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PO Box 695, Warren IN 46792 • 260/375-3531 or 260/375-6290 • Fax 260/247-2426 • email: wwkly@citznet.com Thought for the Week: Know, first, who you are; and then adorn yourself accordingly. Epictetus

## LIVE NATIVITY

The Van Buren UMC will be having a live nativity from 7-8:30 on Dec 10, 11 and Dec 17, 18 at the lions park (on the corner at the light) come and enjoy the true Christmas story in real life.

The Van Buren UMC will be having their Christmas Cantata on Sunday Dec 19th at the church 108 S. 2nd St Van Buren at 6pm everyone is welcome hope to see you there.

## **OPEN FAMILY SWIM**

Salamonie School will have open swim day from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19. All elementary students must be accompanied by an adult. Middle School students may be dropped off. The cost is \$3 per person, preschool age children are free and there will be a family cap of \$12.00. Hope to see you there!

## **New Hours**

Beginning in January 2011, the Warren Public Library's Wednesdayhours will be 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the Every Other Wednesday Story Times (beginning Jan. 5th) will be Preschool at 3:30 p.m. and After School at 4:30 p.m.

### **G**REETING CARDS FOR FREE

The Warren Pharmacy has been given coupons by DaySpring for Little Inspirations Greeting Cards. The Coupons are BUY 2 GET 1 FREE! The Coupons are in effect until January 31, 2011.

Little Inspirations Greeting Cards are only 99 cents.

The Warren Pharmacy also offers their Special Deal of BUY 5 and GET 1 FREE for other Greeting Card lines. This applies to their 99 cents cards, or to the Regularly Priced cards.

### **EAGLES INVITE**

You are Invited to watch the Huntington Eagles Basketball teams.

Friday 12/17/10 at 6:00 PM, the Varsity Eagles, the Varsity Lady Eagles and the Junior High Eagles will host the W.A.C.H.E. Warriors at the Salamonie School Gym, 1063 East 900 South Warren, IN 46792. Use the back Parking Lot and enter at Door #11.

The Varsity contests will begin about 7:00 P.M.

All Huntington Eagles basketball games are open to the public! We appreciate your support!

HOME Game admission prices are very family friendly, only \$2/ student, \$3/adult and \$8/family (5&under FREE). One admission charge for an evening of enjoyment. Delicious and Nutritious Concessions are available.



Christmas time, in Warren, in the early 1900s, was a time for families to get together. At first, Christmas trees were small and stood on a table. The father carefully picked out the best tree, chopped it down and took it home. Setting up a tree was called "planting it" and decorating it was called "dressing it."

Christmas trees were decorated with candies, cookies, fruit and nuts, paper cut-outs, popcorn strings and candles. Lighting the candles was an adult's job and a bucket of water was always kept close by. Candles were probably lit only once or twice. Candles dripping wax on the floor led to the invention of the tree skirt.

On Christmas day, the father would hand out the gifts. Many of the gifts were handmade. A hobby horse was a popular gift for a boy or a girl. One likely gift was a homemade sled or animals carved out by the father.

The parlor was where the family and guest would get together to celebrate. After the gifts were opened, the rest of the day was for games and activities for the whole family. Mothers spent a lot of time in the kitchen so there was a lot of good food to eat. Calling on the neighbors and caroling was done during the Christmas season.

I have not written an article for a while because I have been busy putting together my third book of short stories. These have been printed and are now on sale for \$20.00. If you would like one please call my home at 375-3711 or if you are at Heritage Pointe you can purchase one from Lilly Nutter. Some of the stories are about The Sanitary Market, The Refresher Bottling Company, C. Carey Cloud and The Granger Electric Company. This would make a nice gift for the life long resident who has everything. I would like to thank everyone who has told me they miss my articles in the paper. I hope to continue writing about "My Town and Yours" after the first of the year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Call Today (**375-3531**) or email (wwkIy@citznet.com) to order your Christmas Greeting to be published in the December 24th issue of the Warren Weekly. Wish Friends, Family & Customers Happy Holidays.

### World of Science

Children ages 7 to 11 are invited to Salamonie Reservoir for a fun and exciting three days of camp, Dec. 28-30. Each day provides a variety of fun from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Come experiment with the 'mad' interpreters and staff at the Salamonie Interpretive Center to explore crazy colors, silly senses and epic explosions. Bring warm play clothes, an extra pair of shoes or boots and a science-savvy attitude.

The camp's activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment in which children can learn about the world.

A snack will be provided. Children need to bring a sack lunch with drink each day. The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, snacks, crafts and games.

The camp requires a \$45 participation fee. Fees are adjusted for families with multiple children attending. The property gate will not be charging admission during the camp. Parents will be asked to fill out a health/participation form before their child enjoys activities on the first day.

