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Thought for the Week: Have no fear of perfection - you'll never reach it. Salvador Dali

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Van Buren Lions Club will be hosting a Tenderloin Dinner on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for the meal, \$7 for just a tenderloin. Dine in or Carry-out at the Van Buren Lions Club Den.

INDIANA PROVIDES EDUCATORS A FREE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN A LITERACY

ENDORSEMENT

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana Department of Education today announced that eligible educators can now enroll in a free professional development course designed to help them earn Indiana's Literacy Endorsement. Eligible educators will receive up to \$1,200 in stipends for completion of the course.

"For the first time ever, Indiana educators can add a literacy endorsement to their existing license, and the state has provided a way for educators to earn this distinction free of charge while also earning a stipend for their time spent completing the course," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "The literacy endorsement, created by state law in 2023, provides educators with tools focused on evidence-based instruction rooted in science of reading, ensuring more students across the state gain essential literacy skills necessary for future success."

This course, tailored specifically for Indiana educators, is certified by the International Dyslexia Association and is aligned to Indiana Academic Standards and science of reading. By

participating, educators will continue to improve upon existing knowledge allowing for enhanced instructional practices in the fundamental elements of early reading and writing.

Indiana educators who hold an active Pre-K through grade six or special education license are invited to enroll in the newly-developed course, offered by Keys to Literacy. The free course will be available through June 2025. The program's instructional practices are designed to seamlessly integrate into classroom lessons with any curriculum or published literacy program.

Funding is allocated in the state's biennial budget to allow educators to enroll in the 80-hour course, participate in the Praxis licensing exam, and, ultimately, earn the Indiana Literacy Endorsement. Following completion of the exam, beginning in August 2024, educators can apply to add the literacy endorsement to their license. Additional information will be available this spring for educators who have completed the necessary 80-hour professional development on science of reading through a different provider.

To support schools and educators, as well as parents and families in preparing students with foundational reading skills, Indiana continues to make historic investments in literacy, totaling over \$170 million. Below are examples of how this investment continues to positively impact students –

* Launched a new data visualization tool with key literacy data to empower educators, parents and

families, community leaders and policymakers with the information needed to continue improving state and local literacy rates.

* Increased school-level science of reading instructional coaching and support for educators through the Indiana Literacy Cadre. Participation in 2023 grew nearly five-fold, with 199 total schools opting into cohorts one and two.

* Provided over 105,000 hours of learning support and tutoring services to over 20,000 students through Indiana Learns, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

* Grew the Indiana Learning Lab from 6,000 users in 2021 to over 62,000 users just two years later, including launching the Parent and Family Support Hub, which provides no cost, 24/7 access to resources for parents and families to support their student's learning.

* Developed online professional development modules supporting Indiana educators with additional science of reading training. Nearly 6,000 educators have signed up to participate, with 1,200 already completed. Eligible teachers receive a \$1,200 stipend upon completion.

* Expanded the number of schools opting-in to administer the state's IREAD assessment for second grade students to 1,099 schools. This allows teachers, parents and families to immediately know if a child is on-track or at-risk when it comes to mastering foundational literacy skills.

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- Best Ford
- Best Mustang
- Best Chevy
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- Best Mopar
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- Best Rat Rod
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Questions about the car show: Contact Jeff at 260-375-6199

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



It's been basketball in this house this past week. There has been many washout games and lots of barn burners. You never know how a game will end in the NCAA tourney, everyone is fighting for a taste of the win.

But this week I also have a family that is very near and dear to many of us in the Warren area fighting that same game for a win. Our dear friends Rob and Lisa Williams have been given the dreaded news that Rob has stage 4 lung cancer. If you're not familiar with them, they are the people that head up the Warren Baseball and Softball League here in Warren and also the co-ed adult softball league. They have been at this for as long as I have had kids playing in the league and that has been over 30 years. They are wonderful people and they dedicate their spring and summers to the leagues and many of our children in the Warren area have had some kind of contact with them through the years. Right now they need our help and there is a go fund me page that they are trying to raise \$20,000 to help them with medical expenses. If you are not into the go fund me program but still want to give, you can mail a donation directly to them at P.O. box 719 in Warren. Anything will help in this fight, whether its cash, gift cards for gas, or food it will help. They have given to us as a community and in return we need to return the favor.

