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Thought for the Week: Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas. Dale Evans

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Mc Natt UMC will present its 20th annual Christmas Eve service at 11 PM December 24 at the church.

The story of Jesus' birth will be accompanied by music from a variety of artists including Pentatonix, The Statler Brothers, Mannheim Steamroller, Celtic Woman, and many others.

Join us for an inspirational and relaxing celebration of the Nativity.

For details call 375 3186.

SILVER SNEAKERS

Help Warren Health & Fitness get the silver sneakers program by calling 866-584-7389, by nominating Warren Health & Fitness - Zip code 46792. You do not have to be silver sneaker age to nominate us! So the more calls we can get the better!

BEEF ID DAY SCHEDULED

Huntington County will hold its annual 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park, Huntington. Huntington County 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging between the hours of 9:00 am - 12:00 pm noon on February 7th. 4-H members enrolled in the Beef project will receive a letter from the Huntington County Extension Office after January 15th with more detailed information about the Beef ID Day and how to identify their animals through the 4HOnline system, new for 2015.

For more information, contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue

Extension - Huntington County Extension Office located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington.

BOXELL PROMOTED

Huntington County Deputy Sheriff Ronnie Boxell has been promoted to the rank of sergeant by the Huntington County Sheriff's Department Merit Board.

Sergeant Boxell began his career with the department as a road deputy under former Sheriff Rod Jackson and has been with the department 19 years. He's held several positions including D.A.R.E. instructor and department negotiator and named 2005 Police Officer of the Year by the Huntington Exchange Club.

Sheriff Terry Stoffel was pleased with the selection and said that "Ronnie will do a fine job in his new position!" Sergeant Boxell will continue as second shift sergeant and will be responsible for overseeing deputies on that shift.

Sergeant Boxell and his wife Shelley reside in Warren and have 2 children Tyler and Andrew.

POULTRY WORKSHOP

Indiana 4-H will host a workshop for 4-H Poultry members on Saturday, January 10th at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN, located at 750 S 200 W, Columbus, IN (on HWY 11 South, about 3 miles from Exit #68, I-65).

Workshop topics include: Raising and Showing Waterfowl, Pigeons and Gamebirds; Biosecurity for Small Flocks; Show Superintendent Roundtable; Showmanship

Clinic.

No advance registration is required, however RSVP ahead of time is greatly appreciated. Please email or call Matt John if you are planning to come, mjohn2@ivytech.edu, 812-603-7722.

4-H HORSE & PONY

Youth and parents interested in Horse & Pony are invited to attend the Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Monday, January 12th, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of 10 consecutive years.

Youth in grades K-2 may join the Mini 4-H Horse & Pony Project and participate in some special events during the summer.

Families may join 4-H with the new 4-H Online system by going to www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

A laptop computer will also be available on January 12th for families to enroll.

Monthly club meetings are being planned until the outdoor meetings begin in April.

The club's annual tack auction fundraiser is planned for February 6th at the Wells County 4-H Park. Auction begins at 6:00 PM

For more information about how to join 4-H and the 4-H Horse & Pony Club, contact project leader Cathy Neu, 260-273-9428, or the Purdue Extension Service - Wells County, 260-824-6412.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, January, 8, 7:00-8:00 pm at the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. They will be making Valentine's Day cards for a local nursing home and participating in a Game night. Jr. Leaders in attendance will have a chance to sign up to work at their food stand during the March 21, 2015 Beef Preview show and to assist with the March 14, 2015 4-H Benefit Auction.

The county 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to all youth who are in the 7th-12th grades during the 2014-2015 school year. This organization provides an opportunity for 4-H members to learn more about the county 4-H Program and become involved in various community service activities and leadership opportunities. 4-H enrollment is

now open until January 15, 2015. Youth can enroll at in.4honline.com

For more information about Junior Leaders, please contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County office located at 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email jwickert@purdue.edu.


ENROLLMENT OPEN

Indiana 4-H enrollment is now open in Huntington County through January 15, 2015. 4-H is a premier source of enjoyable, educational programs to help young people reach their full potential. Plus, new for 2015, enrollment is easier than ever with the 4-H Online system, <https://in.4honline.com>.

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Due to the Holiday season the Warren Weekly will not publish an issue next week.

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.



Norman Vincent Peale

Happy Holidays from the Warren Weekly and the Zoda Family



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

YULE SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT! BAH! HUMBUG!

The weeks leading up to Christmas day are properly called Advent, from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming."

Adventus is the Latin translation of the Greek word *parousia*, which the New Testament most often used to refer to Jesus' second coming. *Parousia* is usually associated with the arrival of royalty: the leaders of a city went outside the city gates to meet the Emperor and escort him back into the city.

Advent is about preparing to greet our King. It is a time for both looking back to Christ's first coming and looking forward to His second coming in glory.

Remember Scrooges phrase "BAH! HUMBUG! Bah is an exclamation of annoyance which is how he feels about Christmas and how the viewer feels about him. Humbug has two meanings: 1) something designed to deceive or mislead which is how Scrooge viewed Christmas and 2) a willfully, deceptive, or insincere person which actually describes how the viewer sees Mr. Scrooge.

Advent is a time for reflection and repentance. Titus 2 calls "our blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ"—this should provoke both joy and a bit of dread. It's a time for asking ourselves whether we truly are "a people that are Christ's own, eager to do what is good."

The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future help Mr. Scrooge experience the dread and then the Joy.

If this perspective really doesn't put you in the mood for shopping you are starting to understand Advent as Scrooge did.

Yearning is also associated with Advent. Not yearning for presents but yearning for God to fulfill His promises to His people and to set right what has gone wrong in the world.

Mr. Scrooge could have been more generous to his employees and others in the community, but he wasn't and he was miserable and pitied by others. It has been said that "by failing to care for others, we do not properly take care of ourselves" and that "It is no coincidence that the word 'miser' is related to the word 'miserable.'"

The Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" gives substance to yearning. Each verse invokes biblical titles/names for Christ—Emmanuel, Root of Jesse, Day Spring, etc.—and then the song rehearses why His people yearn for His presence among them. When scrooge finally "gets it", he buys the largest turkey to be delivered to Tiny Tim and he begins to give to others generously and he is freed from his misery and begins to enjoy life.

Christ told us that it is better to give than to receive. This isn't just a matter of faith but it is empirically true. This is the subject of a book, "The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose," Notre Dame Professor Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson.

As Smith and Davidson write, "Giving money, volunteering... being a generous neighbor and friend... are all significantly, positively correlated with greater personal happiness, physical health and a stronger sense of purpose."