Registration is required and space is limited. Call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127 to register your child for the winter day camp. Visit <u>www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis</u> for more information.

## **R**EAL **T**REES

The season is off to an excellent start. Many customers visit Indiana Christmas tree farms each year because of the pleasant memories and family traditions.

Young couples, singles and families have purchased a real Indiana fresh Christmas trees thisyear. They know that a real tree is the best choice for our environment. Customers and grower s know that real Christmas trees, grown as a renewable crop, are products of nature, produce oxygen, and store carbon as they grow. There is still time to visit an Indiana real Christmas tree farm.

Keeping your real Christmas tree fresh

Caring for your Indiana Fresh Christmas tree is easy.

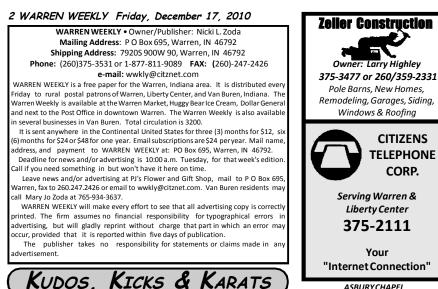
The most important thing to remember is that real trees need water.

 $\cdot$  Cut off ½ " or more from the base of the trunk before putting up the tree

 Place the tree in your tree stand and fill it with fresh water
Don't let the water level drop below the fresh cut on the base

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## What is Christmas? And Some Things To Do To MAKE IT EVEN BETTER

by V Neil Wyrick As to Santa, he really was real - a Christian leader in Myra (modern day Turkey) in 4 AD. Tradition tells us that St. Nicholas was a shy, good man who wanted to help the poor, but anonymously. To make sure no one knew where the gifts or money came from, he sometimes had to be very inventive. One time, or so goes the story; wanting to give a poor family money for the wedding of their third daughter, he found he could not throw the purse in through an open window, as he had done with the other two daughters. So he climbed up on roof and dropped the purse down the chimney. Fortunately, it landed in one of the stockings that had been hung to dry over the warm hot coals. And thus the Christmas stocking. And how did we get to know him as Santa Claus? It came about as a mispronunciation of the Dutch SinterKlaas which was their way of saying St. Nicholas.

Keeping alive the International flavor of this article may I remind that in Hungary, children clean their shoes and then put them outside next to the door or window. For them it is the equivalent of hanging a stocking. If they have really been bad, they may find a golden birch placed next to the candies. This symbol for a spanking probably got the message across. Were you ever threatened with the promise of a piece of coal in your stocking if you didn't behave? Well, yes, another strange custom from places far away.

Worship ...

Wednesday .

In Finland, many families visit cemeteries to place candles on the grave stones of family members.

In Belgium, a special sweet bread called 'cougnou" is served for Christmas breakfast. It has been made in a shape meant to represent the baby Jesus.

Hopefully your Christmas is more of holy and not of humbug. And the answer to which is true depends on what you emphasize. So here are some thoughts on how to make this Christmas even better than last year. Well, if not necessarily better, at least to some degree different.

How about having a cookie exchange with a neighbor? That way you each get to sample each others favorites.

Or if you live where it snows, don't just look out the window at it, go for a walk in it. And if there is a park nearby, even better.

And why not have a game night as Christmas approaches. Checkers or monopoly if you still have an old board lying around. Or better still make up a game or two on your own. A kind of family project. It may not be the greatest ever played, but they will be all yours.

There are many kinds of gifts that can be given at Christmas. Obviously, the nicest one is a nicer you, so work at being a better person than you already are. Work on your smile power. Pack away some patience for use when things get hectic.

This idea isn't for everyone, but think about it. Is there a widow or widower down the street with their family a thousand and more



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

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9:30am

10:30am

260/489-1456

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor

260/375-4224

260/494-6753

Sunday School

Morning Worship ...



Youth Group

Sunday Adult Bible Study...... 6:00 pm

Thurs. Bible Study .....

765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Wass, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship10:30 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 FLOCK (Sun) 6:00 p.m.
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 p.m.
UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Ethan T Stivers, Minister
Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister
Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -
Secretaries
Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
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Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
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of the tree. If this happens a new seal will form and the tree will not take up anymore water · Check the water level of your tree at least daily – Trees may be very thirsty

· Don't place your tree near a fireplace, heat vent or other heat source

Real Christmas trees live on

The most common ways to recycle Christmas trees are biodegradable mulch, fish and wildlife habitat, and erosion control. Recycled Christmas trees provide cover for birds and animals. Real Christmas trees are used for shoreline control and aquatic habitat. After the holidays trees are chipped and made into biodegradable mulch for landscaping. Check for recycling opportunities in your own community.

After producing family memories, the trees can continue to provide many environmental benefits.

