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Thought for the Week: *Good Luck and Congratulations to all area 4-Her's.*



PERFORMING AT HERITAGE POINTE

Direct from the central coast of California, two talented singer/songwriters ... Jan Grigsby (son of Heritage Pointe resident, Ivan Grigsby) and his friend, Nina Ryne, will be sharing their original songs, as well as contemporary folk tunes. Their soothing harmonies, and instrumental melodies will include acoustic guitars, mandolin, and even a Native American flute.

Nina grew up in New York City, and has recorded two CD's "It's Our World" (a children's music collection), and "Feet on the Ground" (original adult theme songs). She currently teaches middle school choir, and guitar in a local high school program.

Jan teaches first grade and uses his musical talents daily to stimulate and reinforce learning in his classroom, and performs in local coffee houses and churches.

Come share the healing and inspiring sounds of music, voice, and lyric with Jan and Nina.

Join us on Sunday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

POPCORN FESTIVAL

The annual Van Buren Popcorn Festival will be held Aug 9, 10 and 11. This is the 35th anniversary of the Festival and the theme this year is Education. The annual parade will be held on Thursday evening, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. with Jim and Carolyn Lee as Parade Marshals.

GOSPEL QUARTET

The Salamonie Church of the Brethren will be hosting a gospel quartet at the Sunday morning church service on July 29. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. The group, called "The Living Word," comes from the North Webster area. You are cordially invited to attend.

The church is located on Sts Rd 124 three miles west of St Rd 5.

COUNCIL CHANGES

Due to conflicts, the Van Buren Town Council will meet on August 8 and 22, the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. They will resume their regular schedule in September, meeting the first and third Wednesdays.

CLINIC OPENED

A Medical Clinic, in co-operation with Marion General Hospital, opened July 2 in Van Buren. Currently the Clinic is located in the former Town Hall and will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nurse Practitioner is Michelle McDowell and Dr. Lori Fugua is the attending physician.

Patients are able to get blood pressures taken, etc. Patients can make appointments, but they are not necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.

UNDER THE LAMPLIGHT

Continues at the Pulse Opera House

Do you long for the days of corny jokes, audience involvement, toe tapping songs, dancing, comedy acts and good old fashioned entertainment? "Under the Lamplight" just might be the show for you! In addition to the melodrama (complete with TWO villains) there are comedy and music acts between the acts. While the set is being changed behind the painted curtains, singers, dancers and comedians entertain you using material from the late 1800's—the early 1900's. (Warren residents might recognize some of the material from the early Pink Slipper shows.) Times may have changed, but a corny joke is still a corny joke!

The original roll drop was painted when the Pulse was originally restored 20 years ago. The painting was done by Archie Maxwell and Martha Roberts. Other roll drops for this production were created by Ron Wartzok and painted by Bart Willard. The costumes were built for this show by local seamstresses including Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok, Ruth Herring, Rita Hecht and Jan Carnes.

This melodrama has special effects recreated in the style of the late 1800's. You will feel as though you have been transported back to a time when downtown Warren was new. A time when the front streets of town had hitching posts for the horses. When women wore layers upon layers of clothing and made grand entrances to show it off. When the town glowed under the soft light from the gas lamplights.

"Under the Lamplight" runs July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28. The box office opens at 7:00 p.m. on show nights and is located in the lobby. Doors to the theatre open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations may be made online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by phone at (260) 375-7017. All shows start at 8:00 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Due to the high level of interest in our Community Computer Classes, the Van Buren Public Library is pleased to announce that we will be offering even more classes in August. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, August 21, 28

Thursday, August 2, 16, 23, 30

All classes will be held at the library at 6:30PM. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please call or stop by the library. 934-2171

SAFETY FESTIVAL

2nd Annual Kid's Safety Festival at the 35th Annual Van Buren Popcorn Festival August 11th, 2007 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Free to the Public.

Free eye exams - Free crafts by Home Depot - Giveaways - books, bike helmets - 911 Learning Table - Samaritan Helicopter - Tour emergency vehicles - Ronald McDonald 4-5 pm - Exotic animals 6-7 pm - K9 demo 5-6pm - DNA kits by MGH - Pet Safety / Water Safety - Digital fingerprinting.

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For more information, please contact Christie Livingston at (260) 627-8733.

LADIES DAY

The annual Ladies Day at the Fair will be held on Monday, July 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. under a canopy at the west side of the Family Living Building at Hier's Park, Huntington. This event, sponsored by Huntington County Extension Homemakers, is free to the public and will offer presentations on a wide variety of topics of interest to women.

At 1:00 pm, Debbie Meyer from Children's Hope Hospitality House

in Fort Wayne, will give a presentation with information regarding families who require the utilization of the house due to their child's stay in the hospital.

Nancy Whinery from Piecemakers Quilt Club will present, "Quilts & Memories" beginning at 2:00 pm. She will share information about the history and care of quilts.

