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Thought for the Week: It's the company, not the cooking, that makes a meal. Kirby Larson

BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held July 2 from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Knight-Bergman Center, 132 S. Nancy St. in Warren.

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood in the weeks surrounding Independence Day to help ensure a sufficient blood supply now and throughout the summer.

Many summer activities, such as vacations and travel, cause frequent blood donors to be less available to give during the summer. However, hospital patients still depend on volunteer donors to receive lifesaving transfusions – the need for blood does not get a vacation.

To encourage more people to donate around Independence Day, all those who come out to donate blood July 2-6, 2015, will receive a Red Cross embroidered hat, while supplies last.

Eligible donors are encouraged to choose their day to make a difference. Donors of all blood types – especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative – are needed. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

PIONEER BREAKFAST

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Samuel Jones Pioneer Award Breakfast. They may be purchased in advance at iAB bank or at Town Hall. Tickets will also be available at the door. The cost is \$6.00, the breakfast will be at the Knight Bergman Center Friday July 3rd at 7:30 a.m.

DEADLINE

APPROACHING

The Salamonie Summer Festival Art show and Flower show deadline is approaching fast. Please have all of your art and flower work pre-registered by June 26th. This is an extended date and anything that comes in after will not be accepted. You can pick up a registration form at the Town Hall in Warren or contact Treva Flemming at 260-375-2436 or email me at treva-ssf@hotmail.com.

BAKE OFF CONTEST

The Bake Off competition will be held Friday July 3rd during the Salamonie Summer Festival. Anyone who is interested in competing for all the bragging rights of being the Best Baker in Warren Indiana must submit an entry form. Categories for the competition are cakes, pies, cookies and breads. You can pick up the form at the Town Hall building or contact Treva Flemming at 260-375-2436 or email me at treva-ssf@hotmail.com. All entry forms must be submitted by June 26th.

VETERANS WALL

This year the Salamonie Summer Festival's theme is "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" and we would like to honor our veterans by making a veterans wall. The wall will be in the Town Hall Annex during the festival. The committee is looking for pictures of military veterans. The pictures can be no larger than 8x10 and they can be framed or not framed. This is open to anyone who has or had family members in the military. The veteran does not have to be from the Warren area, but must have a family member here in the Warren area. Forms may be picked up at the Town Hall building during business hours. Please follow the instruc-

tions on the paper, so no pictures are lost. A brief history of the veteran would be nice to have along with the picture but it is not necessary. Any questions please contact Treva Flemming at 260-375-2436 or I can send you a form via email by contacting me at treva-ssf@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY MARKET

The Warren Farmers market is still happening Saturday mornings from 8-11am behind Daugherty's. This coming Saturday, June 20th, Stutzman's from Berne will be bringing home made noodles, angel food cakes & other baked goods, as well as fresh strawberries, weather permitting. Assorted home grown veggies will be available too!

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

June 21 st 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Dogwood Glen Golf Course.

Buffet Menu Provided by Kim's Katered Affair includes: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Bacon, Egg & Cheese Bake, Swiss Steak, BBQ Ribs, Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Corn Casserole, Assorted Breads, Salads & Desserts.

Cost: Adults-\$12; Kids 10 & under-\$6.

Please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750 for Reservations.

HP TO HOST HANDBELL ARTIST

Heritage Pointe of Warren will be hosting guest artist Kristine Stout, handbell soloist from "Joybell" on Thursday, June 25, 2015 for a special handbell concert entitled "In-Cred-i-Bell!" The public is invited. The concert is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Kristine is a handbell soloist, playing 3 octaves (37 bells) of English Handbells all by herself! She and

her husband, Kirt own and operate "Joybell" a traveling handbell program based out of Clinton Township, Michigan, and together they have been sharing her incredible music with audiences all over the United States. A visually pleasing program, Kristine combines traditional handbell weaving techniques with a special form of ballet. She will amaze and delight you with her artistry, humor and talent.

In addition to the bells, Kristine also writes and performs all the arrangements for her digital keyboard orchestral accompaniments. She is truly a symphony of one! Check out her website at www.joybelltheater.com for an up to date tour schedule. A joyful, energetic program, Kristine's artistry

and grace will overwhelm your musical senses.

GARDEN WALK

Wells County Garden Walk will be held Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Garden Walk sites are Jim & Audrey Almdale, 3366 W US 224, Uniondale; Doyle & Jane Frauhiger, 4569 E St Rd 124, Bluffton; Gerald & Bonnie Dennis, 3844 W US 224, Uniondale; and Mark & Susan Harris, 1920 E 250 N, Bluffton.

Sponsored by Wells County Master Gardeners tickets can be purchased at the garden sites on the day of the walk \$5.00 (12 and under are free).



GRANTS AWARDED

(l-r) Jeff Souder from Historic Warren, Ben Davis from Parkview Huntington Family YMCA and Diane Miller from Pathfinder Services hold a check representing the \$47,827 that the Huntington County Community Foundation awarded to 13 area organizations during its 2015 Grant Cycle I.