For Christmas tree farms in

your area visit the Indiana Christmastreegrower's website a t www.indianachristmastree.com

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### BEEF MEETING SET

Beef producers can learn techniques in feeding forage and hay crops at an upcoming meeting. The 2011 Area XI beef meeting, hosted by the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA) and Purdue University Extension, will take place on January 5th. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Columbia City, IN at the Eagle's Nest on 125 S. Glen Trail.

The meeting will feature great food and valuable information on beefissues. IBCA will provide an update on policy and programs, and Purdue Extension personnel will share a presentation entitled "Cowherd Feed Cost Considerations"

If you would like to attend the 2011 area beef meeting, please RSVP by calling the Huntington



County Extension Office by January 3. Note that the counties in Area XI include Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley.

The topic of the Extension presentation was chosen based on this year's rainfall across the state, Purdue University Extension beef specialist, Ron Lemenager said.

"Some parts of the state received average to abundant amounts of rain this year that made their forage mature faster, which has left them with a large supply of, yet lowquality, forage. Other parts of the state received little rain, which limited their supply of forage."

The meetings will provide information on what producers should do in each of these situations in managing lowquality forage, and which supplements to include when forage is limited, Lemenager said.

Area farmers certainly experienced extremes in 2010 with the heavy rains in the spring and the very dry weather throughout late summer and fall. Some producers estimated a 30% pasture loss this fall as a result of the lack of rainfall. This means that more hay in storage is likely being fed to livestock.

A state-wide webinar has also been planned by Lemenager and Keith Johnson, a Purdue Extension forage specialist to be held on December 16. They will provide information for beef producers regarding wintering their cow herds and preparing for the next growing season. The plan is to archive the program for anytime viewing after the program airs on the Purdue Beef Team Web site: www.thebeefcenter.com.

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

For more information, contact



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

## Hoosier Homestead Gathering

## Reserve Space Now

Hoosier Homestead Gathering will be held April 30 and May 1, 2011, at Salamonie Reservoir. Looking to simplify your life? Hoosier Homestead Gathering has something for you. Whether you're interested in living offthe-grid, moving into a world of simple living, or making small changes in your lifestyle, the Hoosier Homestead Gathering offers the opportunity to investigate the many aspects of such a lifestyle.

Meet with people who are already living and breathing a simple life. From solar energy to raising bees, the Hoosier Homestead Gathering will help you make the connections to take the first step into a new way of life.

Hoosier Homestead Gathering is also looking for people who are interested in sharing information on their selfsustaining ways of life. If you're interested in setting up a booth or representing your homespun business, we'd like to hear from you.

Contact (260) 468-2127 or <u>uwsea2@dnr.IN.gov</u> for more information.

### EAGLE WATCH

View bald eagles in the wild during the annual Upper Wabash Eagle Watch, Feb. 18 and 19, 2011.

On Feb. 18, participants will meet at the Salamonie Interpretive Center at 5 p.m. and travel by caravan to the roost site, with one stop along the way. Coffee will be available at the roost site for a donation. This evening is for those who are unable to spend an entire afternoon watching eagles. On Feb. 19, participants will meet at the interpretive center at 3 p.m. and caravan to several locations on the way to the roost. Once at the roost, the Wabash Valley Coonhunters Association will be offering chili, coffee or hot chocolate for a \$3 donation.

The sessions begin with a talk about bald eagles at the interpretive center. Then participants will travel to popular eagle spots. A stop will be made at a nearby roost site to watch the bald eagles fly in for the night. These areas have had many eagles in years past. Besure to dress for the weather, bring binoculars, snacks, drinks, and a full tank of gas.

Registration is required. There will be van seats available for a limited number of people. The number of cars to be included in the caravan will also be limited. Register early to secure a seat in the van or your place in the caravan.

To register, call (260) 468-2127 or visit the Salamonie Interpretive Center in the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, IN 46702.

For more information, visit the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services website at <u>www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis</u>.

### REAL ELEGANT TEA

The annual Christmas Red Hat Real Elegant Dames Tea was held at the home of Dee Patterson. Dee has hosted the tea and provided the ladies with her homemade cookies, candies and tea sandwiches every year for over 10 years.

The event is looked forward to by the group. Women attending were, Rita Heiser, Lilly Nutter, Kitty Throup, Joyce Shephard, Marian Hoffman, Chris Knox, Virginia Langdon, Freddie Couch, Fritz Boxell, Becky Parker.

### **C**HAUTAUQUA

Twenty eight members were present for the December meeting of the Chautauqua Literary Club, Dec. 3, 2010.

President Sharon Gebhart greeted everyone by reading the poem, "Indiana Winter Weather", and then welcoming our newest member, Colleen Oden. Roll call was answered by recalling "A Family Christmas

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Tradition. Repeating the Club Collect was followed by reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made, 2nd, and approved to give monetarygifts to the Warren Food Pantry, McKenzie's Hope, and A Friend's House.