Lisa has been in a struggle with M.S too, so if you are unable to help, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, many are needed for this family right now as they navigate the ruff waters. With the donations, thoughts and prayers it will make life much easier.

Kendra's first years of baseball were under the direction of Deb and Louise then when she went to coaches pitch, we had Rob as her coach. She had so much fun and just loved Rob as her coach. When it was time for her to move up to Jr. girls Softball, she cried 'cause she didn't want to leave Rob's team. He told her that he will be up at the park and she can come and see him there and sure enough that summer that was the first thing she did and gave him a hug.

The term "cancer Sucks" is a common saying that comes out of my mouth. It seems that all the good people in the world get it and not that I would ever wish it on my worst enemy, but its just not fair. Why it has to happen at all. When my mom was first diagnosed with cancer on her leg, it all happened so fast that she was in and out of surgery before we even had time for it to sink in. Then my dad had Pancreatic cancer and fought a long hard battle with it and lost and then mom went round two with Uterine cancer. It seems like it rears its ugly head everywhere that is not

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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 Worship 9:30 a.m.
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 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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

HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45

Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

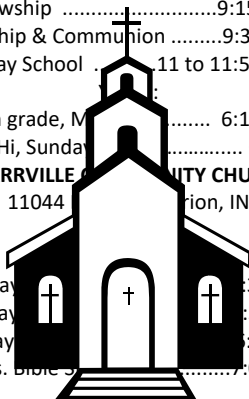
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 375-2102
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Takarra Myers, Youth Director
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 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
 Men Serving God Group 4th Sat. 9am
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044
 11044 Warren, IN
 Sunday 9:30 am
 Sunday 9:30 am
 Sunday 9:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible 7:00 pm



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* Awarded the Expanding What Works grant to four regional partners serving over 3,000 students to increase access to high-quality summer programming providing supplemental literacy and math instruction using evidence-based strategies.

* Provided \$10 million in cash stipends to teachers, instructional coaches and other school staff at all corporations and charter schools who are responsible for the implementation and delivery of early literacy and reading instruction through the Literacy Achievement Grants.

* Increased the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices for over 65,000 students across Indiana through the Competitive Science of Reading grant, which awarded nearly \$15 million to 72 school corporations. This is in addition to the multiple other initiatives supporting science of reading.

HONOR ROLL

Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School students achieving Honor Roll status for the 3rd quarter are as follows.

12th Grade - Honor - Allison Barger, Case Boxell, Malaina Culbertson, Perrin Gates, Jaxon Heath, Brayden Jackson, Cambri Leas, Peyton Long, Tessa Maul, Emma Peterson, Yazmine Tucker, Karlee Warner.

12th Grade - High Honor - Brittany Costello, Kammy Miller, Rylie Wilson and Tristen Worster.

11th Grade - Honor - Lydia Baumgartner, Quinten Darling, Avery Gaskill, Tyler Grover, Colter Kiel, Owen King, Cohen Miller, Bailee Moore, Aruzhan Mussina, Ashlie Needler, Alaina Nusbaumer, Kenzie Paxson, Dominic Ramirez, Brandon Reed, Caroline Ripperger and Haidee Stetzel.

11th Grade - High Honor - Ava Adkins, Matthew Aulbach, Aidan Carney, Alyssa Green, Andres Herrmann, Nickolas Lee, Hana McClain, Collena Reeves and Derek Rockwell.

10th Grade - Honor - Korbin Eltzroth, Chloe Enochs, Lexie

Fiechter, Jarin Frauhiger, Keith Gartin, Leeland Goodnight, Levon Goodnight, Lucas Goorich, Wyatt Harker, Kane Jenkins, Lilliam Mahorney, Miley Michael, Hayden Morgan, MacKenzie Taylor and Braden Yencer.

10th Grade - High Honor - Sydney Alstoft, Kolbie Beavans, Peyton Bertsch, Peyton Ellis, Lilly Gartin, Addison Gaskill, Shaylenn Geesaman, Jazlyn Gillum, Emma Parks, Gracie Reeves, Lily Rhodes, Taylor Rogers, Adeline Sabinske, Dannicka Sorensen and Emily Steffen.

9th Grade - Honor - Jayda Brown, Andi Jane Bryant, Dirk Frauhiger, Alison Knight, Carson Liddy, Aubree Meyer, Gunner Murray, Reagan Needler, Catalina Ramirez, Lilly Roe, Delinda Schortgen, Emma Shepard and Bailey Trospen.

