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Thought for the Week: The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. Walter Bagehot

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Heritage Pointe of Warren is hosting their 7th Annual Festival of Trees Friday, November 30th from 9 to 6 and Saturday December 1st from 9 to 4. The Festival of Trees will be in the Calico Lounge on the First floor in the Fults Building.

Country Christmas will be the theme this year and you will be able to enjoy the many trees available and vote for your favorite on Saturday. While you are looking at the trees you can also enjoy hot chocolate or egg nog, and snack on lots of goodies that we will have available. There is no admission charge for this event.

While you are here, John Williams once again, has graciously brought in his Christmas Village to share with all. This is a beautiful work of art and can be viewed in the Applegate Cove at the Chapel. You don't want to miss this. It is spectacular.

This is one of the many events that Heritage Pointe of Warren has to offer, come and check us out.

MARKET VENDORS

Homespun Market vendors for this week!

Spotlight: Angie McCarver Hamilton – is a wonderful artist. She has 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Homespun Market is fortunate to have her hand painted jars and Christmas ornaments. Despite still recuperating from injuring her foot 2 years ago Angie LOVES painting and does it very well!

Heritage Pointe Knifty Knitters – knit and sell children's hats and sweaters to advance the work of their group. The money earned from their sales at Homespun Market is used to buy more yarn which will then be made into hats, scarves, slippers, etc to donate to local charities. This group meets weekly at Heritage Pointe and anyone in the community is welcome to attend. All that is required is that you have the basic knitting skills and a desire to serve others in need through your knitting. If interested call Pat at 375-3452 or Marge at 375-3005. Yarn and patterns are provided and those who wish may pick up some new knitting skills as well.

Our store hours are Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 1125 Huntington Avenue in Warren of course.

Come in for your holiday gifts!

We will spotlight other vendors next week!

FREE SOUP SUPPER

This is just a reminder that the Warren Sportsman's Club will be having a Free Soup Supper on Wednesday, December 5th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Just remember to bring a non perishable food item for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. All money and food donated will be given to the Food Pantry. The Sportsman's Club will match the money donations for the Pantry. Come out and enjoy 9 kinds of soup and plenty of yummy desserts. We hope to see you at the Sportsman's Club on Wednesday, December 5th.

GIVE HOPE

This time of year can be very difficult and emotional for everyone, but more so for the many patients that are undergoing cancer treatments.

We here at Katie's Cure are looking for people to help us give each patient at Parkview Cancer Institute a little bag of "HOPE" this Holiday. For just \$10 you can sponsor a Christmas Cancer Comfort kit filled with items that are sure to bring a smile to each patients face. We know it's last minute but we are trying to have sponsors by December 1st.

Katies Cure is a nonprofit founded by Katie's family, after she was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma on March 2nd, 2018. We are devoted to giving back to those who are undergoing cancer treatments. Katie underwent Chemo from March until August. Then she had to start radiation. Her road to being cancer free is headed in the right direction, but she is not out of the woods yet. You can read her story on her Facebook page @ Katies Cure www.facebook.com/Katies-CURE-1483236625121588

We are asking that you would please help "GIVE HOPE" this holiday to all those needing a little extra love to get them through rough holiday season. Feel free to sponsor more than one Bag of HOPE.

Checks can be payable to KATIES CURE and mailed to the address below. Katies Cure 459 S Broadway St. Huntington, IN 46750 For more information Contact Melissa at 260-224-0870 Thank you from all of US here are KATIES CURE!

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2019

The Warren Pharmacy has received Calendars for 2019.

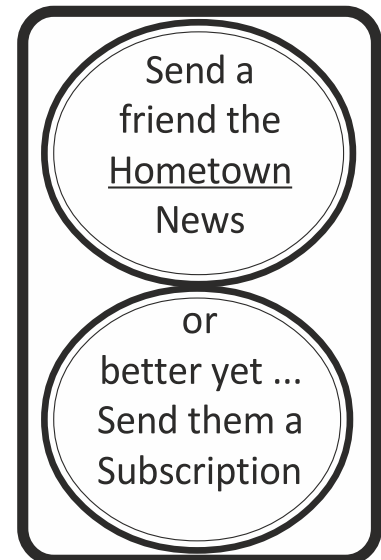
There are two choices of 2019 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren

Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2018 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family Each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so you can start your day with one piece of Good News! These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

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AN UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT

By Daris Howard

It was the day after Thanksgiving. As a police officer, Samuel was preparing to go on patrol, but he had to fill out the required reports first. Paperwork was the thing he hated most. He much preferred to be out on the streets. He finished his reports and looked at his assignment. He was going to be working in a poor section of the city.

