. To fight mold, keep things clean and keep them dry.

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