Huntington County Extension Educator, Karen Hinshaw will present "Metamorphosis in Your Own Backyard" at 3:00 pm. You will learn about the lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly as well as where to locate eggs and caterpillars to rear yourself. A brief tour of the recently planted butterfly garden at the fairgrounds will follow this presentation.

The final presentation at 4:00 pm will be given by Lisa Barnett, Tyson Foods. Lisa will present "What's Cooking at Tyson Foods". She will have samples and recipes of the Mexican style food she is demonstrating.

Please join this afternoon of fun. Door prizes will be awarded at each session. Ladies Day at the Fair is held in conjunction with the Huntington County 4-H Fair.

The Touch of Class Pie Baking Contest will be immediately following Ladies Day.

SCHOOL DEADLINE

Small World Nursery School in Warren is a non-profit pre-school, which has been serving the families of Warren and the surrounding area for twenty-seven years. Small World is still pre-registering students for the 2007-2008 school year, for the 4-5 year old afternoon class only.

Classes begin in September and end in early May. The 4-5 year old class attends on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 – 2:30 pm. Children must be 4 years old by August 1st. The cost is \$600.00 for the 4-5 year old class, with a \$50 registration fee. REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL STUDENTS IS AUGUST 1st, 2007.

Payment options are available. We are trying to determine if an afternoon class is needed for the

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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MAYOR OF DOGWOOD

The housing development known as the villas, better known as Dogwood



Glen, has an unofficial mayor. He doesn't think of himself as the mayor, but he fits the moniker perfectly. This fellow would be Mike Ternet.

Mike and Lennis Ternet were not the first occupants of the villas, but were the first to build on the back row near Hole # 9. Their home was finished 2 ½ years ago when they moved here from Fort Wayne. Mike is a skilled tradesman and worked at Harvester and Navistar retiring from General Motors as a tool and die maker.

Mike was born and raised in Allen County and his younger days were spent in the Woodburn/Harlan area. He has two sons who still live in Harlan.

His youngest son and daughter-in-law live in Minneapolis with his only grandchild, Alyssa, who is almost 9 months old. She's an exceptional little girl. Ask Mike!

Why the mayor? Well, Mike is the kind of person that gets things done, and he doesn't wait on someone else to do it. If there ever were a t-shirt saying that fits Mike, it would be the one that reads "Get R Dun!" If he isn't out picking up trash then he is touching up the paint on all of the mailboxes. You can tell Mike has an analytical brain because he is always analyzing a problem to see if he can think of a way to solve it. Like the metal racks first used in the pool to hold equipment up out of the water. It was Mike's suggestion to use the more functional kind made from vinyl.

Another mayoral attribute is his connection with people. He likes people and can talk to anyone on any level. His quick wit and sense of humor are obvious on his routine visits to many residents in the Home.

Lastly, his mayoral obligation to Jerry Williams in helping keep the geese off the ponds in the villas is entertaining. It seems Jerry keeps Mike in firecrackers to scare away those pesky geese. Those firecrackers may actually be legal this week guys.

Mike can be found at The Cove most mornings for the 9:00 a.m. coffee klatch, or in the pool for his daily water-aerobic workout. He can also be found in the Ceramic Shop where he enjoys his major hobby. He just finished his third nativity scene and has been doing ceramics for over a year. He painted the first two nativities in acrylics, but Mimmette Belante encouraged him to try this last one in oil. It is beautiful and is for sale in the gift shop.

His other hobby is traveling. Mike and Lennis have been in several of the western states and they particularly like Arizona. However, they both love history and have just returned from a vacation on the East Coast. Mike particularly enjoyed Jamestown and the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.

Mike's faith and family are extremely important to him. He is a member of St. Peter & Paul's in Huntington. He's another one of the good guys found around Heritage Pointe, and I should know, he is my brother-in-law.

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 6:30 p.m.

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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.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085
Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199

Pastor Anna Kroencke
Youth Minister Lynne Payne
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday..... 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

Word of Life — Majenica
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Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.
 Wed - Circle of Friends
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST
 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
375-2510

Clyde Gunn, 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..... 6:30 p.m.

**JEFFERSON CENTER
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 Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 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.

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

**LIBERTY CENTER
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Dan Helm, Pastor

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

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies
 - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, 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.

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.

**PLUM TREE
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
375-2691

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

**SALAMONIE
 CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim 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.

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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 Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.

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Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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*Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of
 Preaching and Discipleship*
*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of
 Family Life*

Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor

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

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Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor
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 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m.
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AREA NEWS

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4-5 year olds, so please call as soon as possible. Please contact Diane Kratzer at 375-3244 for more information.