Other nonprofits not pictured include the Dan Quayle Commemorative Foundation, Evangelical United Methodist Church, Historic Forks of the Wabash, Huntington County Council on Aging, Huntington County Free Health Clinic, Huntington House Homeless Shelter, Indiana Dream Center, LaFontaine Arts Council, Life's Little Treasures Daycare, Salamonie Summer Festival and the Roanoke Beautification Foundation Art Council. Applications for the 2015 fall grant Cycle II are due 15 October and available online at www.huntingtonccf.org.



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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to PO Box 695, Warren.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats

DEAR EDITOR:

Good or Bad? Industrial Wind Turbines are divisive and cause hatred among families, friends and neighbors. Is it worth it? I personally am not in favor of Industrial Wind Turbines in Huntington County. Sincerely, George DeWeese, Warren.

These words recently appeared as a 'letter to the editor' in a local newspaper. They were written by a Warren businessman. As a member of the Huntington County Concerned Citizens, I believe sentiments are being expressed more each day by many people. Like Mr. DeWeese, they have been following the local wind turbine battle with our public officials. Those folk understand our difficult efforts.

The Huntington County Plan Commission and the County Commissioners have been provided massive amounts of documented data which prove Industrial Wind Turbines are losing favor of local, state and several federal governments... and for good cause. These huge wind turbines are known creators of human and animal health problems; huge taxpayer subsidies; excessive killers of avian life (i.e. Eagles, Birds, Bats, etc.) and destruction of natural resources. Officials, in the Virginia home county of Apex Clean Energy, ban wind turbines for that last reason. The county is the center of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, which would be decimated if wind turbines were allowed.

For nearly one and one-half years, our group and others have worked hundreds of hours, at our personal expense, to carry on this vital work for all citizens. Local officials have rejected our efforts every step of the way. The most recent actions by the Plan Commission, on an 5-2 vote, sent an anti-people ordinance back to the commissioners for their considerations. If they follow their previous judgments, it will not be favorable for Huntington County.

Faced with improper decisions by local officials, our group found need for legal counsel. We have retained Steve Snyder a long-time expert with wind turbines.. WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP! If you care about your local relationships-and want us to continue this fight- please go to huntingtonCCC.org-- This site provides excellent facts about wind turbines along with videos concerning actual people/families that have suffered physically and financially, as result of turbines in their locale. PayPal is available. Thank you for your concerns and help.

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 82945 900W 35 Brad Kelly, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Denise Heining, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Rev Mark Davis Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873</p> <p>Dave Smitley, Interim Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 468-2411</p> <p>Doug Sharrard, Pastor Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622</p> <p>Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 am The Highway (2nd Service)..... 11:00 am Sunday School 10:30am Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 pm Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun ... 5:00pm www.vanburenumc.org</p>
<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones Youth Leader - Kelly Jones</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m. Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.</p> <p>Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. <i>Daycare provided during Worship Service</i></p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BROTHERS 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor</p> <p>Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chad Yoder</p> <p>Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m. Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m. <i>Come as you are for all services</i></p>	<p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m. Youth: (Start back up in the fall) K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm</p> <p>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher Directors of Student Ministries Peter & Mindy Fairchild</p> <p>Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p</p>
<p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HOPE MINISTRIES 9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/489-1456 260/375-4224</p> <p>Sunday School..... 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Jill Miller, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Youth Group6:00 pm Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

RAMPS CLOSED

Flooding has resulted in temporary closure of some roads and facilities at Kankakee, Willow Slough and J.E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Areas.

At J.E. Roush FWA in Huntington, all boat ramps are closed and boating is not allowed until further notice. Furthermore, the campground entrance road is underwater, and the campground will be closed until further notice.

MAKING THE ROUNDS

"Making the Rounds" Memoirs of a Small-Town Doctor is a new book by Dr. Gerald L. Miller and is now available at the Warren Pharmacy. Dr. Miller worked for 42 years as a rural Indiana Doctor, and along with Dr. Lee Kinzer founded the Markle Medical Center, from which he retired in 2006. Many in our community have family members who will be well acquainted with the history he outlines. The book is only \$17.95.

IAB NOW TRADING

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (OTCQX: IALB), the bank holding company of iAB Financial Bank in Fort Wayne, Indiana, announced it has qualified and begun trading on the OTCQX® Best Marketplace. OTCQX for Banks is an expansion of the OTCQX marketplace which was designed to increase the visibility of well-managed, strongly-capitalized community banks with investors.

Independent Alliance Banks today begins trading on OTCQX under the symbol "IALB." To qualify for OTCQX, a bank must meet high financial

standards, be current with its regulatory reporting, post quarterly and interim financial results and report material events in a timely manner. Banks must also appoint a Corporate Broker, a FINRA member broker-dealer specializing in bank stocks, to serve as their OTCQX advisor. Raymond James & Associates Inc. serves as Independent Alliance Banks' Corporate Broker on OTCQX.

"IAB has continued to focus on strategic initiatives to elevate awareness of the operating strength, performance consistency and growth potential of our company," stated Michael C. Marhenke, President and Chief Executive Officer of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. "We feel confident that the OTCQX marketplace will improve the quality and availability of information available for the investment community, make our shares more widely accessible to investors, and increase the liquidity of our stock over time. We look forward to utilizing a trading platform that was designed by the OTC Markets Group specifically for our industry."