As Tiny Tim said, "God Bless Us, EVERYONE!" Oh, and if you have a Ralphie go ahead and get him that official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle! He won't shoot his eye out, but do be careful because when I was 8 years old I shot my BB-Gun at our shed at a dangerously close range and it came back and chipped my tooth.

Merry Christmas!
 Douglas E. Ballinger, Ph.D.

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship . 6:30 p.m.
BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heinger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
 Bus Service 375-2510
 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 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.
SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons
 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
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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy
 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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/224-3376
 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.
Daycare provided during Worship Service
DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/SrHi, Sunday 6-7:30pm
WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.
HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
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.
NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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AREA NEWS

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Indiana 4-H is the state's largest youth development program for grades 3-12, reaching over 200,000 youth in all 92 counties. 4-H Youth Development Educators in each Purdue Extension county office coordinate local activities.

In Huntington County, approved adult volunteers teach young people specific skills related to a wide variety of subjects through hands-on, experiential learning. Youth also develop leadership and citizenship skills by participating in one of 34 organized 4-H Clubs. Subjects include: science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); agriculture; citizenship; healthy living; art; consumer and family sciences; and more. In 2013, a Tufts University study showed that 4-H members also excel in positive youth development areas compared to peers, including:

- Four times more likely to contribute to their communities (grades 7-12)
 - Two times more likely to make healthier choices (grade 7)
 - Two times more likely to be civically active (grades 8-12)
 - Two times more likely to participate in extracurricular STEM programs (grades 10-12)
- Now, the new 4-H Online system makes it even more convenient to offer enrollment, event registration, calendars, and secure payment online.
- Youth may be enrolled in Huntington County 4-H by January

15, 2015 online at <https://in.4honline.com> or by visiting the Huntington County Purdue Extension office, 354 N Jefferson St, Ste. 202 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The \$15 fee per child includes all Indiana 4-H program fees.

For more information about specific 4-H subjects in Huntington County or the 4-H program in general, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington If you have questions about Huntington County 4-H, call Julia Miller, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, at 260-358-4826

VB COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, December 17 the Van Buren Town Council held their final meeting of 2014. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall.

President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

There was a discussion about the bank building. It will be necessary to get two appraisals before any transactions can be made.

Council passed the Salary Ordinance for 2015. They also approved a Transfer Ordinance for the end of the year. They also signed Nepotism.

Donnie Plummer gave the utility report. He said work on the sanitary sewer at Central Christian Church had been completed. Storm drains on State

Road 5 at the railroad tracks have also been fixed.

WARREN COUNCIL

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, December 22, 2014 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Barb Trospier, Tracey Brown; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitzer, Lee Poulson.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10th were approved as submitted.

As introduced at the November 10 meeting, Salary and Benefit Ordinances 2014-6,7,8 were considered for adopting. Glessner moved, Trospier seconded adoption of all three ordinances providing for an increase of .63 per hour for all employees.

Reviewing applications from two persons for consideration of an existing vacancy on Town Council as of January 1, 2015, President Glessner stated that it was going to be a tough decision as both candidates were very well versed in Town Government and either would be able to fill the vacancy. Following discussion concerning the applicants, Steven Buzzard and RJH (Robert) Fear, Trospier moved, seconded by Stivers, to appoint Steven Buzzard to fill the four year term being vacated by the retirement of Barbara Trospier. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted the December 2014 Rural Development Report. Council, by consensus, approved Glessner's signing of the report.

Submitted from Huntington County United Economic Development was a proposed contract for services for 2015. The annual amount remained the same at \$3700 and would be paid in two installments as done previously. Trospier moved, seconded by Stivers, to accept the

contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

An invoice for payment of the 2015 IACT dues in the amount of \$1146 was submitted for consideration for payment in the current budget year. Stivers moved, seconded by Brown for payment. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson, Utility Manager, reported that work continues on installation of radio read meters. Requesting consideration of meters to be purchased in the upcoming year, Glessner recommended that the Council have a planning meeting to continue planning for next year as multiple projects are underway including radio read meters, well-head delineation, alley paving and others being discussed. The meeting was set for January 12 at 3:00 pm and is planned to lead into the Regular Meeting scheduled for 5:30 the same date. Poulson reviewed purchase of a used street sweeper in the amount of \$79,500 to replace the aging sweeper currently being used. Following review, Trospier moved, seconded by Glessner, to approve the purchase with the purchase amount to be encumbered into the 2015 budget. The motion was approved unanimously. Poulson also submitted estimated pricing for a used dump truck at the cost of approximately \$56,000. It was requested that further information be submitted at the January 12th meeting.

The accounts payable register was approved as submitted. General discussion was held.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

HP POOL

There were 18 residents in the December 19th pool tourney. The winners were Herb Grover and Jim Slaughter. Second place went to Ralph Taylor and Ruby Childs. Ralph "RAN THE TABLE" meaning that he sunk all of the proper colored balls without missing any, then sank the 8 ball

to win that game. We believe this is the first time this remarkable feat has been accomplished during the tournament. CONGRATULATIONS RALPH!! Also, this is the 4th week that Ralph has been on the second place team. The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room.

CHAUTAUQUA NEWS

The Chautauqua: Literary Club met December 5, 2014 in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe.

President Betty Yoder welcomed the members before all repeated the Collect and answered the Roll Call "Favorite Christmas Goodies." Many delicious Christmas goodies were mentioned. The business meeting was conducted before the presentation of the program by Suellen Jones.

Suellen touched on three of our Christmas Traditions and Christmas Carols.

The Mistletoe is a plant that grows on willow and apple trees. Mistletoe is normally spread on trees through bird pooh and is actually a parasite. The plant attaches itself to the host tissue, which is a tree and grows out of the branch.

The tradition of hanging it in the house goes back to the times of the ancient Druids. During the Medieval period, people believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers which could bring good luck to the family during December and ward off evil spirits and the devil. It was often used in ceremonies and burnt once Christmas was over.

Mistletoe is also used as a sign of love and friendship in Norse mythology and that's where the custom of kissing under Mistletoe comes from. The custom of kissing under Mistletoe comes from England. The original custom was that a berry was picked from the sprig of Mistletoe before the person could be kissed. When all the berries were gone, there could be no more kissing.