Betty Yoder proceeded to give a very interesting book review of the charming story, "Call Me Mrs. Miracle", by Debbie Macomber. The definition of a miracle is "a happening or circumstance for which there is no logical explanation." Miracles were often exhibited in the story in a loving way. One of Mrs. Miracle's explanations for a miracle was. "Coincidence is when God chooses to be anonymous."

"All's Well That Ends Well." Betty then led us in Christmas carols to celebrate "The Reason for the Season."

Elaine Eckman and Martha Shafer were hostesses to Janet Beavens, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Barb Engle, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubart, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Crystal Lee, LuEllyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Harriett Tobias, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, OmaZent, Colleen Oden, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, and Bertha Turner.

Oma Zent will have the program January 7, with Jane Ruble and Georgina Laymon as hostesses.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma met in their sorority room at the Knight Bergman Center on December 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

President Jenny Plummer called the meeting to order with everyone repeating the creed. Roll call was taken by Tara Korporal with all answering "What color are the Christmas Lights on your Christmas tree?"

Claudia Boxell gave the treasurer's report. Service Secretary Sondra Zabel presented namesfor assistance this Christmas. Names and situations were discussed at length with the decision coming down to helping two area families.

Our December social will be a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 221st with the chapter participating in a cookie/treatexchange amongst the members. This will also be the night we draw for the winner of our Longaberger Christmas basket, wined will be notified in the days following the draw, tickets are still available from any member.

The chapter received several Christmas cards from other chapters within Alpha Province. Jenny read several letters of correspondence from the Province & International council.

Chaplain Suzette Gephart closed the meeting with prayer. Chapter will meet again for their Christmas Party on December 21st.

Those in attendance were Sandy Booher, Claudia Boxell, Opal Brubaker, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Kathy Ralston, Susan Ralston and Sondra Zabel. Sandy Eichhorn, Sharon Gebhart, Betty Yoder and Rosemary Zeller were all excused.

## MASTER GARDENER

### Training

Purdue Master Gardener intern training will be held at the Huntington County Courthouse Annex on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting January 10 and ending March 3. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants. The deadline for submitting applications is December 15th.

There are many projects in which individuals can volunteer in the area once they have completed the Master Gardener intern coursework. Some examples are providing gardening education at community events, teaching youth, and speaking to local clubs and organizations. Many more possibilities for volunteer service exist for those willing to help teach others through their knowledge of taking the class.

If you'd like an application for the 2011 class or if you have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$100 per participant.

## Put Out Your Hot Spots by The FlyLady

Marla Cilley Do you feel like the whole world is crashing in on top of you? Believe it or not it happens to all of us from time to time! Especially during the Holiday Season.

When we get busy, we feel that we don't have time to do even the simplest of routines. So what do we do ! We let our HOT SPOTS take over our homes!

Yes that is all it is! You come in the door tired and ready to drop your load where ever you can put it! Then you crash! No wait you have to throw something together for supper and I mean throw! Because when you are finished the kitchen looks like a bomb went off and you feel like you could get out of the way. By this time you are so overwhelmed that you just want to hide so you go to bed without doing the smallest of a before bed routine and all of a sudden your home has exploded in your face and your husband is pitching one of his usual fits! Ugly words are exchanged and you feel terrible!

Here is the secret to stopping this explosion before it starts. When you hear yourself saying that you don't have time or you don't have the energy to do something. Stop dead in your tracks and set a timer for 5, 10, or even 15 minutes and do a quick pick up and put away. That is all it takes to make you not feel so overwhelmed.

Our Hot Spots attack more than our home. They hurt us inside by causing us to feel bad because we can't keep up, as well as zap our energy! Now I want you to pay close attention! You can start over anytime! You are never behind! Do you hear me?

That stinking thinking of "I don't have enough time" is for the birds! It is what got your home in the shape it was in! It's our perfectionism rearing its ugly head one more time! You can stop the downward spiral by replacing those terrible words, "I don't have time!" with "I can do just 5 minutes!"

This is a huge attitude adjustment for most of us. It takes time and worst of all we don't even realize we are doing it. Now that it has been brought to your attention, you will hear yourself says those words. When you do; turn them around and just set your timer and do just a little. I can hear you now! "BUT! I really don't have the time! She doesn't understand. Well I am here to tell you that I used to think the same way and I have changed my negative thoughts into positive ones and you can too. It all starts with the realization of what you are doing to yourself with those words. It

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your home or office. This service is free to all Citznet users.

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Give our office a call for additional information.

Citizens Telephone Corporation / 426 N Wayne St / Warren 260-375-2111 or visit www.citznet.com GEBHART'S Floral Barn & Croonhouso Come Visit our Christmas Showrooms for all your holiday needs. 2010 Thomas Kincade Village House has arrived.