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. is a bank holding company whose principal activity is ownership and management of its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, iAB Financial Bank. The company, headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was formed in 2005 as a result of a merger between Grabill Bancorp and MarBanc Financial Corporation. Subsequently, the company acquired First State Bank of Bourbon in February of 2015. iAB Financial Bank employs approximately 290 people in its local communities and provides a wide variety of financial

services to businesses and consumers through its 17 banking centers in Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties in Indiana.

INVESTOR CONTACT: Kevin J. Himmelhaver, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, kevin.himmelhaver@iabfinancial.com, 260-469-6265.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Thursday Senior Golf League - June 11th Results :

1st Place: Randy Potter, Lew Morrison, Max Spahr, Larry Ryanscore of -4 ... 32

2nd Place: Joe Nash, Dave Banter, Charlie Crawford, Don Zent score of -3 ... 33 (backup from hole #7)

Longest Drive #7 (over 70) ... John Jones

Longest Drive #8 (under 70) ... Charlie Crawford

Closest to pin #6John Morrison

Closest to pin #3 ...Larry Campbell

Golf Balls were sponsored this week by Citizens Telephone Co.

Sign-up begins @ 8:30 Tee off @ 9:00.

HONOR ROLL

Students receiving Honor Roll status for the 2014-2015 4th quarter term at Salamonie School are as follows:

Fifth Grade High Honor: Jillian Bieber, Aurora Maul, Cam McCarver, Paige McCutcheon, Kennedy Mitchem, James Ormiston, Megan Ormiston, Mason Scalf.

Fourth Grade High Honor: Candance Crouse, Erica Dickson, Zoe Erickson, Emma Helvie, Cassandra Imel, Summer Jackson, Joshua Justice, Keaden Justice, Gabrielle Leichty, Emily Manry, Matthew Martin, Cole McCarver, Emma Mounsey, Alexandria Raab, Brooke Swaidner, Lucas Trickle, Abagayle Wright, Charlie Zehner.

Third Grade High Honor: Clayton Bell, Rehryn Brooks, Dalton Davis, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scalf.

Two Grade High Honor: Jackson Barlow, Evan Clabaugh, Cole Eltzroth, Seth Gilbert, Javin Gray, Hailey Imel, Aydan Jackson, Marcus Linker, Serenidy Mitchem, Caden Moore, Cameron Moore, Kayda Newman, Jonah Renkenberger, Molly Schindler, Joseph Shively, Lola Smith, Anna Spitler, Brodee Swaidner, Ma-leah Warpup, Allen Yohe.

Fifth Grade - A's/B's: Gabrielle Alford, Grace Clabaugh, Alexander Gallegos, Madison Herstad, Jayce Hosler, Isaac Justice, John Markley, Aaron Miller, Nicholas Neuen-schwander, Zariah Norman, Evan Reynolds

Fourth Grade - A's/B's: Sullivan Bauer, Blaine Brown, Ahlivia Calhoun, Savannah Johnson, Taylor Jordan, Shaun Mitchem, Amiah Norman, Hadleigh Phelps, Hailey Rains, Kiera Searles, Rebecca Spitler, Logan Stucky, Jayna Tackett, Kora Vickrey, Samantha Wildey.

Third Grade - A's/B's: Trinity Cain, Kelsey Chaney, Asher Chipchosky, Jay Clampitt, Aiden DeWeese, Devin Downey Spencer, Izaya Dun-

no, Nolan Knapp, Emily Livers, Jillian Loftis, Kahlen Lows, Tessa Maul, Riley Mautz, Blake Sheward, Christian Smith, Julia Spitler, Hanna Surfus.

Second Grade - A's/B's: Dylan Burkhart, Mia Bustos, Brenna Cady, Brayden Cantrell, Clayton Carroll, Emma Dickson, Landon Green, Reece Griffith, Lily Hall, Isabella Leas, Jaziah Norman, Cole Rains, Paige Russell, Haley Smith.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The following students achieved Perfect Attendance for the whole 2014-2015 school year at Salamonie School. Nora McDaniel, Amiah Norman, Hailey Rains, Mason Scalf, Joseph Shively, Kayla Spangler, Julia Spitler, Lucas Trickle, and Charlie Zehner.

7 TIPS

In recognition of American Housing Month, iAB Financial Bank is reminding customers of the critical impact credit scores can have on housing. "An important step to finding a home, whether you're renting or buying, is ensuring that you have a good credit history," said Gary Blount, Vice President and Mortgage Banking Manager. iAB Financial Bank suggests the following tips to improve your credit score.

1. Request a copy of your credit score report - and make sure it is correct.

Your credit report illustrates your credit performance, and it needs to be accurate so that you can apply for other loans-such as a mortgage. Everyone is entitled to receive a free copy of his or her credit report annually from each of the three credit reporting agencies, but you must go through the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.annualcreditreport.com, or

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By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jun 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Jun 21		FATHER'S Day
Jun 21		First Day of Summer
Jun 21-27		Grant County 4-H Fair
Jul 1	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Jul 1	7:00 p	V - Town Council Meeting
Jul 3-5		Salamonie Summer Festival

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

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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call 1-877-322-8228. Note that you may have to pay for the numerical credit score itself.

2. Set up automatic bill pay. Payment history makes up 32 percent of your VantageScore credit score and 35 percent of your FICO credit score. The longer you pay your bills on time, the better your score. Avoid missed payments by setting as many of your bills to automatic pay as possible.