PARADE WINNERS

Winners of the 2007 Salamonie Summer Festival parade awards are as follows:

- Animal Unit – Canine Capers
- Antique Unit – Arthur & Rose Broyles
- Pooper Scooper – Browns Quarter Horse Farms
- Ball League – D&D Bike Shop T Ball
- Youth Group – T-Bone 4-H Club
- Business Organization – Ben's Lawn Service
- Classical Vehicle – David Shafer
- Religious Organization – Warren United Church of Christ
- Service Organization – Knight Bergman Civic Center USS Salamonie
- Anyone needing to pick up their plaque – please stop by Campbell & Dye Insurance.

NEW AT WPL

New Books received at the Warren Public Library are:

Fiction: A Sister's Secret by Brunstetter; High Noon by N Roberts; Return to Me by R Hatcher; Killer Weekend by R Pearson; The Tin Roof Blowdown by J Burke; A Welcome Grave by M Koryta; Someone to Love by J Deveraux; The Water's Lovely by R Rendell; Meet Me In Venice by E Adler; What Matters Most by L Rice; The Scribe by F Rivers; Sophie's Dilemma by L Snelling; True Light by T Blackstock; Bachelor's Puzzle by J Pella.

Non-fiction: Quiet Strength by T Dundy; When You've Been Wronged.

GROWING GROCERIES

The Blackford County Extension Service will be hosting the program Growing Groceries beginning August 8th.

This educational program series will explore the basics of gardening and producing food for home use. Participants will plant a variety of cool-season seeds such as carrots and lettuce and learn how to preserve the harvest by canning, freezing, and pickling. Other topics include reading the food labels, food safety basics, container gardening, and how to get more vegetables in your diet. The other sessions are scheduled for August 22nd, September 6th, and September 13th at 10 AM at the Blackford Co. Fairgrounds. Participants do not need to have a garden to participate and there is no cost for the program, but registration is required no later than August 3rd to (765)348-3213.

FARMERS' MARKET

Beginning July 21st, Main Street, in Roanoke will be filled with an array of fresh, locally grown produce, breads, and flowers at the 2007 Roanoke Farmers' Market. Family entertainment will also be provided during the Market hours from 8

a.m. to noon. Main Street, between First and Second Streets, will be closed to traffic during the Market, but will re-open promptly at noon. The Market will continue through September 8th.

The Roanoke Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring this year's Market. Main Street will become a temporary plaza for family and friends to enjoy Roanoke's beautiful downtown. Roanoke is easily located on U.S.-24, just eight miles southwest of Fort Wayne.

"Each Saturday, the Market will also feature family based entertainment" said Dave Harris, President of the Roanoke Chamber Board of Directors and Director of the Farmers' Market Committee. "Many different activities like musicians, dancers, and art displays will be available for children and adults to participate in during the Market hours," said Harris. Opening day of the Market will feature the Hoppin' Hoosiers, a jump roping team that competes in local and regional competitions.

The Roanoke Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting the Roanoke Farmers' Market and other community activities that benefit local businesses and Roanoke's historic downtown. Market proceeds will help the Chamber fund scholarships for local students.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor or entertainer in the Roanoke Farmers' Market should contact Dave Harris at (260) 672-8800 for more information or visit the Roanoke web site at www.discoverroanoke.org.

DINING WITH DIABETES

The Purdue University Huntington County Extension Office will be offering a Dining with Diabetes Class beginning Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Victory Noll Ministry Center in Huntington. Dining with Diabetes is a two hour class that runs twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for two weeks. Class dates are August 14, 16, 21 & 23, 2007. The first hour of class is instructional with the second hour giving participants a chance to taste the simple, but tasty recipes. This class is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers, and anyone who would like to learn more about healthy cooking. The classes are \$40 per person and pre-registration is required. Some scholarships may be available for those over the age of 60. Please register for classes by August 1, 2007.

You will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy, easy to prepare and taste good. Recipes will be demonstrated, and participants will have the opportunity to taste each one. Participants will also learn up to date information on nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes related medical tests. Recipes and handouts will be given to each participant.

Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease, but research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life.

Dining with Diabetes is offered statewide and is sponsored by the Purdue University Extension Service. Registration and class fee may be sent to: Huntington County Extension Office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Ste 202, Huntington, IN 46750. For further information please call the Huntington County Extension Office at 260-358-4826

TRACTOR CONTEST

Area Tractor Operators' Contest to be held in Huntington County.

The Area XI Tractor Operators' Contest will be held at the Huntington County 4-H Fairgrounds, Hier's Park on Saturday, July 28. The location is a change from earlier information printed about this area event. Registration for this event will be in the 4-H Community Building from 8:30 – 9:00 am and the contest will officially begin at 9:00 am.

The Area contest will involve 4-H youth from northeastern Indiana competing in one of the four divisions – Lawn & Garden, Junior division for youth who have completed grades 3 through 7 and Senior division for those completing grades 8 through 12 and Ag Tractor, Junior division for youth completing grades 3-7 and Senior division for those completing grades 8 through 12. Each contestant, regardless of their division, will be involved in three different aspects of tractor knowledge and operation including a written test, identification of parts and tools and driving a designated course for their division competition.