260-375-4606 1 mile East of Warren on 1000S (3rd St. Ext.) Telefinger

## GENEALOGY REPORT

### Zoll

Doris A. Zoll, 75, of Bluffton, died at 2:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zoll worked at RCA in Marion before working at Corning Glass Works in Bluffton for 16 years. She worked at Keebler in Bluffton for 12 years, retiring in 1997.

She enjoyed teaching guilting and knitting classes at the Wells County Council on Aging. She also participated in the Senior Swim program at the Wells Community Pool.

She was born Sept. 1, 1935, at Hartford City, to Acel L. Wilcoxson and Ruth J. Pace Wilcoxson. She married Robert E. Zoll June 11, 1961, at Hartford City; her husband died Aug. 6, 1986

Survivors include a son, Richard "Scott" (Lana) Zoll of Liberty Center; four daughters, Michel M. (Leroy) Jenkins of Noblesville, Ruth Ann Zoll of Bluffton, Andrea (Troy) Pulfer of Ossian, and Jonelle Gibson of Bluffton; and five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, William Eugene Wilcoxon.

Calling hours were held at the Thomas/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home. There were no formal funeral services; cremation followed calling hours.

Preferred memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital or the Wells County Council on Aging.

### BRINDLE

William D. "Bill" Brindle, 63, of Huntington, passed away at 4:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital.

He was born in Bluffton on June 27, 1947, to Jewel W. and Helen J. (Caley) Brindle. He was united in marriage to Sandra I. Palmer on March 8, 1968, at the Uniontown Church of Christ; she survives.

He was a 1965 graduate of Roanoke High School and was a 1969 graduate of Huntington University. He later earned his masters degree from St. Frances University. He was a life long learner. He taught English and Spanish at both Riverview and Salamonie Middle Schools from 1969 until his retirement on June 1, 2002.

He was a longtime football, basketball and track coach for

Salamonie Middle School. His hobbies were wide-ranging and included fishing, target shooting, gardening, coaching PALFootball and spending time at Secrist Lake. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was a huge New York Yankees fan. He was a member of the Northview Church of Christ.

Other surviving relatives include two daughters, Laura (Aaron) Westfall of Yoder and Dawn (Faron) Ferrell of Huntington: his mother. Helen J. Brindle of Markle; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Myers Funeral Home with Aaron Westfall officiating. Burial was at the Uniontown Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Dupont Cancer Center in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750

#### **MONTGOMERY**



December 9. 2010, at his residence with his family around him. He was born Saturday,

February 15, 1947 in Marion, IN. Son of the late Bueford (Boo) Montgomery and the late Goldie Furnish Montgomery.

He worked as an Iron worker for Local #147 for 37 years. Ron was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving as a Lance Cpl. for the years 1966 to 1972. He was a member of the Van Buren American Legion Post # 368 of Van Buren, IN. Also he was a member of the NRA, the Indiana ABATE and the Indiana American Legion Riders. Ron enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley. Ron also enjoyed the company of an incredible number of friends and sipping a sasparilla together. He spent many days on his swing with his beloved companion next to his side, his dog Spec. Roho will be greatly missed by his family and an endless list of friends.

Surviving are a daughter: Raylene (Robert) Hydell of Van Buren, IN a son: Justin (Kimberly) Montgomery of Van Buren, IN. Granddaughter: Baily Montgomery of Van Buren, IN., Brother: Mike (Ruthie) Montgomery Sr. of Upland, IN., Sister: Linda Sparks of Destin, FL., Niece: Dawn (Shawn) Parker of Fort Wayne, IN... Nephew: Mike Montgomery Jr. of Upland, IN.. 2 Great-Nieces and one greatnephew.

He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father and one Sister: Mary Thompson.

At his request there will be no services or visitation.

#### MURRAY



Murray, 80, of Nashville, TN, died at 3:50 a.m. Sunday, December 12, 2010 at Lakeshore

Helen Virginia

Heartland Nursing Home in Nashville, Tenn.

She was born on March 20, 1930 in Dunkirk to the late Kenneth F. Baker and the late Zora Madge (Bantz) Baker.

Helen married S. Eugene Murray on May 24, 1980 in Shawneetown, Illinois. He precedes her in death on February 9, 2009.

She was a former Blackford County resident for 30 years then moved to Warren for 27 years and then to Tennessee to be near her daughter Connie Geel. She was a wife, mother and homemaker. She had attended Zion Lutheran Church in her vounger vears. She had formerly worked at Murphy's 5 & 10 Store in Hartford City, J.J. Newberry 5 & 10 in Hartford City and retired from Osco Drug Store in Muncie.

Helen was a member of Order of the Eastern Star Upland

Chapter #411, member of the American Legion in Van Buren and former member of the

Moose Lodge in Portland. She enjoyed traveling, knitting, crocheting, gardening, square dancing, watching basketball, doing word search puzzles and visits from her family and friends.