If there was one place Samuel liked to work, it was that section of town. He had made lots of friends in that area. Even though there was more crime there because of the poverty, the people whom he had come to know were more inclined to stop and visit, and it made work go by faster. When he worked in the rich areas of town, too often, people were so caught up in their fast-paced lives that he never got more than a nod from them before they hurried on their way.

Samuel was just putting on his coat when he heard someone call his name. Samuel turned around, and there stood his sergeant. Samuel's heart sank, thinking he was going to be assigned some more paperwork.

"Officer Nakamura," the sergeant said, "could you use a sandwich before you head out?"

This statement took Samuel by surprise. Usually, his sergeant was all business. Samuel stood there for a minute, unable to speak. When he finally did speak, he just said, "A sandwich, Sir?"

The sergeant nodded. "Yes. Turkey or ham, to be exact."

Samuel hardly knew what to say, so he just sputtered, "Uh, yeah, I suppose a sandwich would be nice."

As the sergeant handed Samuel a sandwich, he sighed. "My wife expected a lot of family members to come yesterday, but the storm forced most of them to turn back. She had cooked two turkeys and a ham and made enough rolls to feed an army. She said she's not about to eat leftovers for a month, so she made them all into sandwiches and told me to give them away."

Samuel took the sandwich and took a bite. "This is very good, Sir. Thank you."

"Yeah, she's a good cook," the sergeant replied. "But I was just ready to get off work when I remembered the sandwiches. I don't dare go home until I have given them all away."

The sergeant started back to his desk, and Samuel started to button up his coat. Suddenly, the sergeant stopped and turned back around.

"What am I doing?" the sergeant said. "I don't have to give the sandwiches away. I can just assign you to do it."

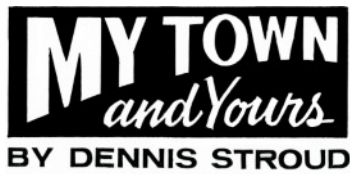
"How many sandwiches are there?" Samuel asked.

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AREA NEWS



A stranger can't move around in Warren without being noticed. One was noticed on Friday, June 14, 1963. The stranger wore tan shirt and trousers, that could have been taken for a work uniform. He moved through the main part of town and went on to the corner of Main and Third Street. It was the home of one of the town's most respected citizens, the president of the Warren Exchange Bank.

It was nearing the 3 p.m. closing time when a man who was not recognized came in. He approached a man at the desk. "I am here to check the vault," he said. The bank official conferred with another employee. The employee said "I don't know, but I don't like the looks of this, coming in here at closing time."

A feeling of tenseness spread among the officials as the stranger continued to insist that he was sent from the company office to check the vault. But the tension eased when the man shrugged and turned around and walked out. The bank was locked up for the day without incident.

More to come.

HP TOURNEYS

Winners of the Heritage Pointe Pool tourney for the week of November 23, 2018 were: Ed Hollander and Bob Slusser. Runners-up were

Bud and Wilma Lee. There were 12 players. Good luck for next week.

Wi-Fi bowling last week was Bub Lee with 186, Floyd Minnich with 178, and George Pond with 156. Best of luck to all.

EMAIL SCAM

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) warn of fraudulent emails impersonating either revenue agency encouraging individuals to open files corrupted with malware.

These scam emails use tax transcripts as bait to entice users to open the attachments.

The scam is particularly problematic for businesses or government agencies whose employees open the malware infected attachments, putting the entire network at risk. This software is complex and may take several months to remove.

This well-known malware, known as Emotet, generally poses as specific banks or financial institutions to trick individuals into opening infected documents. It has been described as one of the most costly and destructive malware to date.