3. Build credit through renting. VantageScore's scoring model, created by the three major credit bureaus, will now weigh rent and utility payment records. This will allow it to score as many as 35 million people who previously couldn't get a credit score.

4. Keep balances low on credit cards and 'revolving credit.'

Racking up big balances can hurt your scores, regardless of whether you pay your bills in full each month. You often can increase your scores by limiting your charges to 30 percent or less of a card's limit.

5. Apply for and open new credit accounts only as needed.

Keep this in mind the next time a retailer offers you 10 percent off if you open an account. However, if you need a new line of credit, don't jump at the first appealing offer; compare rates and fees offered through mail solicitation, on the internet or at your local bank.

6. Don't close old, paid off accounts.

According to FICO, closing accounts can never help your score and can in fact damage it.

7. Talk to credit counselors if you're in trouble.

Using legitimate, non-profit credit counseling can help you manage your debt and won't hurt your credit score. For more information on debt management, contact the Na-

tional Foundation for Consumer Credit (www.nfcc.org).

iAB Financial Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., is one of the largest locally-owned community banks in the area and employs approximately 290 people throughout Allen, Huntington, Marshall and Wells counties.

These helpful tips provided to you in partnership with the American Bankers Association and iAB Financial Bank.

SUMMER PARENT TIPS

Summer is a season filled with celebrations and outdoor activities. It is also the season to be even more watchful.

As you and your family venture out to parks, campgrounds, trails, etc., be careful. Something that looks like trash may be much more than that; it could be a meth lab. These labs are commonly found as a pop bottle with a tube sticking out of them. Do not touch them. Notify law enforcement, who will get them disposed of properly. Meth is also being cooked in the middle of lakes with trash left floating behind or sunk.

Summer is also a time when many youth experiment with alcohol and drugs. The percentages of youth that begin using marijuana, cigarettes, and alcohol peak in June and July. Many studies have proven that once a child has tried cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana, their chances of repeated use increases. These substances are also gateway drugs, opening the door to trying and using harder street drugs such as meth and heroin.

Unsupervised youth with a lot of time on their hands might use whatever mood-altering substance is easily accessible in the home. Oftentimes, those substances are alcohol and prescription drugs.

More and more youth are using prescription drugs to achieve a high, in large part because of their accessibility.

E-cigarettes are increasing in popularity. Youth are using these devices to inhale drugs other than nicotine. Unfortunately, cartridges containing alcohol, meth, and other drugs can be found and easily purchased over the internet.

Youth are purchasing drugs over the internet as well, and having them delivered to their home. There are hundreds of foreign websites marketing drugs to both kids and adults. "It's as easy as ordering a pizza" says Adam, a fourteen year old designer drug user. Adam explained how he finds the drug he wants, borrows his parent's credit card, and places the order. A fictitious envelope arrives in the mailbox. "You can get anything" he says. "Pot, pills, powder, whatever you're after." Credit card statements will show a non-descript Paypal charge or a misleading corporate name. Adam tells his parents that he's buying video games or parts for his computer.

What can parents do?

- * Be vigilant about locking up alcohol and prescription medications in your home and encourage others to do the same.

- * Know where your children are, what they are doing, who they are with, and who their friends are. Check in with your child during the day.

- * Monitor internet activity.

- * Keep them busy with productive activities.

- * Make time for one-on-one talks, beginning in childhood. You may think, "My daughter is only 9. She is too young for these types of conversations." In a recent training, the speaker, who was a treatment provider, indicated that she sees many

clients who began using drugs as early as 9 years old.

Parental involvement is critical. More than 80 percent of children say parents are the leading influence in their decisions regarding alcohol and drugs.

For more information, please visit us on Facebook at Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts - LACE.

RIDE A BIKE

The American Diabetes Association is challenging riders to be part of the Stop Diabetes® movement by taking part in the annual Tour de Cure®, a cycling event happening on June 20 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to help raise funds to change the future of diabetes and help stop this devastating disease.

Cyclists from around the region will gather at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and choose from one of five routes to participate in the event, a family-friendly Recreational Track Ride, the WBR GRAN FONDO, a 100-mile Track Challenge, and 50K and 75K Road Rides. They will join more than 65,000 other cyclists and volunteers from across the country. Individuals and teams composed of co-workers, family and friends are taking the ride of their life by helping raise funds for the nearly 29 million Americans with diabetes. Tour de Cure is designed for anyone from the occasional to the experienced cyclist with routes from 2.5-mile family rides to 100-mile century rides. The route will feature rest stops with food to fuel the journey and volunteers to cheer riders on.

"Many people will participate in the Tour de Cure for the stimulating competition, camaraderie and physical cycling challenge. But the real reward comes in knowing that every mile they ride and every dollar they raise brings us that much closer to stopping this disease that

affects 750,000 Hoosiers," said Jennifer Pferrer, Executive Director, American Diabetes Association - Indiana & Kentucky Area "With diabetes growing at near-epidemic proportions, the need for funds has never been so great" she added.

The Tour de Cure raises funds through registration fees and pledges collected by the cyclists. To register, cyclists or volunteers can call the American Diabetes Association

317-352-9226 or visit us at www.diabetes.org/indytour.