9th Grade - High Honor - Kinley Allred, Joshua Aulback, Cash Banter, Aliah Carroll, Miranda Holloway, Gavin Howell, Landon Johnson, Samantha Kahn, McKenna King, Sophia Meeks, Chanie Mounsey, Lillia Paxson, Elisabeth Penrod and Kila Shelley.

8th Grade - Honor - Kaleb Boots, Kaylee Davis, Ellie DeWeese, Harlie Durham, Lucy Fairchild, Hallie Frauhiger, Madison Grover, Jacob Hahn, Sevoa Harris, Kameron Hawkins, Sophie Heckman, Mary Huffman, Bailey Jenkins, Drew Lahr, Sarah McFarren,

Bryson Michael, Adalynn Morrison, Marianne Pease, Evelyn Peterson, Abbie Powell, Milee Rickard, Abigail Sawin, Mia Vanover, Cadence Watkins, Caylee Williams and Kendal Zavattaro.

8th Grade - High Honor - Adam Aulback, Olivia Kahn, Violet McClain, Laren Schneider, Drew Steffen and Abrielle Zigler.

7th Grade - Honor - Aubrie Beavans, Brooklyn Blinn, Leighann Carpenter, Landon Clifton, Alaina Edmonds, Mack Frauhiger, Avery Geesaman, Camryn Hamilton, Adelyn Heim, Kyan Johnson, Chase Kirkwood, Rylan Leas, David McMillan, Lyric McQueary, Jacob Miller, Olivia Newman, Lucille Palmer, Kylie Peterson, John Schneider, Ella Schwartz, Timothy Smith and Logan Tarr.

7th Grade - High Honor - Rylen Gates, Gabriella Hoffacker, Gwyneth Howell, Logan Leas, Lyla Lyons, Amelia Penrod, Adelynn Robles, Grace Rockwell, Annalyse Roe and Grace Rogers.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority held their March Social Tuesday March 19, 2024 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. Kelly Jones and Shelly Melchi were the hostess for the evening. Those attending were Claudia Boxell, Lorie Fiock, Dawn Fowler, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Pam Rudy (Birthday girl),

Jamie Straley, Carol Fair and Sondra Zabel.

They had games for us to play, it was like Jeopardy but teams. Had a wide variety of categories. We didn't realize how much we knew OR how much we didn't know! Tea, water, strawberry shortcake, fruit pizza and bunny butt cupcakes were served for refreshments.

Reminder our April Luncheon Sunday April 14, 2024 from 11 to 1.

NASHVILLE, TN TRIP DAY 3

Our breakfast, start time of 6 am was a flip-flop from 8 am yesterday to equally accommodate the large number of resort guests. The food selection and entertainment were the same every day. The bus departed the Cascades Portico at 9 am for a guided, Backstage Tour at the Grand Ole Opry.

Our in-house guide informed us that there are 4,440 seats and 1892 padded pews in the building. It opened on March 16, 1974 with a capacity crowd and President Nixon played piano and sang that evening. As we passed the artist's, private entry, the guide pointed out the small, outside fountain which Minnie Pearl (Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon) donated posthumously. Next, our group entered Studio A where "Hee Haw" was filmed for over twenty years.

There are 235 official members of the Grand Ole Opry. The very first one was

the fiddle-playing Uncle Jimmy Thompson who launched his performance in 1925. Scotty McCreery will be the next inductee. A wall of plaques identifies all members; one of which is upside-down. It belongs to comedian Gary Mills who requested the placement. The dressing rooms are numbered and assigned for specific artists. Number 1 was the location for the late Roy Acuff.

A historic flood in 2010 closed the building for five months, but by using other venues, a Saturday Night Grand Ole Opry performance was never missed. The tour finally led us onto the actual stage. A group picture was taken and I placed one foot inside the famous performer's "Circle." My regret was not singing a phrase or two while standing on stage---just to say I did it!

Afterwards, we were driven downtown. This hilly city was founded in 1779. Our Nashville tour guide led us into the Ryman Auditorium where the Grand Ole Opry resided from 1943-1974. It contains 2,362 seats in pews. A minister, Sam Jones converted a wealthy river boat captain, Thomas Ryman's wildly ways to religion. The latter built the building as a tabernacle in 1872.