Emotet is known to constantly evolve, and in the past few weeks has masqueraded as the IRS, pretending to be "IRS Online."

The scam email includes an attachment labeled "Tax Account Transcript" or something similar, with the

subject line often including "tax transcript."

Both DOR and IRS have several tips to help individuals and businesses not fall prey to email scams: Remember, DOR and the IRS do not contact customers via email to share sensitive documents such as a tax transcript.

Use security software to protect against malware and viruses, and be sure it's up-to-date.

Never open emails, attachments or click on links when you're not sure of the source.

If an individual is using a personal computer and receives an email claiming to be the IRS, it is recommended to delete or forward the email to phishing@irs.gov. If the email claims to be from DOR forward the email to investigations@dor.in.gov.

Business receiving these emails should also be sure to contact the company's technology professionals.

Senior Luncheon The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, Dec. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

Sarah Kirby, a genealogist at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, will give a presentation titled "Over There: Huntington County in WWI." This presentation will be about non-military involvement in

WWI both in the United States and abroad, as well as societal impacts.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken noodle soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

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

PARK GIFT PACKS

Don't know what to buy for the person who has everything? Giving a holiday gift pack from the DNR may be your solution.

It's a gift the recipient can use the whole year, saving you \$31 compared to what the items would sell for separately.

Whether that person enjoys camping outdoors or sleeping in the comfort of one of seven Indiana State Park Inns, the gift pack is sure to please.

The \$99 gift pack includes a 2019 resident annual entrance permit, a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, and one of two \$65 gift card options. There's a \$65 gift card that can be used at the campgrounds — or for those who like to enjoy nature from the comfort of the indoors, a \$65 State Park Inns

gift card. There's also an option to upgrade the gift card to \$100 for \$35 more.

Orders ship within three to five business days. Orders received by Dec. 9 will ship by Dec. 17. The offer is available through Dec. 31, and packs can be purchased online at innsgifts.com.

Indiana has 32 state parks and reservoirs throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for all of 2019 for all state park properties beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

The inns gift card can be used at any of seven state park lodging facilities, as well as at the award-winning Pete Dye-designed golf course at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis. The inns gift card can also be used for lodging, meals in the dining rooms or gift card purchases.

The camping gift card can be used toward the rental of cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins), campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, shelters, youth and rally camps at all state park and reservoir properties. The camping gift card can also be used at a handful of DNR Division of Forestry properties.

The camping gift card may also be used to purchase daily entrance, lake permits, horse tags and any other items sold by park-operated gates, stores and gift shops. The camping gift card cannot be used at any privately-operated concessions, camp stores, marinas or saddle barns.

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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.

- Nov 21 7pm V - Town Council meeting
- Nov 22 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Dec 3 5pm Veteran's Banquet at Banquo Church
- Dec 5 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon
- Dec 5 7pm V - Town Council meeting
- Dec 7 9-1 Holiday Cookies @ Htgn Co Fairgrounds
- Dec 10 5pm W - Town Council Meeting
- Dec 17 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

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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A TRAIN TRIP IN WEST VIRGINIA

Why West Virginia? Was it a desire to see more of that landscape than I saw driving on the Sky Line Drive many years ago? Was it an endeavor to see the normal terrain of the state before Hurricane Michael was scheduled to blow through it? Was it an adventure back in time to once again ride trains that I had not done since my military days in the 1960s?

I could not pinpoint the exact attraction, but getting away for five days, viewing mountainous terrain once again and riding three different vintage trains struck our interest. Also, we were getting tired of creating craft items.

Day #1

It was a 7am departure from Indianapolis on a Wednesday via I-70 east. We were making good time. After crossing the Ohio River at Parkersburg, West Virginia and lunch, our next destination was the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in the town of Weston. This scheduled visit did not register with me as the gateway to vintage train rides, but it was listed on the trip brochure. I must have overlooked that stop as an attraction.