Helen will be sadly missed by her daughters, Connie J. Mahon Geel (friend, Rex Frazier) of Madison, Tennessee; Elaine A. Mahon McCaffery of Portland; Renee L. Mahon (husband, Michael) Burdette of Ellettsville, Indiana; son, Neil A. (wife, Nancy) Mahon of Hartford City; 10 grandchildren: 7 greatgrandchildren; 2 great-greatgranddaughters; sister, Jeweldine Beckley of Hartford City; special friends, Karen Capper Binegar of Montpelier; Sharon Snyder of Hartford City; Carol Weatherholt of Ft. Wayne; several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sister Charlene Baker and brother, Robert Baker.

Funeral service for Helen will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City with Rev. David Fleener of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2010 and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 18.2010.

Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation 8646 Guion Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46268 or the American Diabetes Association 6415 Castleway West Drive Suite 114

Indianapolis, IN 46250

#### HARTMAN



Nina M. Hartman, 77,of rural Warren, IN. passed away at 3:58 AM, on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at her

residence.

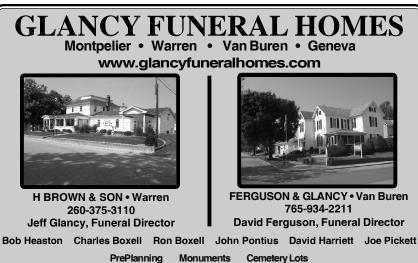
She was born on Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Trenton, IN. She married Marvin E. Hartman on November 20, 1951 in Jay County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland Coleman and the late Stella (Culver) Coleman.

Mrs. Hartman had been a homemaker and enjoyed doing puzzles and crocheting. She attended Montpelier High School.

Survivors include her husband-Marvin Elsworth Hartman of Warren, Sons-David D. (Kathi) Hartman of Longmont, Colo., Larry G. (Sheryl) Hartman of Poneto, Aaron D. Hartman of Warren, Daughter-Debra Bowen of Van Buren, 8-Grandchildren, 3-Great Grandchildren and Sister-Pauline M. Cupp of Montpelier. She was preceded in death by her Father-Grover Cleveland Coleman. Mother-Stella (Culver) Coleman, Sisters-Margaret Yates, Edith Baker, Brothers-Jesse, Herman, Vic, Thurman and David Coleman and a Son in Law-Robert Bowen.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind., where the family will

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is a form of WHINING! You know I don't allow whining!

I want for you what I have: PEACE! This peace came for letting go of negative thoughts and replacing them with positive actions. Even a little will go a long way toward helping you find this peace! 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 Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

### **New FARM RULES**

A new rule will impact many farms and agri-businesses in Indiana. The rule is called "Certification for Distributors and Users of Fertilizer Materials."

A state law in 2009 was passed by the Indiana General Assembly to create the rule. It will be administered through the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC). Note that for the purposes of this rule "fertilizer material" is defined to mean both commercial fertilizer and manure from a confined feeding operation (CFO).

There are two basic parts to the rule:

Those hired to apply, handle or transport fertilizer for agricultural purposes within Indiana must become certified through the OSIC by Jan. 1, 2012. Anvone applying manure from confined feeding operations must become certified through the OSIC by Jan. 1, 2012.

A new certification, known as Category 14, was initiated by the OSIC to license individuals who must comply with the new rule. To become certified in Category 14 applicators can take an exam which will be available at remote testing sites in 2011. Leo Reed, the OISC's manager of certification and licensing, said, "The key is fertilizer material 'for hire or manure,'" Reed said. "Those applying any fertilizer materials for hire and those people applying manure from a CFO — even to their own property - must receive Category 14 certification if they use in excess of 10 cubic yards, or 4,000 gallons, of manure per year."

"So if you're applying manure from those facilities you need certification. If you're transporting manure from those facilities, you need certification. If you're distributing manure from your facility or individuals are coming to pick it up from vou, vou need certification or at least a fertilizer dealer permit." CFOs are livestock facilities that house at least 300 cattle or 600 swine or sheep or 30,000 fowl, such as chickens, turkeys or other poultry. There are about 1,500 CFOs in Indiana. Because they house more animals than CFOs. concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs. also fall under Category 14.

The Category 14 exam consists of about 70 questions. The exam is free, although remote testing sites operated by a contracted vendor of H&R Block charge a fee. Passing the exam qualifies participants to be licensed. A five-year private applicator license is \$20, while a fertilizer business license is \$45 and good for one year. A one-year fertilizer distributor license is \$45 and requires no certification exam. No extra license fees will be charged to those holding pesticide licenses.