For lunch we located a Mediterranean-style restaurant, the CAVA at 5th and Broadway Streets. Next, was a walk along the latter street and its "Honky Tonk" open-windowed pubs with

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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.

Mar 31		EASTER
April 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
April 3	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
April 8		ECLIPSE VIEWING - TBA
April 14	11-1	W - Beta Delta Dine-In Luncheon @ KBC
April 15	6:30p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
April 17	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
April 22		EARTH DAY
May 1	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

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intensive, country music. Near the Margaritaville Restaurant, we rested and watched people crisscross the diagonal crosswalk at 4th & Broadway. At 2pm the bus pulled up to the Goo- Goo Candy Store. A small bag of chocolate-caramel-peanut clusters made it back to the bus and home. The last dinner at the resort was served in the Tennessee Ballroom at 5:30. Our tour group's name was announced prior to the meal. Darryl Worley & Friends presented some entertainment. It lacked our approval. We liked the music from the morning group better. Since we still had another \$25 gift card, liquid refreshments were enjoyed in the Cascades, Falls Food Court at our hotel. The sounds resonating from the water fall was relaxing.

Back in our hotel room, we watched the NCAA's Girls Volleyball match between U. Texas & U. Wisconsin on TV. Leave for home tomorrow.

ACCEPTING ENTRIES

The 2024 Grateful American Book Prize is accepting submissions for works of non-fiction, fiction, or biographies suitable for 7th to 9th graders, published between August 1, 2023, and July 31, 2024.

"Over the past several decades schools have gradually de-emphasized history in the classroom; as a result, kids now do not know who George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were," according to David Bruce Smith, Co-founder of the Prize. "It's been a lingering problem for quite some time and so, at the behest and in collaboration with the late Dr. Bruce Cole, the former Chairman of the National Endowment for the

Humanities, we established the Prize to engage young readers. As Dr. Cole put it, 'we are a country of historical amnesiacs' and perhaps historical 'page turners' for kids may be just what the doctor ordered."

The Grateful American Book Prize comes with a \$13,000 cash award in commemoration of the 13 original Colonies, a lifetime membership at the New-York Historical Society, and a medallion created by Smith's mother, the renowned artist, Clarice Smith.

Visit the Grateful American Book Prize website to submit your book via the online submission form or to learn more. www.gratefulamericanbookprize.org

ARE THESE COMMON

COPD MYTHS

PREVENTING YOU FROM LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE?

(StatePoint) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a lifelong chronic lung disease that makes it difficult to breathe, and is a leading cause of death and disability in the United States. According to experts, the more knowledge a patient with COPD has about the disease, the better off they will be.

A recent literature review from the American Lung Association found that patient education can help improve COPD self-management, provide skills for coping with related mental health challenges, improve overall health and quality of life, and may reduce hospital admissions. This is especially important for those who have been living with the disease for a long time who may not

be aware of recent treatment options and updated treatment guidelines, or who may not be inclined to recognize new or worsening symptoms and report them back to their healthcare provider.

To help people who have been living with the disease for 10 or more years live better, more active and enjoyable lives, the American Lung Association, with support from Sanofi and Regeneron, launched the new "COPD for Life" campaign. As part of the campaign, they are busting some common myths about the disease:

Myth: COPD is a man's disease.

Truth: More women are living with COPD compared to men and deaths from COPD are higher in women than in men. Everyone with risk factors and those experiencing early warning signs, no matter their age or gender, should talk to their healthcare provider.

Myth: There is no treatment for COPD.

Truth: There is no cure for COPD, but treatment and management can help slow the progression of COPD and control symptoms, so a patient feels better and is able to spend more time doing what they enjoy.

Myth: You cannot exercise if you have COPD.

Truth: The right amount and type of exercise has many benefits and tips on how to get started should be discussed with your healthcare provider

Myth: COPD only affects the lungs so what you eat does not matter.

Truth: Most people are surprised to learn that the food they eat may affect their breathing. Talking to your healthcare provider about the right types of foods for you may help you breathe easier.

Myth: If you already have COPD, quitting smoking won't help.

Truth: Quitting smoking is an important part of any COPD treatment plan. The chemicals in cigarettes, e-cigarettes and cigars can further damage lungs and may prevent medications from working as well as they could.

Myth: A patient should manage COPD on their own.