To get to Weston, the tour guide directed the bus driver, Bob Evans (not the restaurant owner) to take a short-cut route to avoid extra miles on the bus tires. This newfound roadway was a prime example of all byway travel in this mountainous state—up and down and around and around and around! The short-cut ended up being especially adventurous for Bob. The numerous curves

and altitude changes were only part of the excitement as the road approached drop-offs and narrowing pavement.

At one area the double yellow road lines nearly covered one-fourth of the driving space. Honestly!

The only other notable sightseeing events that occurred during this part of the short-cut trip was a cow that appeared to be stuck in the middle of a muddy creek and a required, complete stop to watch asphalt paving equipment being unloaded in the middle of the road from a flat-bed trailer. A near-by, church parking lot seemed to be the target. No, we did stay to manage the project. The Asylum was calling!

The tour of Weston's Asylum was not as exciting, in my opinion, as watching big equipment attack a church parking lot. However, I joined with others on the ground tour led by a young lady wearing a fake nursing uniform. According to the local brochure, the building is the largest in the US which was constructed by hand-cut, local limestone. It opened in 1864 and was occupied by not only mentally-challenged individuals, but a variety of any number of admitting reasons. These included a woman caught reading a novel, drunkenness, murder, or a wife and children on the word of a dissatisfied husband. This apparently,

was normal behavior before the word abuse was recorded in the dictionary.

A more exciting stop in Weston was to observe a glass-blowing demonstration.

Many glass factories have had a history in this area because the region produces the necessary ingredients: natural gas, lime, and natural sand. I am always mesmerized by the talents of these technicians. Avoided purchasing these finished glass objects as my history of protecting these items and surviving until reaching home is very poor.

We proceeded east on US Highway #33 through Elkins, W.Va. on the way to Canaan Valley Lodge near Davis, W.Va. This planned, four night accommodation is located in the Monongahela Nature Forest in the eastern part of the state.

Larry Ryan

SANTA CLAUS: TO LIE OR NOT TO LIE

Ho-ho-ho. Do your kids believe in the magical, mythical, mysterious bearded man in the red suit who drives a sleigh with eight reindeer? Did you believe in the jolly ole guy during your childhood? Is your family seeped in the Santa-obsessed season?

Well, here's my question: Is there any harm to children when parents lie about Santa Claus being a real person?

Answer: It depends on who you ask.

David Johnson, PhD, author of the book, *The Myths that Stole Christmas* (Humanistic Press, 2015) debunks the myth that "The Santa Claus Lie is Harmless." Lying to children gives the message that parents cannot be trusted, so the argument goes. Is Johnson just a Christmas scrooge and a Santa naysayer?

And don't adults teach kids not to lie. Hmmm. And aren't children disciplined for lying.

How do children learn to distinguish fantasy from reality when adults tell tall tales about flying reindeer? Elves at the North Pole? A naughty and nice list?

Parents tell kids that every Santa at the mall, in a parade, and in a store is the real deal. Then fib about a roly-poly person coming down the chimney; eating cookies and milk; and leaving gifts.

And how many parents lie about the Elf on the Shelf moving from place to place? That's just too creepy.

My college professor grew up believing that Santa didn't

like him because he didn't receive nice toys like his classmates or neighbors. His parents were poor. What do kids in poverty think about Santa when their stockings are empty?

I told my daughter that Santa Claus was not real, but that we could have fun and pretend. Does that make me an avocado green Grinch that stole the gifts in Whoville?

Often, older siblings and peers at school spill the beans and tell youngsters the truth about Santa being a fraud, a fake, a phony. The gig is up unless parents reaffirm the illusory story.

Some families tell the factual story of St. Nicholas, add the Kris Kringle narrative, and connect him to the modern-day Santa Claus, so it's only half a lie. The United Kingdom's Father Christmas and the American Santa Claus became more and more alike over the years and are now one and the same.