The top two individuals in each of the four divisions will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Petroleum Power Contest on Saturday, August 18 at the state fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

DOG AGILITY

On Saturday, July 21 the 4-H Dog Agility Show will begin at 5 pm in the Show Arena at Hier's Park. This time is one hour later than the previously printed time of 4 pm. This change of time allows for the agility course to be set in the show arena following the 4-H Dairy Show.

SHARE THE FUN

Huntington County 4-H members will perform their award winning Share the Fun Acts during the Huntington County 4-H Fair. There are two different times planned for these special performances: Sunday, July 22 at 7:15 pm and Monday, July 23 at 6:45 pm on the United REMC Outdoor Stage.

Ashley Ambriole, Jackson Twp, will perform her jump rope routine selected as the winning Curtain Act – non-musical at the Area Share the Fun Contest. Ashley recently

performed at the State 4-H Youth Round-Up, held at Purdue University in late June.

Colene Smart, Jackson Twp, will dance to the "Tiki Tiki Room" song in her clogging routine which placed 2nd in the Curtain Act – non-musical category. Colene will also perform at the Indiana State Fair in August.

The third Share the Fun performance will be the 2nd place Group Act presented by members of the Hoosier Boosters 4-H club. "The Night before the County Fair" is a skit of what hopefully doesn't happen at most 4-H families the night before judging. This act has also been invited to perform at the Indiana State Fair in August.

The 4-H Share the Fun contest is an opportunity for 4-H members to share their talents through group acts involving five or more 4-H youth or curtain acts with one to four youth. The curtain act category has two separate divisions – musical and non-musical. Winning acts in each of the three categories are invited to perform during 4-H Round-Up at Purdue University in late June and other selected performances from the Area Share the Fun contest are invited to perform during the Indiana State Fair.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Sharron Roush. Joan Huffman won High, Phyllis Dickey had the most lones and Mary Jo Zoda won low. Others enjoying the evening were Ann

Garrett, Jo Banter, Florence Taylor, Carolyn Carroll, Marge Jones, Jane Lieurance, LuEllen Pond and Joyce Willman. August we will meet at the home of Doris Tyler.

SISTER'S OF FAITH

The Sister's of Faith of the Warren United Church of Christ held their regular meeting at the country home of Linda Hammel on Monday evening, June 25, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

A delicious picnic meal prepared by the committee of Linda Hammel, Patty Butler and SueElleln Jones was served out on the lawn by the pond.

Following a short business meeting, held by the president, Peggy White, a program was given by Jo Spade. She gave a very interesting program about the "Faith Walk" trip she took to New York City. This was sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Following the program a delicious dessert was served to: Peggy Wilson, Margorie Lieurance, Suzette Gephart, Marjorie Gard, Roselyn Poulson, Janet Klefeker, Nancy Smyth, Ellen Laymon, Rosemary Zeller, Jo Spade, Janet Sneed, Becky Butler and Jay Dee Walter.



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Community Calendar

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

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| Jul 20 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Jul 23 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall |
| Aug 1 | Warren Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Assembly Hall |
| Aug 3 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Aug 8 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Aug 9-11 | Van Buren Popcorn Festival |
| Aug 13 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall |
| Aug 14 | Knight Berman Center Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. |
| Aug 17 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Aug 22 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Aug 27 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall |
| Aug 31 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Sep 3 | LABORDAY |
| Sep 5 | Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall |
| Sep 5 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 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 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

VICKREY GATHERING

The family & friends of the late Edward D and Mary Andres Vickrey gathered together to enjoy good food, fun, games, balloon launch and fellowship in conjunction with the Salamonie Summer Festival for the annual fireworks on the evening of 7/3/07.

A silent auction was held, with all proceeds going to the Salamonie Summer Festival. This year \$150.00 was collected in the auction.

In 2006- \$100.00 was raised in the same manner and likewise donated.

The gathering took place at the home of Ron and Diane (Vickrey) Winkler.

Along with the host were representatives from all of Edward and Mary Andres's children.

Attending this year were...

Members of Ron & Norene (Vickrey) Blair Family: Lesa, Kristen & Kraig Salomon; Richard Blair; Linda, Kevin & Tyler Park; Mary Alice VanVliet; Diane (Vickrey) Winkler; Sally, Mark, Elizabeth & Natalie Lewellen; Sarah, Jim, Conner & Molly Stoffel; Shawn Woodward ; Nancy (Vickrey) and Ned Trout; John & Jane Vickrey; Mark & Kathy Vickrey; Eric, Jodi, Jaron, Kloee & Kora Vickrey; Nicholas, Haley & Samson Vickrey; Chris and Nichole Vickrey

Extended family was Lora, Jase, Landen, Karlee Warner, neighbor Beth Ostermeyer and several other friends that stopped by just to say "Hi".