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STARRY SKIES

Families and scout groups can stargaze and learn about astronomy at "Starry Skies over Salamonie," July 11, at Salamonie Lake.

The event runs from 9 to 11 p.m. Steve and Debby Russell will present a telescope clinic, and participants will view the night sky through a telescope while learning about the moon, stars and planets.

"Starry Skies over Salamonie" is part of a monthly educational series at Salamonie Lake called Second Saturday.

Advance registration is required by calling (260) 468-2127.

A \$3 participation fee is payable at the event.

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KEENE

Alice "Louise" Keene, 97, of Warren, IN, died June 13, 2015, at Heritage Pointe, in Warren, where she resided since February 2007.

Mrs. Keene was a 1937 graduate of Marion High School. She was a member of Boundary Line Church of Christ, and a life-long homemaker.

She was born Sept. 5, 1917, in Marion to George and Grace Turner Thorn. She married Warren Keene on Dec. 22, 1939. He preceded her in death in June 2000.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Anne (Larry) Karst, of Wabash; two sons, Rex (Cari) Keene, of Elwood, and Mike (Carol) Keene, of Warren; seven grandchildren, Paul (Sherri) Karst, Julie (Kent) Henderson, Peggy Louise (Jay) Kimes, Kelly (Steven) Wallace, Ryan Keene, Jason Keene and Steven Keene; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Calling is Friday, June 19, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with a funeral service immediately following. Galen Miller, Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park, in Marion.

Memorials are to the Palliative Care Unit of Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792.

HEISTER

Kay Sue (Davison) Hiester, 69, of Bluffton, passed away at 4:15 P.M., June 11, 2015 at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.



Kay was born in Bluffton on February 8, 1946 to Vaughn and Margie (Richardson) Davison. Kay graduated from Lancaster Central in 1964 and went on to earn her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Ivy Tech, among other certifications.

Kay married Thomas Wayne Hiester on June 5, 1965 in Bluffton, and they just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Kay was a lifelong resident of Bluffton and dedicated her life to children. She began her career as owner and operator of the Home Daycare "Buttons & Bows" for 23 years, and then moving on to Early Childhood Alliance for 22 years. Kay was a member of the Bluffton First Church of Christ and was a lifelong nurturer. From Scouting, to Church and Childcare, she was a mothering influence to everyone and always put others first. She was fond of saying, "It is what it is," and this, too, is what it is; a life well-lived. Kay will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

Kay is survived by her Husband, Thomas, and Daughters: Michele (Terry) Marcum of Bluffton, Megan (David) Kilander of Warren, Daughter-in-Love: Dawn (fiance', Tim McEntee) Hiester of Fort Wayne, Grandchildren: Carley (fiance', Anthony Woodruff) Marcum of Bloomington, Jared Marcum of Bluffton, Bryce Kilander of Warren, Emily Hiester of Fort Wayne and Adam Hiester of Fort Wayne, Step-Grandsons: Casey Marcum of Bloomington, Jesse (fiance' Theresa Keith) Marcum of Greenwood, Great grandchildren: Kaelyn, Collin and Alanna Marcum. Sisters: Sandra (Gary) Conner of Missouri, Bonnie (Richard) Baumgartner of Warren, Sally Norman of Bluffton, Brother: Danny (Connie) Davison of Myrtle Beach, SC. Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Son, Michael Hiester and StepGrandson, Kyle Marcum.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Dave Schultz will officiate. Calling hours are 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2015 at the Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Burial will follow at Garden of the Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to Bluffton Cemeteries Perpetual Care Flag Pole Fund. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home.

SCHILLING

Mary C. Schilling, 59, of Huntington, IN, died late Saturday evening, June 13, 2015, at her home.


Mrs. Schilling was a member of St. Peter's First Community Church, in Huntington, serving as co-chair of the Women's Circle of Faith and of the Ladies' Tea.

She was born July 16, 1955, in Fayetteville, TN, to Arthur and Mary Alice Lahr Farrar. She is survived by her mother, Mary Alice Shideler, of Warren. She married Steven Schilling on Sept. 11, 1976, in Huntington, and he survives.

She is also survived by a daughter, Kathryn Schilling, of Huntington.

Calling is Wednesday, June 17, 2015, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Richard Strick officiating. Interment will be at St. Peter's First Cemetery, in Huntington.

WOOD

Willie Lee "Bill" Wood,  81, died June 8, 2015 at his son's home in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Bill was born April 19, 1934, in Hollywood, W.V., to Robert and Ethel (Nichols) Wood. The family moved to Liberty Center in 1941.

Bill graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1952. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps and, while serving at Camp Pendleton, Calif., he met Sharon Miller; they married Sept. 10, 1955.

Bill is survived by a son, Greg (Soraya) Wood of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; a daughter, Denise (Walt) Alves of Glendale, Calif.; six grandsons and a granddaughter; a sister, Juanita (Kaye) Ivins of Bluffton; a brother, Robert (Eleanor) Wood Jr., also of Bluffton; a brother-in-law, Robert Haver of Rockford, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brad; his wife, Sharon; and a sister, Judy (Wood) Haver.

Bill thoroughly loved his grandchildren, camping, his beach house, riding his bicycle, raising tomatoes, and visiting family and friends in Indiana.