For additional information about Category 14, exam testing sites and pre-test training sessions, visit the OISC website http:// www.isco.purdue.edu/ and click on the "Fertilizer Applicator Certification Rule" link, or call OISC toll-free at 1-800-893-6637

Purdue Pesticide Programs will offer a training manual in "Category 14 Januarv. Fertilizer Agricultural Applicator" will sell for \$32 and be available through Purdue Extension's The Education Store at http://www.the-educationstore.com/ or 1-888-398-4636. For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.



### **ALL-IN-ONE GADGETS MAKE**

### SMART HOLIDAY GIFTS

(ARA) - Smart phones, music players, e-readers, netbooks, remotes, pedometers - many popular technology gadgets make excellent holiday gifts. But each item separately takes up space in your purse, your briefcase and on your family room table. A smart gift giver this holiday season is one who consolidates the electronic gadgets - instead of adding to the pile.

Thanks to how quickly technology evolves, you can easily consolidate your electronic gadgets to reduce the number and weight of gizmos you're carrying around. Here are a few ideas:

E-readers and tablet computers - When you're on the road and receive a document you need to review and sign-off on, doing so usually requires a computer, printer and scanner. With the new Pocket eDGe from enTourage Systems, you have the functionality of all those devices in one. This compact, multipurpose, Wi-Fi enabled dualbook has an E-Ink screen with a stylus on one side and a 7-inch LCD screen for e-mailing, video viewing and Web browsing on the other. Another unique feature of the Pocket eDGe is both screens interact, so if you need to check the meaning of a word in a document you're reading on the E-Ink screen, you can select it and find the definition on the LCD screen through a quick online search.

\* Music, videos, exercise and games - Gaming consoles and 55555555555

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eDGe with entertainment uses are quickly evolving to bring more and more elements into one unit. Now, not only can you play games through these consoles, but you can stream the weather report, watch movies, play music, check out the latest headlines and, in some cases, exercise - just to name a few activities. If you have one of these devices in your family room, you won't need the DVD player, exercise videos or radio cluttering up your shelves any longer.

\* Remotes galore - When you go to turn on that gaming system, how many remotes do you have to use to get everything powered up and working? The Harmony remote is a universal remote that allows you to program all of your electronic devices into it, so you don't have to keep searching for that "other remote." One remote means less clutter on your table, couch or overstuffed chair.

\* Exercise tools - To get an accurate sense of distance on a run or bike ride, you'll need a pedometer or GPS. To stay motivated and entertained while you exercise, you'll use an mp3 player. To stay within your target heart rate zone, you'll need a heart rate monitor. Who wants to have all that equipment on them while they exercise? Having a music player combined with a timer, pedometer and heart monitor all in one device lessens the number of toys needed, and makes the prep time for exercising quicker. Several devices on the market, ranging

other devices like the Pocket from wrist watches to mp3 players, combine these elements.

> You can be a smart holiday gift giver this year with technology that doesn't add to - but actually reduces - some of the chaotic clutter of your recipients' digital lives. Join the trend with consolidated technology.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF HOLIDAY MEMORIES

(ARA) - Some say that the spirit of the holidays isn't what it used to be. The overwhelming task of buying gifts for everyone in the family can make you feel like it's all about what's under the tree. This year, when you're making your gift list, think of presents that inspire treasured memories and create new ones for the future. By giving the gift of memories, you'll be bringing the true spirit of the holidays back to your celebrations.

The holidays are a time of traditions, from the food that graces the tables to the movies you watch each year to the places you travel to meet family

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and friends. Rather than running from store to store picking up the latest gadgets and fads, take a few moments to plan out your list based on memories that you've shared with each person to whom you're giving a gift.

Use these ideas as inspiration for giving holiday gifts with a hint of nostalgia.

Whether it's the smell of baking cookies that takes you back to wintry days spent in Grandma's kitchen or the spicy fragrance of cinnamon that brings to mind sipping spiced apple cider around the fireplace. at this time of year, it's no surprise that smell is the sense most closely tied to memories. Bringing back those memories can be a simple as lighting scented candles from the Yankee Candle Company. The true-to-life fragrance in classic candles like Balsam & Cedar. Christmas Cookie or Sparkling Cinnamon - or even new scents like Holiday Garland or Winter Wonderland - can transport you back to cherished experiences of the past. Whether you light them in your own home or give them as presents to friends and family, Yankee Candles are a great way to give a gift that inspires memories.

\* Gathering together to watch holiday movies is a cozy and festive way to celebrate the season, but it can be difficult to get everyone together at the exact time that a movie is going to be aired on television. And the true classics of the season aren't played in theaters. Give a gift of a group of holiday movie DVDs that have stood the test of time and you'll bring back memories of past holiday movie get-togethers as well as passing on the tradition to the next generation.