Truth: People who work closely with their healthcare providers to have a good treatment plan have better health outcomes. It's especially important to see a healthcare provider if symptoms change or worsen. Likewise, supportive services, such as in-person or virtual support groups, can have a positive impact on health outcomes. Some studies indicate that positive social support is associated with reduced hospitalizations, fewer exacerbations, better health status and improved disease management behaviors.

To learn more, call the Lung HelpLine at 1-866-252-2959 and be connected to a Lung Health navigator, or visit Lung.org/COPD or Lung.org/HelpLine for additional resources and to

chat live with a licensed registered nurse or respiratory therapist.

Life with COPD can often be challenging. But having up-to-date knowledge and the right resources can help patients stay active, control their symptoms and know what to do if their COPD gets worse.

WHAT FAMILIES WITH COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW THIS SPRING

(StatePoint) Perhaps even more nerve-racking than waiting for your child's college acceptance letters is learning whether they've been awarded financial aid. Recent changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) designed to simplify the process have led to unforeseen hiccups and technical glitches, causing academic institutions to delay sending out financial aid award letters. However, once you finally get the results, it can give your family a better idea of what to do next.

"Our research shows that for a majority of parents, figuring out how to pay for college was the 'road to college' activity that caused them the most stress. By making a financial plan and prioritizing it, you can be well prepared to avoid the most common bumps in the road," explains Angela Colatriano, chief marketing officer, College Ave.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

HALL

Bonnie L. Hall, 74, of Huntington, passed away peacefully at 9:48 a.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on November 4, 1949, in Huntington, the daughter of James Hamer and Darlene (Churchill) Hamer.

Bonnie graduated from Huntington High School Class of 1967, and furthered her education at Ball State University, Muncie.

She married her one true love, David W. Hall, on October 17, 1981, in Columbus.

Bonnie worked for Herald Press, Huntington, as a circulation manager and retired after 16 years of employment.

She was a faithful member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Huntington, and a member of Moose Lodge #837, Huntington.

Bonnie was a wonderful cook.

She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and decorating.

Bonnie loved watching sports and never missed cheering on her favorite teams, IU and Purdue.

Her devotion to her family was endless and loved spending time with them.

Bonnie, above all else, was a faithful servant of the Lord.

Survivors include her loving husband of 42 years, David W. Hall, of Huntington; three children, son, Kristopher (Amanda) Myers, of Fort Wayne, daughter, Sunshine (Jeffery) Teusch, of Huntington, and son, Levi (Christina) Hall, of Hamilton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Lonny (Norma) Ripplinger, of Warren, Rhett (Marsha) Ripplinger, of Virginia, and Roy (Barbara) Hamer; sister-in-law, Sandra L. Guffey, of Fort Wayne; several nephews and nieces.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her father, James William Hamer, mother, Darlene Lucille Hamer, sister, Barbara L. Bowers, and beloved son, Dustin Schmalzried.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, at Bailey-Love

Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplin Randall Myers Jr. officiating.

Burial will take place in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to the donor's choice in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

SMITH

Evalena R. Smith, 89, of Warren, previously from Marion, passed away at 9:24 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Columbus on February 28, 1935, to Pliny H. and Annetta B. (Strahl) Poffenberger.

On June 17, 1955, Evalena married David J. Smith. He preceded her in death last year on November 30, 2023.

She graduated from Columbus High School.

Evalena was very active in her churches over the years, especially at First Baptist Church, Marion.

She enjoyed cooking and baking and will be remembered for her delicious cinnamon rolls, crumb top apple pie and homemade jams.

Evalena was a very social woman and always liked having friends and family over to entertain.

She was first and foremost dedicated to her family as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Evalena was devoted to caring for her husband of 69 years until his passing, and she was looking forward to their reunion in heaven.

Survivors include her children, Laura (Joe) Beck, of Sweetser, Greg (Jerri) Smith, of Noblesville, Kathy (late Mike) McCarter, of Kokomo, and Mark Smith, of Marion; grandchildren, Lindsay (Cory) Harkins, Bethany (Adam) Welch, Jordan Smith, Brieanna Davis, Jennifer Pemberton and Brittany (Joe) Rector; step-granddaughter, Kristine; step-grandson, Chad McCarter; 11

great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Evalena also was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William R. Wayman and Scott Poffenberger, and sisters, Betty L. Sweeney and Elizabeth Huffman.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Evalena's life will begin at 1 p.m. with her son, Greg Smith, officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

BEAVANS

Janet F. Beavans, 88 of Warren, Indiana, passed away at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

Janet was born in Marion, IN, on June 9, 1935, to Jess and Mable

(Smoot) Beymer. She was a graduate of Jefferson Twp. High School in Upland, IN.