Adam English wrote about the life of St. Nicholas in his book, *The Saint Who Would*

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HEDRICK

Patricia L. Hedrick, 86, of Huntington, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hedrick was a 1950 graduate of Lancaster High School. She and her husband had owned Hedrick's Burger Dairy in Huntington and the College Castle Motel in Greencastle. She was also a realtor. She was a member of Mt. Etna United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 20, 1932, in Huntington to Harry and Nova Strouse Cross. She married James R. Hedrick on May 6, 1950, in Monument City, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2012.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam (David) Thrift, of Warren; two brothers, Jack (Dorothy) Cross, of Greencastle; two sisters, Betty Henderson, of Warren, and Joyce Satterthwaite, of Huntington; a sister-in-law, Jean Paul of Huntington; two daughters-in-law, Margie Hedrick and Donna Stoffel; a son-in-law, Mike Fisher; eight grandchildren, Candace Foust, Melanie Cross, Nicole Johnson, Brandon Cross, Amy Moreland, Heather Thrift, Abby Pressler and Michael Thrift; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Fisher; a son, Greg Hedrick; and a granddaughter, Shelly Cross.

Calling is Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A memorial service will follow immediately after at 4 p.m. at the funeral home, with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice of charity, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

WYATT

Karin Louise Wyatt, 76, of Montpelier and formerly of southern Wells County, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at 5:12 a.m. at her home from a short illness.

She was born Feb. 4, 1942, to Glen and Rosilee Scott King in Blackford County. She was a 1960 graduate of Montpelier High School. Karin married Jonathan "David" Wyatt shortly after high school, on Feb. 27, 1965, in Montpelier. Karin was an Avon representative for 41 years, a member of the Montpelier Lions Club and Mt. Zion Conservation Club, and a lifetime member of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Club. She enjoyed her family, needle pointing and crocheting. She attended the Salamonie Church of the Brethren in rural Warren.

She will be missed by her husband, David Wyatt of Montpelier; sons, Kevin Joe Brenner of Monroe, and Glen D. (Angie) Wyatt of Montpelier; five grandchildren, Tanya Joe Brenner of Batesville, Ark., David A. Wyatt of Bloomington, Kristie A. (fiancé, Richard A. Daugherty) of Hartford City, Justin J. Wyatt of Monroe, and Bethani M. (fiancé, Darren Thurman) of Hartford City; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert D. King of Muncie; and a sister, Deborah Shiner of Hartford City.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. in Montpelier, Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Karin's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Dewey Zent officiating. Burial will take place in Gardens of Memory, Muncie, IN.

BLINN

John D. Blinn, 83, of Warren, IN, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at 5:50 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mr. Blinn was a 1953 graduate of Jackson Township High School in Wells County. He was a



lifetime farmer in Jefferson, Salamonie and Rockcreek townships. He was a supporter of Huntington County 4-H and was a member of the Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge 333 and past member of the of the former Warren Masonic Lodge 246.

He was born Feb. 26, 1935, in Grant County to Merle and Ethel Foust Blinn. He married Karen McCoy on Sept. 9, 1956, at Jefferson Center United Methodist Church in Warren. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Shari Blinn and Susan (Don) Eltzroth, both of Warren; a son, Brad (Kathy) Blinn, of Warren; three sisters, Rebecca (Bob) Hix, of Marion; Doris Blinn, of Warren; and MaryLou Blinn, of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Rita Blinn, of Bluffton; a brother, James (Jackie) Blinn, of Warren; a brother-in-law, Jerry Jay (Barbara) Pearson, of Plymouth; and four grandchildren, Nicole Shaw and Austin (Hannah Bomba) Shaw, both of Big Lake; Elizabeth (Jordan) Cadle, of Livonia; and Benjamin Blinn, of Warren.

Calling is Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Interment will be in Gardens of Memory, Marion.

Memorials are to Huntington County 4-H Fair Association, in care of Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, PO Box 366, Warren, IN 46792.

HAMILTON

Helen Alice Hamilton, 98, of Poneto (Chester Township, Wells County), passed away at 8:50 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at Christian Care in Bluffton.

Helen was born in Wells County Nov. 17, 1920, to John and Josephine Mounsey Musselman. She was a 1938 graduate of Liberty Center High School. Helen married Benjamin L. Hamilton Aug. 5, 1940, in Wells County; he

passed away Jan. 3, 1996. He married Dawn Osborn in Bluffton on June 18, 1977; she survives.