Bill worked as a machinist at Lockheed Building Constellations for awhile and later at Technicolor, where he maintained motion picture processors for 37 years before retiring in 1999.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. PDT Friday, June 19 at the Crippen Mortuary, 2900 Honolulu Ave., La Crescentia, Calif. 91214, with calling one hour prior. Grave-side services will be at 3 p.m. PDT at Forest Lawn Park, Los Angeles, with full U.S. Marine honors.

SURFUS

Albert R. "Steve" Surfus, 90, of Huntington County, IN, passed away at 10:40 AM on



Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

He was born on Sunday, October 26, 1924, in Grant County, IN. He married Darlene C. (Boxell) Surfus on Monday, October 26, 1953 in SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington; she passed away on February 20, 2014. Albert graduated from the Chester Center High School Class of 1942. He was a lifelong Wells and Huntington County Farmer. He enjoyed fishing trips with his sons and grandsons. Albert was a Beck's Hybrids seed dealer for over 30 years.

Survivors include 5 children: Daughter - Linda (Rick) Till, Fort

Wayne, IN., Son - Richard (Diane) Surfus, Huntington, IN., Son - Alan (Beth) Surfus, Markle, IN., Daughter - Kathy (Tom) Reed, Huntington, IN., Daughter - Carol (Jeff) Southard, Bluffton, IN., Grandchildren - Michael (Sarah) Till, Atlanta, GA., Jamie Till, Fort Wayne, IN., Eric (Lauren) Till, Roanoke, IN., Traci Reed, West Des Moines, IA., Noah Reed, Huntington, IN., Lauren Southard, Bluffton, IN., Dalton Southard, Bluffton, IN., Jenny (Derek) Furnish, Huntington, IN., Great Grandchildren - Ethan Till, Isabel Till, Jacob Till, and Russell Till.

He was preceded in death by his: Father - Curtis Surfus, Mother - Vedith (Michaud) Surfus, Wife - Darlene C. (Boxell) Surfus, Daughter - Donna Mae Surfus, Brother -

Howard Surfus, Brother - James "Jim" Surfus, Sister - Marjorie Perry and Brother - Marvin Surfus.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A service to celebrate Albert's life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 4:00PM; with viewing one hour prior. Pastor Richard Bunnell will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

In Lieu of flowers a memorial donation can be made to the Purdue Extension-Huntington Co. 4-H 354 N. Jefferson St. Huntington, IN 46750.



CELEBRATING 45 YEARS

HeartSong Show Chorus, formerly Christmas City Chorus, will celebrate their 45th Anniversary with an Open House, Monday, June 29 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Brethren, 2302 S Geneva in Marion. Former members and the public are all invited to come help this Grant County music arts organization celebrate the many years of harmony and entertainment they have given to our communities and their excellent representation of Grant County outside Indiana.

The chorus chartered in 1970 as one of over 600 choruses in Sweet Adelines International, a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barber-shop harmony through education, competition and performance. Focusing on musical excellence, it is the largest singing organization for women in the world. Competing at the regional level with choruses from six states, the chorus has won many awards in their division from third place to the ever sought after, first place and also brought home the coveted Audience Choice Award for the Most Entertaining Chorus. The 24-member chorus consistently places in the top 10 regionally, competing against many choruses with 70 singers and more.

In 2012, the chorus made the difficult decision to change its name from the charter name of Christmas City to HeartSong Show Chorus to more nearly reflect its membership and mission. Comprised of female singers from nine east central Indiana counties, HeartSong members are focused not only on improving as singers and entertainers but also on the special connection they have as friends of many ages and walks of life who all love to sing. For more information call 765-677-SING or visit www.heartsongshowchorus.com.

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WET AND WILD

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The class will offer one session this month, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including learning letters, building a craft, social interaction and time outdoors, all ways with a nature theme.

The fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling (260) 468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see dnr.IN.gov/uwis or visit facebook.com/UpperWabash, or call (260) 468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

SMOKEY BEAR BIRTHDAY

Join Salamonie Lake for Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash, July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Kids can eat popsicles, participate in a bicycle parade and more. Participants should meet at the modern campground interpretive shelter. The program is free. Donations will be accepted.

Standard gate fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply.

For more information, call (260) 468-2127.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

The program is provided by Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

MINIMIZING THE STRESS OF THAT FAMILY SUMMER VACATION

from the American Counseling Association Summer vacation season is upon us and as you make plans you may see this as your escape from work, or the demands of school, or just a time to be able to relax and temporarily forget the stresses of daily life.

Unfortunately, many summer vacations don't work out quite that way. Most of us have commented after a time away, "Now I need a vacation to recover from my vacation." It may be said jokingly, but usually indicates that the needed rest and relaxation never really happened.

So, how to escape the problem? Start by being realistic about your

work obligations. With cell phones and Internet access just about everywhere, some people find they can't leave the office behind. This usually doesn't lead to much relaxation, but can create real family tension.

If you really can't totally escape work duties, don't worry all day about work or be constantly calling for messages. Instead, schedule specific work time as part of your vacation. Maybe it will be two afternoons when you focus on job-related issues while the family goes off to enjoy themselves. Then, when the work responsibilities are met, turn off the office demands and relax yourself.