She married Burlin L. Beavans on November 02, 1956 in the McNatt Church in rural Wells County; He preceded her in death on September 13, 2014.

Janet was a licensed cosmetologist and owned her own salon in Warren for several years. Prior to becoming an avid golfer, she was an accomplished bowler. She enjoyed playing Bridge with her close friends. Janet attended church at Applegate Chapel ever since moving into the Heritage Pointe community.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Jess & Mable Beymer, husband, Burlin L. Beavans, grandson, Tavis J. Beavans, and siblings, I. Lucille Beavans, Betty Robinson,

Richard Beymer, and twin sister, Jeanette Barsha.

Loving survivors include her son, Stephen (Sherry) Beavans of Huntington, IN, grandchildren, Jamie Cocklin of Huntington, IN, and Kasey Nine of Huntington, IN, great grandchildren, Tavis "LeRoy" Beavans, Cole Cocklin, Kilah Cocklin, Jace Beavans, Kaiser Beavans, and Kali Cocklin.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792, on Thursday, March 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A funeral service will follow at 3:00 PM with Chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

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wanted, but they have come a long way in treatments that it seems like more and more cases are going into remission vs. alternative.

This week I'm going to try to get back in the test kitchen, they released the project book for the state fair and I see some good ideas coming through for this year. Tara and I won't be participating in the King Arthur same recipe contest this year 'cause someone thinks they need to get married on that day..Thanks Kendra...lol So much to do so little time to get it done, but all will be ready to roll on time, including the wedding.

Have a great week and hey don't forget to do the half time hype dance for those Boilers!!



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Colatriano recommends using the spring to teach your child these valuable financial skills: how to set up a budget, how to pay bills and how to manage credit. If your family will potentially be borrowing to finance college, students should also gain an understanding of how loans work, and how the different terms of the loan will affect their monthly payments and overall loan cost.

Speaking of budget, you should set a realistic budget for yourself. A recent College Ave survey found that in addition to helping pay for tuition and housing costs, parents also contribute to their child's phone bill (65%), health insurance (61%), food and groceries (42%), cable and internet bill (35%) and transportation (32%). Be realistic about which expenses you can afford and where you want to ask your child to chip in.

Decode Award Letters

Financial aid award letters can look different for each school. Familiarize yourself with their components so that when they arrive, you'll be ready to decipher them. Here's what to look for:

1. Free money: The award letter will list whether your student is eligible for scholarships and grants (sometimes called Merit or Gift Aid). This is money you typically don't need to pay back.

2. Federal Work-Study: Your child might be eligible for Federal Work-Study jobs. While jobs aren't guaranteed, they can be a good opportunity to help cover educational expenses.

3. Student Loans: Schools will list any federal loans your child is eligible to receive. Helpful hint: They may be grouped with scholarships and grants. You should also note whether the loan is subsidized or unsubsidized. Because unsubsidized loans accrue interest while your student is enrolled and during deferment periods, this will affect the overall loan cost.

4. Other factors: Check if awards being offered are for

all four years and understand what your child will need to do to continue being eligible for them, year-to-year.

To get an apples-to-apples look at the offers, calculate the net direct cost of each school by subtracting offered scholarships and grants from the cost of attendance (tuition, room, board, textbooks and fees). If applicable, you can subtract work-study aid too. You should also factor in expected increases in tuition, room, board and other fees.

Fill in the Gaps

If after doing the math, you find you have a financial gap to cover, look into private scholarships. One easy one to enter on a monthly basis is College Ave's \$1,000 Scholarship Monthly Sweepstakes.

You may also want to consider a private student loan or parent loan. Look for a lender with great rates, flexible repayment terms, and the opportunity to customize the loan to fit your budget. For example, College Ave offers student loan calculators, a pre-qualification tool that offers quick answers without affecting your credit score, and other helpful tools and resources. To learn more, visit CollegeAve.com.

"The important thing is not to panic. If you filled out the FAFSA, financial aid award letters are on the way. And once you receive them, you and your student can get to the fun part of planning for the future," says Colatriano.