The Christmas Candy Cane originated in Germany about 250 years ago. They started as straight white sugar sticks. A story says that a choirmaster, in 1670, was worried about the children sitting quietly all through the long Christmas nativity scene, so he gave them something to eat to keep them quiet! As he wanted to remind them of

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Community Calendar

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

Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 31	New Year's Eve - Town Hall Closed
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 2	W - Trash Pick-up
Jan 7 Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Jan 7 7:00pm	V - Town Council Meeting
Jan 12 5:30pm	W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall

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









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Beginning January 5, 2015: Staff Hours Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-Noon

Holiday Staffed Hours: Closed Thursday Dec. 25th & 26th for Christmas.
Open Saturday Dec. 27th 9am-Noon

Description of Classes - *All classes will have a limit to the first 25*

- (55) Group Exercise Age 55+** - 45 min class that involves low impact aerobic strength training and stretching.
- (IT) Interval Training** - Overall Body workout. Participants will experience calisthenics, plyometric, and circuit training. Utilizing kettlebells, dumbbells, jump ropes, bosu ball, medicine balls, boxes, and steps. This class is something anyone is welcome to join at any time. Each workout will be different therefore, each session does not build off of each other. Modification for the various exercises will be available if needed.
- (ZU) Zumba**- Latin inspired dance fitness program that incorporates all music and dance styles to create fun energetic hour long workout. Class will include a combination of high and low intensity moves for interval style calorie burning dance fitness.
- (Z) Zip**- 30 min weight lifting class utilizing light weights working from large muscle groups to small muscle groups. The repetitions are performed with the beat of the music. Class members work at their own strength ability.
- (Y) Yoga**- Focused strength and flexibility as well as relaxation. Noncompetitive and nonjudgmental environment.
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For Members: \$5 for an 8 week session **For NON-MEMBERS:** \$5 per visit
No Experience required for classes. Classes do not build on each other.

January Schedule

**Child Watch
Begins January 5th**

Child Watch Hours

- Mon.-Fri. Mornings - 9 a.m.- Noon
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Evenings -5p.m.- 8p.m.
- Thursday Evening 5p.m.-9p.m.
- Saturday Morning - 9a.m.- Noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No Classes	2 No Classes	3 No Classes
4 No Classes	5 6:30p - ZU	6 6:00p - Z 6:30p - Y	7 6:00p - IT	8 6:30p - Z 7:45p - Y	9 10:00a - 55	10 8:00a - Z/ZU 9:00a - IT
11 No Classes	12 10:00a - 55 6:30p - ZU	13 6:00p - Z 6:30p - Y	14 6:00p - IT	15 6:30p - ZU 7:45p - Y	16 10:00a - 55	17 8:00a - Z/ZU 9:00a - IT
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25 No Classes	26 10:00a - 55 6:30p - ZU 7-7:45p - 101	27 6:00p - Z 6:30p - Y 7-7:45p - 101	28 6:00p - IT	29 6:30a - ZU 7:45p - Y 7-7:45p - 101	30 10:00a - 55	31 8:00a - Z/ZU 9:00a - IT GRAND OPENING

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Student * Proof of school needed *	\$30 + \$20 = \$50	\$20/\$25	\$270/\$330
Household 2 people living in the same house *Single parent included *Proof of same household	\$30 + \$40 + \$10 (addl key fob) = \$80	\$40/\$45	\$520/\$580
Senior Single 55 or over	\$30 + \$25 = \$55	\$25/\$30	\$330/\$390
Senior Couple No Kids	\$30 + \$35 = \$65 (\$10 addl per # of Key Fobs needed)	\$35/\$40	\$450/\$510
Family * 3 or more members working out *	\$30 + \$50 = \$80 (\$10 addl per # of Key Fobs needed)	\$50/\$55	\$630/\$690

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ROBINSON

Barbara Helen Robinson, 80, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:05 PM on Friday, December 19, 2014 at Markle Health Care in Markle.



She was born on Wednesday, September 26, 1934, in Byrdstown, TN. She married Donald Lee Robinson, Sr. on Friday, September 08, 1967 in Muncie. Barbara attended school in Byrdstown, TN. She cleaned homes and worked for her family business, Bucher-Zahn-Robinson Insurance agency for many years. Barbara was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church of Warren.

Survivors include: Husband-Donald Lee Robinson, Sr., Daughter - Donna (Sterling) Cox, Warren, IN., Son - Stephen (Barbara) Robinson, New Castle, IN., Daughter - Carol Sue (Steve) Jones, Warren, IN., Son - Donald Lee (Barbara) Robinson, Jr., Springfield OH., Son - Michael (Linda) Robinson, Frankfort, IN., 19 Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren, Sister - Joyce Bennett, Plainfield, IN., Sister - Frances Kathryn Graham, Byrdstown, TN., Sister - Freda Beth Talbott, New Castle, IN., and several Nieces & Nephews.

She was preceded in death by her: Parents Walt & Ora Anna (Beaty) Rich and Brother - Ord Walton Rich.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at First Baptist Church 727 N. Wayne St. Warren on Monday, December 22, 2014 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Tuesday, December 23, 2014, one hour prior to the ser-

vice. A service to celebrate Barbara's life will be at First Baptist Church at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 with the Rev. Bob Bothast officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials: American Cancer Society 5635 W. 96th Street Indianapolis, IN 46278

REUST

Wanda J. Reust, 82, of Huntington, IN, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2014, at 10:52 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren, IN.

Mrs. Reust was born July 17, 1932, in Elkhart, IN, to Charles Robert and Charity (Gail) Freshour. Her parents preceded her in death.

Mrs. Reust retired from Memcor Huntington, IN. She was a past member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 2689. She enjoyed going to the Salamonie Reservoir and fishing.

Surviving Mrs. Reust are two sons, Gary (Lorri) Reust and Mike W. Reust both of Huntington, IN. Three daughters, Jane Shaw, Huntington, IN, Cheri Nunley, Virginia Beach, Virginia and Janet (Bill) Foster, Azle, Texas; one sister, Sally Ringgenberg of Florida. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are eight siblings.

The family is honoring Wanda's wishes. There will be no public calling or services. A private burial will take place at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson Foundation in care of McElhaney - Hart Funeral Home.

CONWELL

Doris E. (Adams) Conwell, 88 of Huntington passed away at 1:43 am on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Doris was a 1944 graduate of Huntington Township High School. She worked in various different occupations and her last place of employment was the Fort Wayne Auto Auction. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a past member of the American Quarter Horse Association. She was a founding member of Chief LaFontaine

Saddle Club, her horse led the Centennial Parade for the city of Huntington in 1948. She won many awards for horsemanship and she helped start the Huntington County Horse and Pony Clubs. She was the director for Huntington Township Marching Band Twirlers for 8 years. She was an avid seamstress and she loved to travel and made many trips across the United States.

Doris was born on March 18, 1926 in Huntington, the daughter of Gaylord F. and Flora N. (Umphress) Adams. She was united in marriage to Don M. Conwell on September 21, 1947 in Huntington. He preceded her in death on December 11, 1986.