Another problem that often causes stress for vacations is simply trying to do too much. Every minute doesn't have to be planned. Every attraction or historical site doesn't have to be visited. Experts advise staying in fewer locations but for longer periods of time. That gives you the chance to enjoy what the place has to offer and to relax as well. They also say that while it's fine to plan and schedule, there should be lots of open time, sometimes to discover a new or interesting attraction, or sometimes just to sit back and do nothing.

Vacations are also more relaxing when the whole family is enjoying it, rather than complaining and fighting. Plan ahead to include activities that will meet at least some of the needs for each family member. Kids can understand that there has to be trade-offs. Let them know there will be some activities included especially to keep them happy, but that there will also be other activities because Mom and Dad deserve to be happy, too.

Keep your vacation plan simple, flexible and under-scheduled and you increase the odds that you all will come back refreshed and relaxed.

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THE BESTEST VACATION EVER

By Daris Howard I was determined that it would be the best vacation ever. We were going to take our camper and spend a week camping along the ocean. We would walk the sandy beaches with our children, and pick up sea shells and sand dollars. At night, we would gather around a campfire, looking into its golden red flames as we told stories, sang songs, and listened to the pounding surf in the distance.

For breakfast we would pick blackberries and make jam that we would put over our pancakes and French toast. At dinner time I would cook steaks over the fire with potatoes wrapped in tin foil and baked in the coals. And we would always have Dutch oven cobbler for dessert.

But most of all, we would just be a family. We would be away from chores, such as weeding the garden and mowing lawns. We wouldn't have a phone, except cell phones for emergency. We would forget about email and Internet and let the world just go by us for a week and a half. There was a bit of grumbling on the part of the teenagers at this last bit, but we insisted it was to be a vacation, and we were not just going to move our current life to a new location.

Monday, just before noon, the camp trailer was packed, the house was closed up, and we pulled out of the yard in our van, heading on our way. There was excited chatter, especially from the youngest members of the family who had never seen the ocean before. We sang a few songs together, each person getting to choose one. However, due to the fact that I wanted to retain my sanity, I nixed the singing of "100 Bottles Of Pop On The Wall" that was suggested by my oldest son.

We were only just over a hundred miles from home, crossing a hot section of desert, when our van started to sputter. It was only a little at first, but soon the engine was chugging so much we were losing power. I didn't want to be caught out in the burning heat of the sun in the near 100 degree weather, so I coaxed the van until we came to an exit onto a desolate country road. I pulled off of the interstate and brought the van to a stop underneath the overpass, shading us from the searing heat.

Though my mechanical skills are mediocre at best, I soon verified that our fuel pump was the problem, and its inefficiency was partly due to the heat. We had a thousand miles to go, much of it across hot, open desert, and I knew we would never make it. Our only option was to turn around. Even that was futile until both the van and the air around us had cooled.

We had plenty of food and water, so we settled down to wait. Once the sun sank over the horizon, and the evening air started to cool, we attempted our return trip. We made it home without incident, however, I felt despondent knowing our vacation was over. It was then that my wife, Donna, suggested we have a "home vacation".

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The Warren Hillcrest Nazarene 5K walk/run will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 4th at 406 E First St. Warren IN 46792. Overall top male and female runners will receive \$100 each!!

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"Everyone thinks we are gone, and everything is taken care of, so let's just shut off our phone and pretend we're not here."

Everyone liked that idea, so that's what we did. We spent our days fishing and swimming in our pond, along with canoeing and pedal boating.

For breakfast we picked some raspberries from our own garden for jam, and I dug some huckleberries out of the freezer and put them in the pancake batter. For dinner we had steaks cooked over the open fire along with baked potatoes roasted in the coals. We, of course, had Dutch oven cobbler for dessert.

I played the harmonica and the family sang as we gathered around the fire after dinner making s'mores and watching the flames flicker. Instead of the ocean in the distance, we listened to the steady rhythm of the sprinklers watering the farms around us. Long after dark, we retired to our sleeping bags laid out on the lawn, and I pointed out the different constellations to my children. Some nights we would watch a late movie, not worrying about the time, because we could sleep late.

There were times that the draw of work would beckon me, but if I ever started to give in, Donna would remind me that we had agreed to act as if we were in a campground on the coast, and I would return to our vacation.

As the movie ended on the last night of our "home vacation", and I picked up my sleepy youngest daughter to carry her to bed, I was feeling bad that she hadn't gotten the chance to look across the wide expanse of ocean or feel the sand between her toes. But as I tucked her in bed, she reached up and hugged me. "This has been the bestest vacation ever!" When I asked her why, she simply said, "Because we were all a family together."

She was right. After all, being a "family together" is what a vacation is really all about.

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WEIGHT WATCHERS SAYS I SHOULD WEIGH 500 POUNDS!

You must want to lose weight so that you'll feel better, look better and be healthy. In order to experience the change you want, being aware of what you're thinking is crucial. I'm working with a young woman who is slashing carbs from her life and because I've been through the minefield of thoughts that occur when one cuts addictive carbs (especially sugar) out of one's diet, I'm able to be a critical step ahead of what she'll most likely encounter on her journey to stay on a healthy diet and what she'll confront is her thinking.

3 Reasons You Will Lose Weight and Keep it Off

Reason 1. If you were on a high fat, low carb diet, you'd never count calories and you could cut the amount of exercise you do in half.