In America, we are blessed to be able to gather together with family and friends. Everyday is a GIFT! The Vickrey Family challenges other families & the community to come up with creative ways to make similar donations to this patriotic and worthwhile event.

MARKET REPORT

Our market Saturday was a very successful one and very busy. The vegetables are finally coming in and had some nice fresh items. Fresh eggs were available from two vendors and there was plenty of baked goods from several vendors. For a snack, try the dried zucchini with parmesan cheese and onion that Haggerty's have. It was rather tasty. There is a couple of new items at the market: fresh frozen whole hog sausage unseasoned in bulk or patties, and Amish Country popcorn. Be sure to check out the new vendors.

Rabbs will be back this week with their beef and will be glad to have them. There are always noodles and the jams and jellies to try. How about taking home a piece of nice refinished furniture, there might be something you are looking for. The Van Buren Loins club will be back 3rd week in August, they are now busy getting ready the tenderloins for the Popcorn Festival. Our plant lady will be there also with nice assortment of perennials and cut flowers. Check us out - the market is growing each week. We're there each Saturday from 8a.m. to noon.

777 REUNION

The Haskiel Daugherty Family hosted a cousin's reunion on July 6th and 7th in Warren. Guests were descendants of the Evan T. & Louisa Holmes family, David T. & Clara Chaney family, Thomas B. & Florence Daugherty family and the Aaron S. & Della Ruble family.

Over 130 persons attended the two day event starting with a golf outing at the Dogwood Glen golf course on Friday afternoon followed by a cookout at the course clubhouse on Friday evening. Relatives from ten states attended over the two days with Don and Carol Chaney traveling the farthest, coming from Fountain Valley, CA.

David Daugherty organized the event and had numerous genealogical displays at the Knight-Bergman Center on Saturday morning, July 7th for an "early-bird" breakfast. Tours of the Salamonie Valley Museum, hosted by Mary Emma Holmes were given as well as tours of the U.S.S. Salamonie Museum. Driving tour outlines and maps were available for those wanting to revisit old homesteads, churches and cemeteries in the area.

At 11:00 a.m. a memorial service was held at the Woodlawn Cemetery to remember deceased family members lead by Pastor Kenton Daugherty of the Chandler, Indiana Church of the Nazarene. Following the memorial service, a bountiful lunch was served at the Knight-Bergman Center with more time for reminiscing and fellowship.

After lunch, families were invited to Daugherty's Pond for an afternoon of picture taking and visiting. Photos and information about the reunion are posted at www.777reunion.com.

WILDCAT FESTIVAL

There's some special news about the 2007 Wildcat Festival. There will be a live remote broadcast by Fort Wayne radio station WAJL (Majic 95.1) on Saturday, August 25th during the afternoon. This remote is being sponsored by Fort Wayne Toyota. Some of the events to be highlighted by this remote will be the Civil War Singers, the Firefighter's water ball contest, as well as other festival events happening through the afternoon. Anyone still interested in entering the Princess Wildcat Pageant should call Ann Elmore at (260)824-0912, or Susan Price at (260)543-2494. Also, on Saturday, August 18th at 8:00a.m., is the Golf Outing at Frazanda Golf Course. Door prizes include a chance to win a new car (offered by Fort Wayne Toyota/Scion). Participants can register at the golf course or Crossroads Pantry at the corner of U.S.224 and S.R.3, or call Vicki Plasterer at (260)358-7905. Space is limited so hurry and enter. There is also a 5K run to be held Saturday morning August 25th. To enter, call Corbin Eckert at (260)758-2487. Craft vendors are still needed. IF you wish to rent a booth, call Mindi Herstad at (260)758-2303.

CLUTTER CURATORS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

When Robert and I married in 1996; I had a houseful of clutter and he had a houseful of clutter. We put our clutter together and then went to estate auctions to buy more. You could not walk in our home. In January of 1999 I began my quest to get organized.

You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it. I began to make daily donations to our local Humane Society Thrift Shop. Our clutter slowly went away. We still love to go to estate auctions but we only buy what we can't live without and we have to decide where the item is going and what we are getting rid of when we get it home. We don't go very often any more.

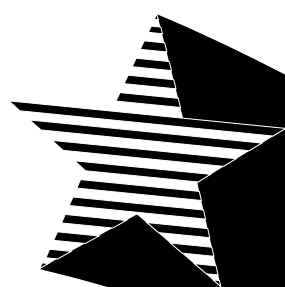
We love everything we have and it is hard to decide what to declutter if we buy something new to us.

It is so nice to live in a small town. The other day I was at an open house for one of our fastest growing banks in North Carolina; Mountain First Bank. At this open house I ran into our old friend who is the auctioneer at our favorite auction. Jack Eubanks wanted to know why we had not been to one of his auctions lately. I told him that we had everything we needed and if we brought something new home we had to get rid of something old. He said that his wife Robin had the same philosophy. Their home was just they way they had always wanted it.