A 1974 graduate of Bluffton High School, Doug was a member of Liberty Center United Methodist Church. He enjoyed oil painting, camping, fishing, but most of all, spending time with his granddaughter.

In addition to his wife, Doug is survived by a son, Jason (Kelly) Lewis of Bluffton; a daughter, Jacklyn Lewis of Roanoke; and a granddaughter, Lily Grace Lewis.

Aside from his parents, Doug was preceded in death by a sister, Martha "Marty" Kiser.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, from 4 until 8 p.m., at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton. Services will be held Thursday morning, Nov. 29th, at 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Diane Samuels will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

LEWIS

M. Douglas Lewis, 62, of Bluffton, passed away Saturday morning, Nov. 24, 2018, at Markle Health and Rehabilitation.

Doug was born in Bluffton on Jan. 4, 1956, to Marvin and Dorothy Henderson Lewis.

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Be Santa Claus: The True Life and Trials of Nicholas of Myra (Baylor University Press, 2012).

"But there is no evidence suggesting that learning the truth about Santa is traumatic for children—or that it leads to trust issues between kids and their parents," proclaims Vanessa LoBue, PhD, in a 2016 article in Psychology Today.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" is a phrase from an 1897 newspaper editorial column printed in The New York Sun. A child wrote and passionately asked, "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?" The answer: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence."

www.nysun.com/editorials/yes-virginia/68502/.

The natural imagination of children allows them to read fictional books, create stories,

and enjoy superheroes. Child-development experts assert the benefits of a healthy imagination for producing curious and creative kids. And pretend play is a healthy component of a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development.

What's a parent to do? Parents get to choose whether they reinforce the traditional Santa story with their own children based on their religious values, cultural beliefs, and preferences. And the same thing goes for the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. Ho-Ho-Ho.

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NICOTINE ADDICTION

JUUL has been making headlines and prompting crackdowns from the Food and Drug Administration for its popularity among teens. The devices, which captured 68 percent of the e-cigarette market in just two years, have caused alarm in schools across the country due to widespread reports of their use on school property.

JUUL devices heat up a cartridge containing oils to

create vapor, which quickly dissolves into the air. They are small enough to fit in a closed fist and have a sleek, tech-inspired design that resembles a USB flash drive.

What should parents know about JUUL and nicotine addiction?

1. JUUL has a high nicotine content.

While e-cigarettes are less toxic than cigarettes, they still contain toxins and the addictive chemical nicotine, which is harmful to adolescent brain development.

The amount of nicotine in one JUUL cartridge is roughly equal to the amount of nicotine in a pack of cigarettes, or about 200 puffs, according to the product website. That's double the concentration of nicotine found in other e-cigarettes.

2. The ability to hide JUUL enables frequent use.

JUUL is easy to hide from parents and teachers because it is discreet, looks like a flash drive, and can be charged in a USB port. It also does not produce a strong odor. Nearly one-fifth of middle and high school students have seen JUUL used in school, according to an April 2018 Truth Initiative® survey. Students with this device can potentially carry it with them all the time and take a couple puffs in the bathroom or even in the classroom, resulting in higher nicotine consumption over the course of the day.

3. Kids are attracted to flavored e-cigarettes and believe they are less harmful.

While its manufacturer says that JUUL is only for adults, JUUL comes in a variety of flavors, such as fruit medley, mango, cool cucumber and crème brûlée. Flavors in tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, are proven to appeal to young people. Many youth e-cigarette users also incorrectly believe they aren't consuming nicotine. They believe they vaped only flavoring, according to the University of Michigan's 2016 Monitoring the Future study. Yet the CDC reported that

99% of e-cigarettes sold in U.S. convenience stores, supermarkets and similar outlets in 2015 did contain nicotine.

4. E-cigarette use increases the risk of youth using tobacco cigarettes.

A December 2017 study by the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences, found that youth who use e-cigarettes are more than four times as likely to begin smoking tobacco cigarettes within 18 months as their peers who do not vape.

The surgeon general declared in a 2016 report that e-cigarette use among young people "is now a major public health concern" because of the research showing that early e-cigarette use and nicotine addiction can harm brain development and increase the risk of young people smoking cigarettes. The adolescent brain is also more susceptible to addiction.