Survivors include a daughter: Rebecca Bradley of Fort Wayne; three sons: Richard (Gail) Conwell of San Diego, CA; Rodney (Barbara) Conwell of Huntington; Randy Conwell of Wagoner, OK.; nine grandchildren: Karma Bradley, Kristi (Thom) Strait, Katherine (James) Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Nic) Grell, Kurt (Colleen) Conwell, Shawn (Ryan) Conwell, Dawn Conwell, Staci Conwell, Wendi Conwell and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Kenneth Adams and John Adams. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014 from 2:00pm - 6:00pm at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral service will be held on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 11:00am at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. Interment will be at the Star of Hope Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made out to Huntington County 4-H in care of Myers Funeral

Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

EMMONS

Edna R. Grossman Emmons, 88, of Huntington, IN, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at 9:50 a.m. at The Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Emmons was a 1944 graduate of Monument City High School. She worked in assembly at Wabash Magnetics, in Huntington, retiring in 1987. She attended Banquo Christian Church and was a member of Union Church, in Huntington.

She was born Feb. 25, 1926, in Huntington to Cameron and Ima Watson DeHaven. She married Herbert Grossman on July 13, 1945, in Mt. Etna, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 1973. She married Robert W. Emmons on June 20, 1987, in Huntington, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 2012.

Survivors include a daughter,

Marilyn (Dennis) Sonner, of Huntington; a daughter-in-law, Becky Grossman; a stepson, David Emmons; a stepdaughter, Jodie Montgomery, of Huntington; a sister, Lucille (Noble) Pinkerton, of Warren; six grandchildren, Stacie Ehler, Andrea Hoover, Kelly Garton, Kora Taylor, Kaleb Grossman and Michael Montgomery; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at The Heritage of Huntington, 1180W-500N, Huntington. Additional calling will held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Mark Hoffer will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Etna Cemetery, Huntington County.

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HOLIDAY BOWS

This year's Town Christmas Tree is adorned with a lot of White, Yellow and Red Bows representing those who have passed on (white), those in the service (yellow) and those who are living. Bows have been placed for the following people.

Oscar Long (w), Madaline Long (w), Helen Slusher (w), Nina Slusher (w), Roscoe Slusher (w), Todd Bowers (w), Gary Martin (w), Scott Whitaker (w), Steve Banter (w), Doris Carroll (w), Noah Slusher (w), Jim Bell (w), Johnny Bill Buzzard (w), Gerald/Maxine Sheets (w), Martha Morrison (w), Lloyd Morrison (w), Elsie Morrison (w), Leander Morrison (w), Ada Ruble (w), Paul Ruble (w), Jess/Lois Langston (w), Mark/Ruby Rittenhouse (w), Ralph/Pauline Blair (w), Carl 'Jake' Douglas (w), Wm 'Bill' Collins (w), Danny DeWeese (w), Jacob DeWeese (r), David DeWeese (r), John DeWeese (y), Donald Jervis (y), Paul/Francis/Mike Gilmer (w), Billy Lows (y), Kahlen Lows (r), Cooper Lows (r), USS Salamonie Crew (r), USS Salamonie Crew (w), USS Salamonie Crew (y), Lilly Nutter (r), Cora Callison (r), Phillip Boxell (y), Tony Chambers (w), Roger Ruble (y), Shannon Deakayne (w), Lloyd/Gwen Mains (w), Mike Coolman (w), Pauline Scheib (w), Nipper-Doc-Pete (w), Jennifer Coolman (y), Jesse J Brown (w), Mary Alberta Brown (w), George E Brown (w), Kevin Mann (w), Opal/Dean Hardin (w), Von Brown (w), DeVon Brown (w), Fred Dalrymple (w), Elsie Dalrymple (w), Marcella Davis (w), Tom Applegate (y), Chic Applegate (y), Sean McCann (y),

William A Cramer (w), Frances E Cramer (w), Al Hamman (w), Jimmy Schwob (w), Dorman/Madge Hudson (w), Frank Minnich (w), Richard Brown (w), Thelma Brown (w), Janie Schweikhardt (w), Dave Yount (w), Virginia Yount (r), Ben Schweikhardt (y), Burlin Beavans (w), Jeff Beavans (w), Nellie Beavans (w), George Huffman (w), Jackie Huffman (w), Roy/Cleo Stuber (w), Erle/Doris Stuber (w), Burton/Elizabeth Gebhart (w), Ben/Elizabeth Good (w), Barbara Brown (w), Ora Banter (w), Hilda Banter (w), Martha Banter (w), Steven Banter (w), Kay Mounsey (y), Rovene Heaton (w), Francis Heaton (w), Jack Buzzard (w), Martha Buzzard (w), Sue Hardin (w), Lester Preston (w), Daniel Shultz (r), Nova Preston (r), Owen Buzzard (r), Grace Buzzard (r), Ingrid Akerstrom (r), Mary Ann Holmes (r), Adaira Stockman (r), Chance Myers (r), David Shultz (y), Steve Buzzard (y), Steve Holmes (y), Meridith Miles (w), Nina Miles (w), Nina Miller (w), Ruth Baker (w), Thanamae McCammon (w), Gerald Lee (w), Beulah Lee (w), Ed Nichols (w), Gretchen Nichols

(w), Jack Lee (y), John Tuell (w), Ruth Dye (w), Emery McNett (w), Gene Souder (w), Patty Souder (w), Carl Pursifull (y), Sherman Brown (w), Leleh Brown (w), DeVon Brown (w), Martha Eppard (w), Floyd Brown (y), Don Brown (y), Von Brown (y), Jesse Rogers (w), Walter Waltz (w), Miriam Thompson (w), Gene Thompson (w), Mike Boxell (w), Megan Boxell (w), Eloise Sheets (w), Gerald/Maxine Sheets (w), Jamie Volland (w), Clint Glessner (w), Mike Lamb (w), Kevin Lamb (w), Ernie Fox (w), Raymond Fox (y), Elwood/Lula Miller (w), Ralph/Opal Highley (w), Cathy Kay Miller (w), Richard Douglas (y), Robert Rudy (w), Rudy Decker (y), Janet Schmidt (w), Mark/Margaret Knight (w), Frank/Faye Schmidt (w), Austin Hartman (y), David Taylor (w), Myron Landrum (w), Dwight Boxell (w), Margaret Boxell (w), Ron Boxell (w), Kent Boxell (w), Paul Davis (y), Patty Davis (w), Mary Andres Vickrey (w), Ed Vickrey (w), Chester K. Myers (w), Claressa E. Myers (w), Maxine (Myers) Martin (w), Ruth E. Sparrow (w), Harry Sumwalt (w), Mable M. Sumwalt (w), Fred Sumwalt (w), James