Eventually we will all be faced with a big decision when it comes to

dealing with our parent's belongings. My mother died in 2000. Our home was just the way we liked it too and I didn't want to merge mother's clutter and recreate the CHAOS we had lived in. I was really scared of cluttering up our home again. I called Jack to come to see if there were items that would be worth putting into one of his auctions. He told us what would sell and what needed to be donated. Not everything our parents own is worth money. If it

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GENEALOGY REPORT

RUNKLE

Nelson D. "Pete" Runkle, 88, of Fort Wayne died at 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at Lutheran Homes in Fort Wayne.

He retired from C.T.S. Tool and Die in Fort Wayne in 1983, and was formerly employed at United Tool and Toolcraft Industries in Fort Wayne. He was a member of American Legion Post #296 in Fort Wayne, Masonic Lodge #600 F & AM in Montpelier, and the Olive Club in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Warren on Nov. 30, 1918, a son of Paul and Viola (Gilbert) Runkle. He was a 1936 graduate of Chester Center High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and served in the Pacific Theater. He was married on Nov. 13, 1937 to Lena (Fitch) Runkle who survives.

He is also survived by his son Gerald (Nancy) Runkle of Columbia City, his daughter Karen (Amos) Werling of Fort Wayne, a brother Floyd Runkle of Fort Wayne, and 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Hugh Runkle.

Calling hours were held at the Glancy Funeral Home - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. A graveside service followed at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montpelier, with the Rev. James Johnson officiating. Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ in Montpelier, Masonic Lodge #600 in Montpelier, or to the First Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

SATTERTHWAITE

Thelma Pauline Satterthwaite, 84, of Markle, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born to Forrest and Daisy (Heiney) Surfus on August 27, 1922, Mrs. Satterthwaite married Edwin W. Satterthwaite on January 1, 1940; he survives.

Mrs. Satterthwaite worked at Foster Forbes in Marion and at the Appliance Mfg. Co. and Doyle Brothers Egg Plant in Van Buren.

Other surviving relatives include two daughters, Jane Gurtner of Huntington and Arlene (Wade) Smola of Fort Wayne; one son, James (Ruby) Satterthwaite of

Alexandria; one sister, Emma Cook of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Satterthwaite was preceded in death by her brothers Doyle and Sam Surfus and sister Rosalee Hoffman.

Funeral services were held at the Ferguson and Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren with Pastor Dianna Teusch officiating. Burial was at the Garden of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials are to the Grant County Cancer Society.

YOST

Margaret Ann Yost, 107, of Warren, died at 9:52 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at Heritage Pointe. Born to Frederick W. and Bertha E. (Fitch) Stultz on March 3, 1900, Mrs. Yost married Harvey H. Yost on May 18, 1921; he preceded her in death on September 4, 1970.

A 1917 graduate of Goshen High School, Mrs. Yost worked in the office of the family business at City Dairy Company in Goshen for many years. She was a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include a son, Robert E. (Margaret I.) Yost of Goshen, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Yost was preceded in death by two sons, Donald and Richard; two brothers, Dwight D. and Harmon Stultz; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at St. Marks United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial was at West Goshen Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Church or to Heritage Pointe.

JOSEPH

David G. Joseph, 54, 505 N. Bradner Ave., Marion, died Thursday, July 12, 2007 in Bradner Village Nursing Home.

He was born Thursday, Feb. 12, 1953 in Marion, son of the late William D. Joseph and Doris Brown Joseph.

Surviving are his mother, Doris C. Joseph, Van Buren; brother, William D. (Mariann) Joseph III and Gary D. Joseph, both of Marion;

special aunts, Dixie Woodcock and Marica Mitchner.

He was preceded in death by his father, William D. Joseph and half-sister, Philis Bowen.

Graveside services were held in the Van Buren Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Brown officiating. Visiting hours were held in Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren.

KORPORAL

PIEDMONT, Ala. - Marcella Sue (Foss) Korporal, 71, died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, in Anniston Memorial Hospital, Anniston, Ala.

She was born on Sunday, March 15, 1936, in Sullivan, daughter of the late Clarence and Velma McKey Cox. She married Vaughn D. Korporal on Oct. 8, 1973. He died July 3, 1997.

Mrs. Korporal had been a resident of Coosa County, Ala. for many years, having moved there from Marion. She was a member of the Piedmont Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Piedmont, Ala. She worked in health care as a nurse's assistant. Sue and her late husband were foster parents for many years.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Robert L. Foss, Indianapolis, Melodie L. and Charles Burns and Shirley J. and Bruce Thompson, all of Ozark, Ala., Debra L. and Michael Gabbard, Marion, Kenneth L. and Donna Foss, Conway, S.C., Daniel L. Korporal and Jerald D. Korporal, both of Phoenix City, Ala., Linda M. and Robert Zirkle, Noblesville, Dora V. and Gene Fry, address unknown, Betty S. Korporal, Conn.; nephew, James Standeford and wife, Tonya; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Betty J. Korporal.