Weight Watchers is good at addressing the psychological issues of dieting and when I was attending those meetings I found that valuable, however I no longer agree with the WW theory of calories-in-calories-out, because it just isn't true. If it were, I'd weigh about 500 pounds today!

Reason 2. If you are disciplined.

I was a strict disciplinarian with my three children and they learned at a very early age, to behave with good manners, eat at the table like ladies and gentlemen and, mind without a countdown to some unknown penalty. That education I provided for them has served them well.

If you've read any of my latest books, you know Nelly is my inner child. When I speak of an inner child I'm not referring to some damaged, hurt part of myself, although I know some do because of a traumatic childhood. For me, Nelly is an immature voice of entitlement as well as the spontaneous, lighthearted, optimistic voice that keeps me feeling eternally young.

Are you trying too hard?

Occasionally, I get emails from those who just don't get this inner child concept, but when they finally do, they get excited about working with that part of themselves in a very gentle and understanding way, just as a good parent would do with a child who is out of control and needs discipline.

This excerpt from my book, *The Mouth Trap: the butt stops here!* illustrates how you can feel when you find out you have an inner child that you never knew you had (and everyone has one). Once you know about him/her, then you get to

work with that part of you that has been sabotaging your good intentions.

For a minute pretend you're a guy about 40 years old and you get a phone call.

"Ring, ring, ring?"

"Carl, here, what's up?"

"Hi Carl, guess who?"

"Uhhh, I don't know, say somethin' else."

"Well, does Aspen ring a bell?"

"Aspen? Who is this?"

"It's Michelle."

"Michelle? Michelle Aspen?"

"No, silly, Michelle Rockford, Aspen Square."

"Michelle Rockford, Aspen Square? Oh yeah! Hey you're a great skier!"

"Yeah, we did a little more than ski together."

"Yeah, we did! What can I do ya for?"

Clears throat, "Well, it was nine years ago today that we were, you know, together?"

"Wow, it doesn't seem that long ago!"

"I know, but guess what?"

"What?"

"You've got a kid and I can't take care of it anymore."

"A kid?"

"Yeah, I'm done! It's your turn now. Oh, and one thing you should know. The kid is overweight and you're gonna need to figure out what to do or it's gonna like end up in the circus if you know what I mean."

If you haven't had a relationship with your inner child, to find out you have one can be a shock, like Carl had. I hope the conversation between Carl and Michelle helps you to see the position you were in when you didn't know about this part of you.

Reason 3. If you learned to know, understand and love YOU.

See your *inner child* as having whatever problem you want to change right now, and think how you would handle a "real" child with that problem if you were put in its care. When you become a kind, loving and nurturing parent to your inner child, your problems will be easy to solve. That's why your first goal in changing your life is to use this problem as an opportunity to get to know, love and take care of YOU. Your little one is waiting for you.

For more from Pam Young go to www.makeitfunanditwillgetdone.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized and ways to lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

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by Johnny A. Phillips

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Unless you majored in mathematics, the name Blaise Pascal is likely unfamiliar to you. Pascal was a French mathematician best known for Pascal's Triangle. Even fewer people are aware that he was also a Christian theologian.

Though his name was mentioned in my seminary education, I never had a real need to study his writings. It was only when I accidentally discovered that he had been born on today's date in 1623 that curiosity got the better of me. That opened up a world of insight about a genius in scientific research who could also be downright pragmatic in his faith. My respect and esteem of Pascal grew considerably.

Let me share with you a number of his observations: On the matter of faith, he said, "It is in his heart that man perceives God and not the reason," and, "We arrive at truth, not by reason only, but also by the heart."

"Man is equally incapable of seeing the nothingness from which he emerges and the infinity in which he is engulfed."

"Contradiction is not a sign of falsity, nor the lack of contradiction a sign of truth."

"To deny, to believe and to doubt well are to a man what a race is to a horse."

"Men despise religion; they hate it, and yet they fear it is true."

"Religion is so great a thing that it is right that those who will not take the trouble to seek it should be deprived of it."

"It is incomprehensible that God should exist, and it is incomprehensible that He should not exist."

Pascal may not have studied psychology, but his insights into human

behavior were every bit as deep as his theological views. For example: "Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction."

"Man is full of desires: he loves only those who can satisfy them all." "When passions become master, they are vices."

"The sole cause of man's evil is that he does not know how to stay quietly in a room by himself."

But I most particularly am attracted to his observation, "The more I see of men, the better I like my dog." Of all his spiritual reflections, Pascal's best known, during and after his life time, came to be known as Pascal's Wager. It goes: "God either exists or He doesn't, and either I believe in God or I don't. That creates four possibilities, of which only one is to my disadvantage. If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Hesitate not, then, to wager that He is."

"Justice and power must be brought together, so that whatever is just may be powerful and whatever is powerful may be just."

In the end, the characteristic I grew to appreciate most of Pascal is how down to earth such a greatly astute person can be. One is not required to use language that only other scholars can decipher. An excellent example of this ability to use simple words was displayed in a letter he once wrote to some church authorities who were rather critical of him. He wrote, "I have made this letter longer than usual, only because I have not had the time to make it shorter."

Come to think of it, Jesus, too, had a wonderful way of expressing the deepest of truths in terms that almost everyone could easily appreciate.



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