Sumwalt (w), Rebecca J. (Sumwalt) England (w), Bentley Gene Spears (w), Jerry (Tiny) Spears (w), Joyce Sorg (w), Pete Sorg (r), Walter/Naomi Kem (w), Tom Perry (y), Jake/Kayson Dillon (r), Danny DeWeese (w), Jeffrey Brubaker (w), Kimberly Anne Shafer (w), Ty Allen Green (w), Harry/Dalta Shafer (w), Elvin/Nellie Parker (w), Norman Jean Baker (w), Myra Frecker (w), Dale Frecker (y), Ivan (r), Leroy (w), George/Helen Bentley (w), Fred/Lela Zimmerman (w), James L Spangler (w), Bob Stucky (w), Samantha Foster (w), Dude Booher (w), William/Irene Zeller Sr (w), Paul/Ruth Yount (w), Morry Zeller (w), Kenny Freck (w), Lenora Freck (w), Jay/Bea Freck (w), Phillip Souder (w), Lucille O'Banion (w), Chet O'Banion (w), Bob Fleegeer (w), Russ Fleegeer (w), Elaine Davidson (w), Marian Erwin (w), Patty Boxell (w), Wendell Thompson (w), Greg Courtois (r), Bill Hester (y), Julia Rice (w), Terry Buck (w), Josh Sunderman (y), Jim Leas (w), Cleo Booher (w), Cecil Schwob (w), Edith Schwob (w), Marvin Gephart (w), Linda

Gephart (w), George Sliser (w), Leonard/Dora Wearley (w), Harold Poulson (w), Georgia Poulson (w), Grover/Edna Poulson (w), Mark Knight (w), Margaret Knight (w), DeWayne Fitch (w), Tony Bryant (w), John Tuell (w), Carol Doyle (w), Joyce McCarver (w), Jim McCarver (w), Austin Trosper (y), Robert Wilkerson (w), Mary Wilkerson (w), Joe Wilkerson (w), Robert Rice (w), Mary Rice (w), Dennis Miller (w), and Violet Lewis (w).

CASH FOR COLLEGE

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education urges families to spread a little extra holiday cheer this season with the joyful message that there is "Cash for College" available for millions of students. The Commission's annual "Cash for College" campaign kicks off this December and continues through Indiana's March 10 financial aid filing deadline.


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translating good grades into scholarships, to filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify for your share of the over \$1 billion in federal student aid available, there are good tidings for all who aspire to a college education.

The Founding Fathers and Abraham Lincoln have stepped off their currency to assist the Commission in heralding the "Cash for College" campaign.

Learn more about "Cash for College" at CashForCollege Indiana.org.

SEASON OF MIRACLES

My daughter called and asked if I would play Santa at her school arts program, so my wife, Donna, suggested that I just buy a Santa suit so that I could take on that role any time I wanted. After we purchased one, Donna asked me if she could post to her friends on facebook that I would be willing to do it for others, and I told her she could.

Soon the requests poured in. Some were for family gatherings, and some were for big groups, including elementary schools and church socials. The first person asked how much I charged, and when Donna asked me that question, I told her that charging would ruin the joy of it. I couldn't do a lot of them due to my time constraints, but what I could do, I would do for free.

Of all of the requests that came, one interested me more than

the others. A young lady named Tina wrote and requested that I come to the school for disabled adults where she worked. She said, "The people here love Santa, but we haven't been able to get anyone to come for quite a few years. You won't have to have them sit on your lap or anything; just talk to them as you hand them bags of candy."

I had associated with some of these wonderful people and felt like it would be a worthwhile place to go, hoping that I could brighten their lives. Donna made the necessary arrangements, and on the appointed day, she drove us to the school while I slipped into my costume. All week I had had dozens of children, teenagers, and even adults climb on my lap, so I asked Donna about what Tina had said, and if there was a rule against the students at the school doing that as well. She just shrugged and said, "There must be."

After we arrived, Donna checked my costume for any last minute adjustments, and then I was ready to go. Tina announced to the group that was gathered that there was a special guest, and then I ho-hoed and jingled my way into the room. One student, who was about 50 years old, started to cry. "I haven't seen Santa in forever," she said. She wanted to run to me right then, but the workers helped her stay calm until it was her turn.

Tina stayed close by me to tell

me a little about each student and to take pictures. I picked up the first candy bag and read the name. The student made her way to the front and shyly accepted her gift. The second student was a large lady who was about 40 years old. After I read her name, she walked briskly to me and plopped on my lap. All of the workers gasped. I asked Tina if that was against rules, and she said, "No, we just thought they might hurt you."

I laughed. "I am a former state champion wrestler. I can handle it."

The employees all relaxed as student after student made their way to the front and sat on my lap and received their gifts. Most of them hugged me, and told me they loved me. I hugged them back and said I loved them, too.

Finally, the last lady, almost totally paralyzed, was wheeled up in a wheel chair. Tina whispered that this lady, who was about 50 years old, could hardly move and could make almost no sounds at all. I set the bag of candy on her lap, then reached out and took her hand. When I did, she lightly squeezed mine and spoke in a slow, but clear voice. "Thank... you... Santa."

Tina gasped, and everyone in the room cheered. Tina looked at me and started to cry as she said, "I guess it truly is a season of miracles."

As I left, I thought that the biggest miracle of all was actually the one in my heart, because

these people helped me remember what Christmas is really all about.

NOTHING LESS THAN A MIRACLE

Uri was deported from Russia and stripped of his citizenship for leading the coal mine strikes. He

had fought against the injustices the people had suffered, especially the persecution and murder of those who believed in God, and he now had to pay a price. The United States accepted him, but he was able to take nothing with him except his six-year-old daughter.

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As problems had mounted, he had told his wife, Tatiana, to take their small son and leave Russia for their own safety, and they just seemed to have disappeared.

He vowed he would find them, and searched, while beginning the process of redoing his education to qualify him for work here. He had grown up as a son of a Communist Party leader with privilege and money, but he now found himself working at minimum wage, struggling to understand English, and growing more and more discouraged every day.

He couldn't go to the Russian government in his search, for they couldn't know where he was. He could not contact the Finish government or his own family for fear of jeopardizing the safety of himself and his daughter. His only option was to work through the United States State Department. They contacted the Finish government in his behalf, but they claimed that they knew nothing of Tatiana's whereabouts.

Uri had no way of knowing that

his wife and son had been brought secretly to the United States, and for some reason, because of the bureaucracy and secrecy within the State Department, they couldn't seem to put it together either. This left Uri feeling like he was grasping at straws. Once in a while he would get his hopes up only to have them dashed when the State Department hit another dead end.