\* Photos are one of the best ways to take a quick glimpse into the past. With digital photography's rise popularity, the old photo prints of the past often languish in a closet, mostly forgotten. Give them new life by creating a scrapbook of holiday memories, incorporating old photos. holiday cards and letters. If your

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gift recipient is the crafty type, simply gather all the elements together in a kit and let her create a scrapbook that will be exactly what she wants.

\* Everyone treasures the house they grew up in, even long after they've moved away. To bring back the memories of growing up and holidays in your first home, commission a portrait of the house you grew up in. It can be created from old photographs, and it makes a wonderful gift for siblings and parents. It'll be the perfect conversation piece at your holiday celebration - light scented candles that bring to mind the traditions you remember and take the time to let everyone talk about their favorite childhood reminiscences.

Evoking holidays gone by through the gifts you give is a simple way to make the season meaningful. For more ways to bring fond memories of the holidays into your home and give memorable gifts like Yankee Candles, go to www.yankeecandle.com.

## FOOD GIFTS INSPIRE HOLIDAY MEMORIES

(ARA) - What are your most wonderful childhood holiday memories? Anxiously waiting for Santa to arrive? Picking up each brightly wrapped package and giving it a gentle shake? Sneaking in the kitchen to get the first taste of Grandma's special prime rib? The memories are so vivid it's hard to pick just one

It's that time of the year when many people are starting to get their holiday gift-giving lists together. But rather than relying on ties, candles and candies. why notaim a little higher? This

year, when putting together your holiday gift list, try starting a new tradition of creating memorable moments for your family and friends that they can look back on, years from now, with big smiles on their faces.

Many memories revolve around the family dinner table, especially the guest of honor at all meals: the meat. Whether it's a mouth-watering prime rib, a melt-in-your-mouth turkey or a flavorful ham, the family holiday meal evokes many heart-warming memories.

Evoking memories with food gifts is easier - and less expensive - than you might think. Here's how to get started. Sit down with a blank sheet of paper. Divide it into two columns and jot down your favorite holiday memories in the first column.

In the second column, add the individuals on your gift list. Then, start to match the memory-making items you'd like to share. To make the gift even more special, write down the memory in a special card for the recipient.

The scents of the holidays may also inspire some holiday food gifts. Cloves, cinnamon, sage and garlic are just a few of the wafting scents that greet you when you step into your memory holiday kitchen. Look for food gifts that bring those scents to life to add another dimension to your holiday present.

There are many online holiday gift resources to help you make these memories come to life.

By making memorable food the center of your holiday giving, you'll not only bring your loved one joy this year, but bring them back to the joyful times of the past.

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receive friends at the funeral home from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday, December 17, 2010 and from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday, December 18, 2010. Funeral service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 18, 2010 with the Rev. Mark Atkinson officiating. Interment will follow at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier, Ind.

Memorials to: Disabled American Veterans P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301

#### BENNETT



Lucinda 'Cindy' Bennett, 55,of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 5:40 PM, on Monday, December 13.

2010 at her residence in rural Montpelier, IN.

She was born on Thursday. May 12, 1955, in Portland, IN. Cindy had worked for Lowe's in Bluffton and Muncie where she had been the delivery and receiving manager. She had attended the Olive Branch Church of the Nazarene and attended Portland High School. She enjoyed scrapbooking and crocheting. She married Dave Bennett on January 23, 2004 in Blackford County, IN. She was the daughter of the late Alvin Lee Fisher and the late Phyllis Ann (Lanning) Fisher.

Survivors include her Husband-Dave Bennett of Montpelier, Sons-Charles Alvin (Rose) Winters of Pennville, Ronald Winters, Jr. of Muncie, Daughter-Misty (Richard) Kincaid of Liberty Center, Sister-Roseanna Muth of Rose Hill,

Ohio, Brothers-Jerry Fisher of Rockford, Ohio, Randy Fisher, Kenneth Fisher, Guy Fisher, Jeff Fisher and Dean Fisher of Portland, Sister-Jennifer Farmer of Redkey, Step Sisters-Kathy Brown of New Braunfels, Texas and Marsha Sheppard of Salem, IN and 7-Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Father-Alvin Lee Fisher, Mother-Phyllis Ann (Lanning) Fisher, Sons-Erik and Brian Winters and a Brother-John Allen Fisher.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind., where the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, December 16, 2010.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:00 AM Friday, December 17, 2010 with the Pastor Lionel Brubaker officiating. Interment will be at Pleasantdale Cemetery in Montpelier. Ind.

Memorialsto: Humane Society of your choice.

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miles away? How would they feel if you asked them to be a part of your family at Christmas time?

Almost everyone makes New Year's resolutions. This year make some at Christmas time. Such as a resolution to be polite to the over-worked sales clerk who isn't moving as fast as you would like. To pray before you eat if you have gotten out of the habit. To say "Thank you" and "Please" more often. And, ves...OF COURSE ... HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE AND ALL.