Memorial services were held in Marion Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Bradford Pike, east of Marion, with long time friend, Paul Fruth officiating. Private family interment followed in Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, handled local arrangements.

70 YEARS TOGETHER

Celebrating 70 years of marriage are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. (Mona Irene Dutro) Dick.

Lawrence, son of Irven and Golda Forest Dick married his bride, Irene, daughter of James and Mona (Smith) Dutro, on August 3, 1937. The couple lived just outside of Roll for most of their married life. He is retired from 3M in Hartford City and has been a farmer all of his life. Irene is retired from the Montpelier Glove Factory and was a homemaker. They have been active members of the Roll United Methodist Church.

The couple has two sons, Thomas (Sue), of Liberty Center and James (Glennis) of rural Montpelier. They also have four grandsons, Brett of Rush Valley, Utah, Greg of Bluffton, Chris (Debra) of Plano, TX and the late Brian Dick. Great grandchildren are Ashley and Joshua, both of Bluffton and a set of twins due in October.

The couple will celebrate their 70 years together with an open house on Sunday, August 5th at Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave, Warren, from 2-5 p.m. Entry is at the back entrance by the water tower. Please omit gifts.

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doesn't have sentimental value to you then holding on to it is nothing more than hoarding. We have to let it go to save ourselves.

Our parents and their parents are products of the Great Depression. As a result they have held on to most everything. Their garages, storage sheds, basements and most every room in their homes have collections of junk, good clutter and more stuff. Many times we have no clue what is there. These things were items that they thought would be worth something someday or at least they would not have to repurchase them when something broke. You know the mentality; I might need it someday.

Now imagine trying to incorporate their stuff into your home. Are you getting scared enough to call a professional to help you? I talked with Jack this afternoon and asked him what things were worth more than others. One item he mentioned was that old Christmas cards did well at auctions. He explained people could send him an email or check out his website to see what like items have been sold for at the previous auctions. His website is www.JackEubanks.com. He can help you release clutter so that you can live in your home and not be the curator for your family's museum of clutter. Don't be imprisoned by their clutter the way they were! You deserve to live and not just spend your time trying to organize their clutter! Release it by using an auctioneer to help you!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

STIR UP SOME PASSION

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
When romance is on the menu, there is nothing like the right foods to heighten the mood and stir up a little passion. Sometimes a night out is not only unaffordable but undesirable when you can make good food like this at home.

Good lovin' starts in the kitchen - everyone knows that. And with these recipes, your dinner for two will quickly end up leaving the kitchen!

Here are some fabulous recipes with aphrodisiac qualities to start your engines and get you purring.
Ginger Mustard Chicken
Serves 2

Mustard is thought to stimulate sexual desire and ginger is also a circulatory stimulant. Sounds like things will be cooking soon enough with this dish!

2 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon butter
1/3 cup chicken broth
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon grainy mustard
2 green onions — minced

Salt and freshly ground pepper — to taste

Dust chicken lightly with flour. Melt butter in a skillet and sauté chicken over medium heat until brown on both sides, about 2-3 minutes per side. Remove chicken and keep warm. Pour broth into the skillet, increase heat and deglaze skillet by boiling and scraping loose browned bits on bottom of pan using a wire whisk. Add ginger and cook, stirring frequently, for 2 minutes. Stir in mustards and green onions. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over chicken.

Per Serving: 167 Calories; 7g Fat (37.2% calories from fat); 21g Protein; 5g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 50mg Cholesterol; 244mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 3 Lean Meat; 0 Vegetable; 0 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates.

Sexy Rice Pilaf

Serves 2 (with leftovers for 2)

The male hormone androsterone attracts women and is also found in celery. Basil is said to stimulate the sex drive and boost fertility. Almonds are thought to induce passion in women. Pass the Pilaf already!

1/2 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup dried tart cherries
1/4 cup slivered almonds
1/2 teaspoon basil
1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice

In a skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook till translucent. Add cherries, almonds, basil, salt and pepper to taste. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add rice; mix well. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.

Per Serving: 187 Calories; 7g Fat (32.5% calories from fat); 4g Protein; 28g Carbohydrate; 3g Dietary Fiber; 4mg Cholesterol; 25mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain(Starch); 0 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1/2 Fruit; 1 Fat.

Serve your meal with steamed asparagus (the ultimate aphrodisiacal vegetable).

For dessert, try some chocolate dipped strawberries. Both the chocolate and the berry itself are full of sexy qualities. The Aztecs called chocolate the "nourishment of the gods" and the berries, well they're described in erotic literature as fruit nipples. The combination is hot stuff when it's time for romance.