As lead after lead seemed to melt away, Uri became more and more discouraged. He was struggling in his classes because his English was so imperfect. He spent many hours stocking grocery store shelves just to have enough money for himself and his daughter to survive. As Christmas approached, and it had been two years since he had seen his wife and son, his loneliness and homesickness increased. Though he had defended those who believed in God, Uri himself didn't believe. But he had always enjoyed the wonderful spirit he had felt in their home as Tatiana, who did believe, had decorated and celebrated the season.

Uri had tried to hide his discouragement from his daughter, who was making adjustments of her own to a new school and a new life. But he realized he hadn't been able to the day his daughter approached him.

"Don't worry, Daddy. We'll be with Momma for Christmas. Momma always says that Christmas is the time of miracles, and I've been praying for a miracle so we can find them."

Uri smiled at his daughter's faith in what her mother had taught her, but he was afraid she would get her hopes up only to have them crushed. He tried to be realistic with her, but nothing he said could diminish her faith that God was going to bring her mother to them for Christmas. Uri truly knew that only a miracle could bring them together, and said if it happened he could not help but believe. He had no way of knowing that Tatiana also prayed every day for their reunion, even as he found himself saying in his heart, "God, if you do exist, please look at what I have tried to do for those that believe in you, and bring my wife

and son to me." But he felt it would do little good, for he was sure they were still a half a world away, if they were alive at all.

As Uri reached the depths of despair, one of his kind professors, knowing of his discouragement, invited him to a Christmas Eve party. "A Russian lady lives with some friends of mine, and I could invite her, and the two of you could talk in Russian. And you'd be welcome to bring your daughter."

Uri kindly declined. "I am married, and the only Russian person I want to talk to is my wife."

The professor understood, and said no more. But for some reason, Uri strongly felt he should go. Still, when the day came, he almost didn't, but decided to at the last minute, feeling it would be good for his daughter.

When Uri arrived at the party, his professor said he would introduce him to the Russian woman, and pointed her out across the room. Uri looked to see a woman, with a young boy in her arms. As she turned and their eyes met, they both gasped.

Uri left a wide-eyed professor, as he and Tatiana ran into each other's arms.

The professor was shocked to find out that the Russian woman that had been staying with his friends was Tatiana. A joyful reunion occurred as Uri and Tatiana learned how each had separately been brought to the same small town in Idaho, and had been living only a few miles apart.

As Uri and Tatiana finished telling me their stories, I knew, as they knew, that their reunion was truly nothing less than a miracle. And, after all, miracles are what Christmas is all about.

EVEN SANTA HAS LIMITATIONS

The community Christmas party was only a few days away when the woman in charge called and asked, "Daris, would you be willing to be Santa at our Christmas party this year?"

I taught the children music at church and knew them well. I love children and thought this would be a fun thing to do. I have



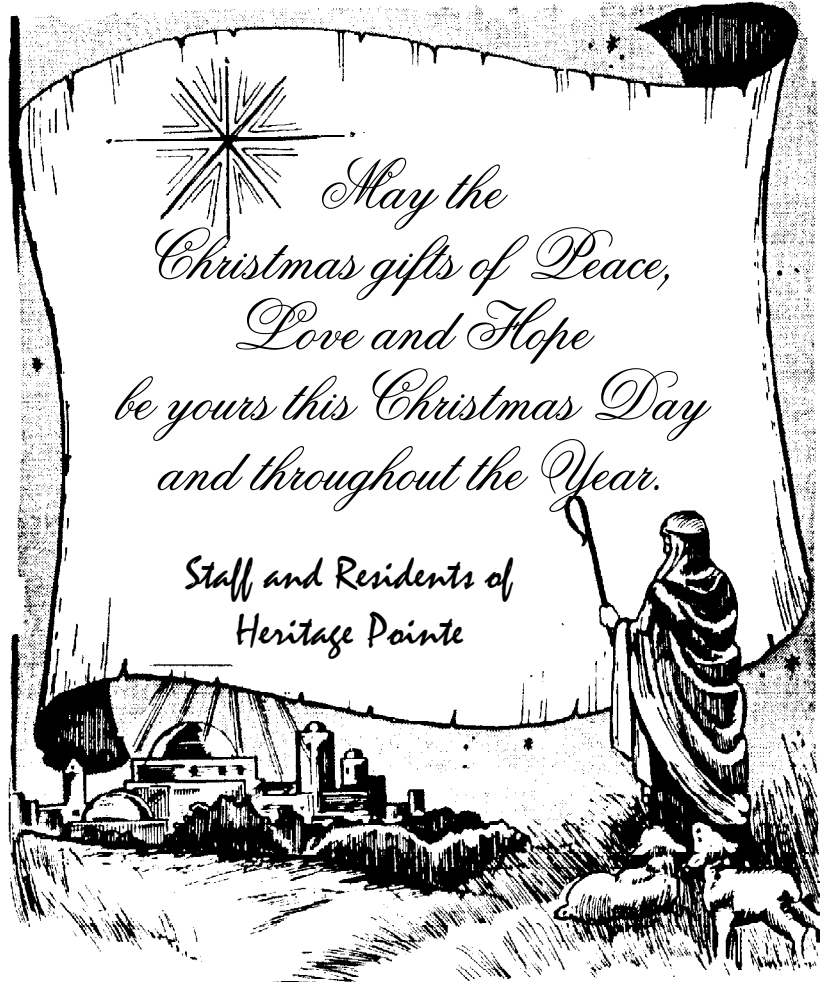
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also done a lot of acting and felt I could disguise my voice enough that they wouldn't recognize me, so I accepted.

The night came, and after the community dinner, I dressed in the red garb, black boots, and fake beard and wig. At the appointed time, I ho-hoed my way into the big hall. The children rushed around me, and the adults had to clear a path so I could make my way to the chair that had been prepared for me.

The first child of the night was a rambunctious little boy who pushed his way to the front of the line. He had more energy than a level 5 hurricane and could be a challenging little boy, but I loved him.

I pulled him onto my lap. "So, Jason, have you been good this year?"

He nodded. "I've been the best ever."

I laughed my Santa laugh. "Oh, really? What about that time you didn't shut the gate on the horse corral and the whole community was out trying to round up the horses?"

His eyes grew wide with sur-

prise. "You know about that?"
"Of course. Santa knows everything."

"Well," he said, "I've been mostly good most of the time." I chuckled. "Don't worry about it. Even Santa isn't perfect. Did you know I accidentally let the reindeer out once? If you think chasing down horses is hard, you ought to see what it's like trying to corral flying reindeer."

He smiled and told me what he wanted for Christmas. I gave him a little hug and a bag of candy, and he climbed off of my lap and scampered off to his mother to tell her I was the real Santa.