TAKING CARE OF TEETH BRINGS FAMILIES PEACE OF MIND

(StatePoint) Tooth decay is the most common preventable chronic disease among children in the United States. If left untreated, it can negatively affect a child's physical and social development, as well as their school performance. Toothaches and cavities can cause pain, infection, and ultimately affect overall wellness, including children's behavioral health. Mental health and oral health can be intertwined; mental health

conditions like anxiety and depression can lead to poor oral health, and dental health problems often exacerbate behavioral health issues.

As a parent or caretaker, there are steps you can take to protect your child's oral health today – and overall health tomorrow.

Through the dental health benefits provided through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), children will have access to essential oral health care, including regular cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings, X-rays and more.

Schedule Routine Dental Care

Routine dental care is essential to preventing and treating many of the most common oral health issues children experience. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that a child's first pediatric dental visit occur before their first birthday and that as they get older, they see the dentist twice a year for cleanings, X-rays and treatment.

Regular dentist visits can help identify and treat potential issues early. Once your child is old enough, visits can also include preventive care like sealants, which help stop cavities from forming.

Use the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' 'Find a Dentist' tool to find dental providers in your area that accept Medicaid and CHIP.

Practice Healthy Habits at Home

Encouraging good dental hygiene is another way you can reduce your child's chances of experiencing negative side effects from poor dental health. Helping them brush their teeth twice a day and flossing regularly can keep cavities, gum disease and tooth decay at bay.

During pregnancy, you can even positively impact the health of your baby by taking care of your own teeth and gums. Daily brushing and flossing and regular dentist visits contribute to overall health and protect your baby's teeth.

Get Insured with Medicaid and CHIP

Your child may qualify for free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP. The Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign wants families to experience the security that comes with knowing their child's dental care and other preventive services are covered.

Medicaid and CHIP cover more than 39 million children in the United States and have helped ensure that more than 94% of the nation's children have health coverage, even when their family may experience barriers to access like language differences and low health literacy. Enrollment is open year-round, meaning your family doesn't have to wait to see if you qualify. Dental care isn't the only thing covered—preventive care, emergency care, behavioral health care, vision care, vaccines, prescriptions, and pre- and post-natal care are all covered when your child is insured through Medicaid and CHIP.

Eligibility varies by state and depends on family income and how many people are in your household. In most states, children up to age 19 with family income up to \$80,000 per year (for a family of four) may qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. You can learn more about finding coverage at InsureKidsNow.gov and explore the Find a Dentist tool to find care near you.

Your child's smile shouldn't be a source of stress. For peace of mind, take care of even the tiniest teeth with regular check-ups, healthy habits and health coverage, like Medicaid and CHIP.

Provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

PEDIATRICIANS CAN HELP TEENS QUIT VAPING AND USING TOBACCO

(StatePoint) Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States and it almost always begins during adolescence. According to leading medical advocates, pediatricians have a

role to play in getting kids to quit vaping electronic cigarettes and using other tobacco products.

Ten percent of American students report using tobacco products, according to the FDA. And while there have been declines in the use of cigarettes among adolescents, the popularity of e-cigarettes and other smokeless tobacco and nicotine products is on the rise. Smoking and vaping are both harmful to health, particularly to youth, whose brains are still developing and who are uniquely vulnerable to nicotine dependence.

That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has developed the Youth Tobacco Cessation Progressive Web App. This new, free clinical decision resource, which can be used on a computer, tablet or offline mobile app, leads physicians through the following steps:

1. Ask: Screen for tobacco use with all youth, during every clinical encounter.

2. Counsel: Advise all youth who use tobacco to quit and have them set a quit date within two weeks.

3. Treat: Link adolescents to behavioral treatment extenders and prescribe pharmacologic support when indicated. After the visit, follow up to assess progress and offer support.

The web app also provides a flowchart for clinical interactions, links to product descriptions, an AAP policy and clinical report, sample counseling statements, behavioral support options, such as texting services, quitlines and online resources, and detailed information on pharmacologic support, including nicotine replacement therapy.

There is currently little data on successful youth tobacco treatment strategies. In the meantime, clinicians can leverage existing literature and promising practices to support tobacco cessation in young people. To learn more and to access the Youth Tobacco Cessation Progressive Web App, visit aap.org/HelpKidsQuit.

Tobacco use and nicotine dependence are significant health concerns. Pediatricians can use their vital, trusted role as a source of expertise, support and guidance to provide teens with confidential tobacco cessation care.

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