To make the chocolate covered berries, simply heat water in a double boiler and melt the chocolate (use quality semi-sweet chocolate). Dip your strawberries in the hot chocolate and allow the strawberries to cool till hardened on a piece of wax paper. For fun and the perfect end to a very romantic dinner, feed your sweetheart his strawberry one bite at a time.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her *Saving Dinner Book series* published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside.. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MASSAGE

(NU) - Most Americans know that massage therapy can help relieve stress and pain, reduce blood pressure and boost the immune system. And, more people than ever are trying massage for the first time.

Perhaps you received a gift certificate for massage. Maybe work's been stressful, and you've thought about getting a massage to unwind. Or maybe you're already a fan of massage and want to try a different type of massage.

Whatever your reasons, there are some basic things you should know to get the most from your massage.

There are many terms for types of massage. The American Massage

Therapy Association or designates the various methods as massage modalities. Ask your massage therapist what massage modality will give you the results you want.

The most popular include:

* Swedish massage: The most common type of massage, to relax and energize you.

* Deep tissue massage: For muscle damage from an injury, such as whiplash or back strain.

* Sports massage: To help prevent athletic injury, keep the body flexible and heal the body should injury occur.

* Chair massage: Massage of the upper body, while fully clothed and seated in a special portable chair.

Finding a qualified massage therapist is also important. Ask your massage therapist about his or her credentials. And remember, each massage and bodywork modality requires specialized training.

AMTA, which requires members meet education standards, recommends asking the following questions:

* Did you graduate from a program accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation or from an AMTA member school?

* Are you licensed or registered as a massage therapist in this state? Not all states license massage therapists.

* Are you a member of AMTA?

* Are you certified by the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork?

* Do you have training in any specific massage modalities? AMTA can help you locate an AMTA massage therapist in your area through its free "Find a Massage Therapist" national locator service. Access the service online at

www.amtamassage.org or call 1-888-THE-AMTA.

GIVING CHILDREN THE TOOLS TO LISTEN

(NewsUSA) - Having a child who doesn't listen is one of the primary sources of frustration for most parents. It is not uncommon to see parents constantly asking their kids, "Can you hear me? Are you listening to what I'm saying?"

"I think the real question is not whether they listen, but do they retain the information that is thrown at them, and the answer to that is no," said Dr. Mary Manz Simon, an early childhood educator in Odenton, Md. "Kids today are immersed in many different messages, and it is causing selective listening to rapidly become a defining characteristic of our current generation."

So then, how can parents effectively communicate to this new generation of listeners? Simon has several suggestions you may want to add to your parental toolbox:

* Make eye contact with your child before you begin speaking. This will avoid an across-the-house yell that your child may simply tune out.

* Have developmentally appropriate expectations. If you say, "Make your bed," be sure your child knows how to make his bed.

* Talk to your kids with words they understand. If you don't think they understand, ask them to explain what you have just said. This is a great test to see how well you're getting your message across.

* Capture teachable moments. For example, when watching a new

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DVD with your kids, mention the way one of their favorite characters follows directions. Then compliment your children when they listen attentively.

Lisa Whelchel, former star of "The Facts of Life," best-selling author of the parenting book "Creative Correction" and mother of three, agrees with this approach.

"Some of the television shows or DVDs children watch have powerful messages in them," Whelchel said. "I feel it is important to include the senses, so capturing teachable moments through certain DVDs is certainly something I recommend."

Both Simon and Whelchel recommend the animated series "VeggieTales." The show can be seen on Saturday mornings on NBC and has a new DVD in stores now called "Moe and the Big Exit" that includes a lesson on following directions.

"I love 'VeggieTales,'" said Whelchel. "There is always such a positive lesson behind each episode."

"It's very easy to relate 'VeggieTales' back to actions you want your children to do, such as listening or following directions, which helps you when trying to capture those teachable moments," added Simon.

TIPS FOR KEEPING KIDS OCCUPIED ON ROAD TRIPS

(NewsUSA) - On the road, drivers must deal with constant traffic concerns, including glaring sunlight, blinding rain, traffic jams, street signs and other drivers. But one distraction you might not have thought about is your kids.

According to AAA, more than 1.5 million crashes have involved some kind of driver distraction, and 24 percent of crashes occur because of drivers having to deal with children in the back seat. Here are a few ways to keep the kids occupied the next time you hit the road.

* Books and children's magazines: Time passes quickly when children are engrossed in a story. Take this opportunity to teach your children the importance of

reading. If your kids can't read in the car, try books on tape or compact discs.

* Crafts: Have the kids put together scrapbooks with items from the trip. Pack instant cameras, glue sticks, markers and construction paper to get them started.

* Puzzles, board games and cards: At first these activities might seem unfit for road trips, but many newer versions are designed for travel. These games either come in compact cases or with magnetic boards to keep pieces from being lost in the vehicle.

* On-screen entertainment: Increasing numbers of consumers are purchasing vehicles with liquid crystal display TV screens for passenger viewing. Today, not only can your kids play video games and watch DVDs in the car, they can catch their favorite television shows as well.

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