I personalized each child's experience, and each one was surprised to find out how much I knew about them. A few of the older children were quite sure they knew who I was, but even they laughed at what I could tell them about themselves, and they were mostly only there for the candy, anyway.

The last child of the night was a feisty little girl who was about six years old. She was the youngest in her family by quite a bit. I knew her well and knew that she

hadn't waited to be last because she was shy. Quite the contrary. I could tell that she had something important on her mind. I lifted her onto my lap and asked, "So, Brittany, have you been a good girl this year?"

She had heard me talk to the other children, and she paused. Finally she said, "Mostly. Sometimes I get mad when my brother teases me about being the baby of the family. And sometimes I don't do my chores."

I laughed. "Well, even I haven't been perfect."

"Really?" she asked.
"No," I replied. "I got mad at Rudolph one night when he was sneaking around scaring elves, jumping out at them with his glowing nose."

Her eyes grew wide with wonder. "Really?"

"Yes," I replied. "Even Santa can have one of those days, or nights, as it may be. So what would you

like for Christmas?"

She sat up straight and looked right at me very seriously. "I want a baby brother so everyone will quit calling me the baby of the family."

Brittany's mom was there taking pictures, and she let out an exasperated gasp. "Brittany, I have told you and told you that

you are not getting a baby brother!"

Brittany leaned up close and whispered in my ear. "You see how she is? I decided it was time to go over her head."

I laughed. "You know, Brittany, I'm not sure Santa is over your mom's head on this one."

Yes, even Santa has limitations on what he can do.

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Christmas, he made the sugar sticks into a "J" shape like a shepherds crook to remind them of the shepherds that visited the baby Jesus at the first Christmas. However, the earliest records of 'candy canes' comes from over 200 years later, so the story although rather nice, probably isn't true!

Sometime around 1900 the red stripes were added and they were flavored with peppermint or wintergreen. Also if you turn the candy cane upside down, it makes a 'J' for Jesus. The white of the cane can represent the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the blood he shed when he died on the cross. The peppermint flavor can represent the hyssop plant that was used for purifying in the Bible.

Poinsettia plants are native to Central America, especially an area of southern Mexico known as 'Taxco del Alarcon' where they flowered during the winter. The poinsettia was made widely known because of a man called Joel Roberts Poinsett (that's why we call them Poinsettia!). He was the first Ambassador from the USA to Mexico in 1825. Poinsett had some greenhouses on his plantations in South Carolina, and while visiting the Taco area in 1828, he became very interested in the plants. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began growing the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens.

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita who had no present to give the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked to the chapel, sadly, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up. He told Pepita that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him will make Jesus Happy.

Pepita didn't know what to do so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small

present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene and suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

Jingle Bells is one of the best known and commonly sung American Christmas songs in the world.

It was written by James Lord Piepont, who lived from 1822 to 1893. He published the song under the title of "One Horse Open Sleigh" in the autumn of 1857. Even though it is now associated with the Christmas and the holiday season, Jingle Bells was actually originally written to be sung for the American Thanksgiving.

In 1943, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded "Jingle Bells" on Decca records. It reached #19 on the charts and sold over a million copies.

Jingle Bells was first the first song broadcast from space, in a Christmas themed prank by Gemini 6 astronauts, Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra on December 16, 1965.

The group sang "Jingle Bells" and "Away in the Manager".

Suellen than gave a reading of "T was the Night before Christmas" and she was accompanied by Betty Yoder on the piano.

A delicious smorgasboard of Christmas goodies was served by LuEllyn Pond and Sandy Thompson.

Those present were: Sue Blair, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Barbara Engle, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phylis Hubartt, Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Crystal Lee, Colleen Oden, LuEllyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Sandy Thompson, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Oma Zent, Joan Huffman, Ellen Laymon, Georgina Laymon, Harriett Tobias.

SIGMA PHI

On Tuesday December 16th, the Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their Christmas Social. Silly games were played. Lets just say that none of the Sisters showed any great artistic talent that night. But we shared a lot of laughs.

Secret Sister gifts were exchanged and everyone was thankful for their gifts. A treat exchange took place so everyone left with a lot of goodies. I can't speak for anyone else, but my diet went on vacation and won't be back till 2015.

Refreshments were served by Claudia Boxell, Opal Brubaker and Suzette Gephart and they did a wonderful job! Other members attending were Rosemary Zeller, Sandy Booher, Carol Irick, Betty Yoder, Sandy Eichhorn, Jenny Plummer, Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Susan Ralston, Kathy Ralston, Tara Korporal and Lorie Fiock. Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year.

LEARNING CENTER

A campaign to raise \$1.3 million for a Huntington County Community Learning Center has topped the \$1-million mark, organizers said.

Reaching the milestone of nearly \$1.1 million in contributions and pledges was achieved in part through a one-for-two match in which Huntington manufacturer PHD Inc. and Huntington University contributed \$50,000 each

to encourage additional contributions of \$200,000. Since the matching program was announced in September, \$270,000 has been contributed or pledged,

bringing the total to \$1,080,400. Some of the money was pledged independent of the match.

The PHD/Huntington University matching opportunity will remain open until Jan. 31, 2015.

"The learning center development team is extremely excited about the local and regional response to our 'Bringing It Home' campaign," said Ed Vessels, president of HiValu LLC and member of the development team.

"We can't thank our investors enough. Moving strongly over the \$1-million mark gives us the momentum and confidence that we'll reach our \$1.3-million goal soon."

The proposed learning center would be in a building at 2201 N. Jefferson St. that now serves as the Huntington County Community Schools Corp.'s vocational center. The vocational center, which already provides some career and technical education programs, would be expanded from 18,000 square feet to 24,000 square feet with the addition of classrooms and space for general office functions, a health care lab, and welding, machining, industrial maintenance and robotics programs.

The learning center would provide a variety of college courses and certification-based training for sundry careers, including industrial maintenance, precision machining, welding, certified nursing assistant, emergency medical technician, criminal justice and automotive technician. Ivy Tech Community College Northeast would provide the equipment and the bulk of the training. WorkOne Northeast, which would lease space at the center, would provide job search

assistance, skills assessments, career planning and development workshops, and high school equivalency preparation.

Among the organizations making recent financial pledges to the learning center project: English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, \$100,000; Huntington County Community Foundation, \$50,000; Novae Corp., \$50,000, which will include naming rights to a welding lab; Huntington Sheet Metal Inc., \$25,000; Parkview Huntington, \$20,000; First Federal Savings Bank, \$15,000; and iAB Financial Bank, \$10,000.

ESSAY CONTEST

Hoosier students have the chance to give their thoughts on how agriculture helps the state in an essay contest sponsored by Indiana's Family of Farmers.

"What are the benefits of Indiana agriculture?" is the essay theme. Students are encouraged to look at how farming plays a positive role in the environment and economy of the state.

The contest is open to any Indiana student in grades 4-12. Entrants are divided into groups by grade, 4th-6th, 7th-9th and 10th-12th. The word limit for 4th-6th graders is 250; 7th-9th graders are limited to 450 words and 10th-12th graders may write up to 600 words. Entries are evaluated against the Indiana Department of Education's ISTEP writing rubric.

All entries must be made electronically through a link on the I Fo F website, www.indianafamilyoffarmers.com. The deadline is Feb. 6.

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One student per grade group will be recognized as the winner and receive \$250. IFoF will recognize winners at the Statehouse during the organization's Ag Day Celebration, March 18, 2015.

For more information and a complete list of rules, visit the IFoF website, www.indianafamilyoffarmers.com.

BB & RIFLE

If a new BB gun or rifle is one of the gifts on your child's Christmas list, you should consider enrolling them in some gun safety classes.

The 4-H BB & Rifle Safety Club will begin their winter session on Tuesday, January 27, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Wells County 4-H Park, Bluffton. The meetings will continue each Tuesday through April 7th.

Safety instruction, handling procedures, shooting skills and hands on experience will be included in the Wells County 4-H BB Gun & .22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program. Equipment is provided by the club, participants are not to bring any guns.

Youth in grades 3, 4 & 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grades 6 and above can participate in Rifle. First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a shooting skills proficiency which reviews the position and range safety procedures.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum on ten (10) consecutive

years.

Enrollment for 2015 is online with the 4-H Online system at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells. Families may also enroll at a 4-H Shooting sports Sign-Up Night, Tuesday, January 6, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

A yearly 4-H membership fee of \$20 can be paid online or at the January 6th event. This fee is only paid once each year. Youth in more than one 4-H club will only pay the fee one time. There is a fee cap of \$60 per family. This must be done by January 15th!

The supply fee for BB Gun is \$10 and Rifle is \$15. The supply fee can be paid at the January 6th event or at the first club meeting on January 27th. The supply fee covers the cost of a book for new members, ammunition, gun repairs, gun cleaning supplies, targets, member awards, and refreshments at the awards night.

Checks for the supply fees should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Shooting Sports. Scholarships are available for membership and supply fees. No person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105 FM, check www.wellscountyvoice.com or Wells County 4-H Facebook for cancellations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H event will be postponed.

Youth may also enroll in the Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. Members may make a poster or a notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something they

have made. Examples might include: Poster or Notebook; Firearm Safety; Cross a Fence with a Gun; Eye Dominance; Muzzleloading; Target Trap; Archery Safety; Types of Arrows; Buying a Bow; Shooting Vests; Hunter Ed; Tree Stand Safety; Percussion or Flintlock; Hunting Wild Turkeys; Handmade items - Gun Rack, Ammo Box, etc.

Youth may also sign up for the 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club and the 4-H Archery Club. These clubs will begin in April. Volunteers from the DNR will offer a Hunter Education Class March 2, 4 & 5.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 827-0266; Gregg Palmer, 701-2975; Kevin Springer, 565-3323 and Mark Durham. 273-6508. 4-H enrollment statewide is due January 15, 2015.

HEALTHY CHANGES IN OUR SCHOOL CAFETERIAS

This school year Southern Wells cafeterias are meeting new federal nutrition guidelines for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed in school. Now is a great time to encourage your kids to choose school breakfast and lunch.

School meals offer students milk, fruits, vegetables, proteins and grains. The meals must meet strict limits on saturated fat, calories, sodium and portion size.

All these guidelines started this 2014-2015 school year. School lunches need to meet these additional standards requiring:

- *Grade appropriate calorie limits (K-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- *Larger servings of fruits and vegetables, including dark green, red/orange, and beans
- *Everything must be whole grain, even the cookies
- *And less sodium

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- *Grade-appropriate calorie limits (K-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- *And less sodium

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A monthly menu is available online at www.swraiders.com. The menu is subject to change based on availability of items.

You can access your account at Harmony and check your meal balance at any time!

Any questions please feel free to contact me by using the information below.

Thank you - Chris Mossburg, Food Service Manager, Southern Wells Community Schools, 1-765-728-5537 Ext.461, cmossburg@swraiders.com

PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Adams-Wells County plat books are available at the Wells County office of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service according to publisher Athentic, Inc. of LaPorte, Indiana. The 2014 directory is the most recent and up-to-date book for both counties.

The 80 page director includes maps of Adams and Wells Counties, township maps including landowners within each township and maps of Bluffton, Ossian, Liberty Center, Petroleum, Zanesville, Poneto, Uniondale, Decatur, Monroe, Geneva, and Berne.

The directory also includes an alphabetical listing of landowners. It also includes advertising spots of nearly 25 outstanding businesses in the Wells County areas.

The cover of the book includes a photograph of the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park. 4-H serves as the main distributor of the plat directory for Wells County. Proceeds from sales go to the 4-H program and 4-H Park improvements.

The directory is now available for a purchase price of \$18.00 at the Wells County office of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, located in the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

NEW PARTNER

Don Snemis, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced today that the state of Indiana has awarded a 4-year contract to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) to provide motorcycle skills testing and training courses

through the BMV's Indiana Motorcycle Operator Safety Education Program. MSF won the contract after a competitive bidding process.

MSF is a not-for-profit organization that has been a nationwide leader in the field of motorcycle safety since 1973, and has trained nearly 8 million motorcyclists to ride or improve their riding skills. It currently administers motorcycle training programs for the states of New York, California, New Mexico and West Virginia, and operates training campuses in Ohio and Georgia while Indiana currently uses MSF standards for safety and training. MSF also hosts the annual International Rider Education Training System Conference, which was held in Indianapolis in 2013.

"We are looking forward to this new partnership," said Snemis. "It will enhance customer service and provide expanded opportunities for Hoosier motorcyclists to learn to ride safely and improve their riding skills."

Due to public demand, BMV and MSF will add about 500 training opportunities in 2015 and then 1,000 more in 2016. All Hoosiers will have a training site within about 50 miles of their home.

MSF President and CEO Tim Buche said, "We are honored to have been chosen by the BMV to serve the current and prospective riders of Indiana." Buche continued, "We appreciate the trust they've placed in us, and we will work alongside the Indiana training community to create skilled, knowledgeable and wise riders."

The state's current contractor, ABATE of Indiana, chose not to bid on the new contract. "We appreciate all of the years of service ABATE of Indiana has given Hoosier motorcyclists, and we wish them well in all of their future endeavors," said Snemis. "The BMV and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation will continue the tradition of outstanding motorcycle education in the state of Indiana."

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