Please be watchful and help protect our youth.

FACE IT -- HOLIDAYS ARE RARELY PERFECT

from the American Counseling Association Seasonal TV shows... sparkling gifts in stores... magazines full of beautiful holiday scenes. We're often shown the holiday season as an amazing and joyful time, but maybe your personal holidays aren't quite so perfect. And this can be disappointing for many people.

We'd all like everything to be as wonderful as in the movies, but it's not a fair comparison when we measure how our lives and holidays compare to what the media is constantly showing us. While it's fine to enjoy all we see, we must remind ourselves that those TV holiday shows look so good because they've had many professional designers creating just the right touches. Same thing goes for the holiday store displays or those strikingly beautiful magazine ads. None of these

show real life, but rather an idealized version made specifically to impress us.

The perfect holiday world of ads and TV aren't the only reason some of us suffer holiday blues. This is often a time of the year when we forget about eating and living healthfully. We overeat when tempted by holiday treats. We may drink more alcohol than usual. We probably are blaming the weather and our busy holiday schedule for not bothering to exercise.

There are, fortunately, things you can do to combat blue holiday feelings. Rather than envying the fantasy lives you see on TV, or imagining how wonderful the holidays are for your neighbors or other friends, instead focus on all the things in your own life that are good and positive. Identify all the things you personally have and enjoy about this season.

You can also fight blue feelings by keeping control of your life. Avoid excess treats and drinking. Enjoy holiday special foods and beverages in moderation, stick with your regular schedule, get plenty of rest and make time for daily exercise, even if it's just a brief walk.


It's also important not to isolate yourself. Find time for family and friends, and enjoy the season with them. Time spent with others can do a great deal to improve your mood.

But for some people the holiday blues can be difficult to fight. Sad holiday emotions, like all depression, can become a serious mental health problem and not one to be ignored. If depression is affecting you, talk to a professional counselor who can provide help so you can make the best of your holidays and life.

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HOW TO USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO HAVE A CLEAN HOME

Close your eyes just for a sec and imagine taking a bite from a chilled, ripe, juicy watermelon? Imagine your mouth filled with the sweet juice as you chew the imaginary fruit? Did your mouth water as you ran the thought through that beautiful mind of yours? If you swallowed, it's physiological proof that you have a great imagination and your body responded viscerally to the thought.

Think how powerful your imagination is! You can use this power to solve all kinds of problems, like this one, for an example. Say you want to make Wiener Schnitzel and most recipes call for one inch thick, boneless pork loins to be flattened to a quarter of an inch thick. What if you don't have one of those wooden hammers you see in fancy kitchens? What could you use?

When I was confronted with this problem, I actually had one of those hammers, so I took one of the loins and started pounding it to ¼ inch. At the time I was writing a cookbook (The Phony Gourmet) with my sister and I wanted to be able to tell my readers correct times for my recipes, so I timed it—five minutes! If I'd continued the marathon pounding I would have had to say this particular dish (for four) would take 20 minutes of pounding time! Who has 20 minutes to whack at a bunch of pork before ever starting the recipe?

I got quiet and asked myself, what can I use instead of this stupid decorator hammer? Five seconds later the answer came to me!

Use the car! Whoop whoop! I couldn't wait to try it. I put a loin in a zip-lock bag, put the bag under one of the back tires of my Ford (in front of the tire) and slowly rolled the car forward over the pork.

SCHPLOTT! the piece of meat cut through the bag

and sailed out behind the car into the street! I looked to see if the meddlesome neighbor had her nose on the window but her blinds were closed so I peeled the pork off the pavement and went in the house to consult with my imagination, this time with more information.

I would need to find a way to keep the loin under the tire, but how? That's when it occurred to me I could put the meat in a zip-lock bag and wrap the bag in an old dishtowel in the rag bag and wrapped another victim up for the crunch. IT WORKED! The fabric kept the protein in place and the tire pressed that loin into a beautiful specimen for my Wiener Schnitzel.

Within minutes I realized I could use the Ford in place of my Cuisinart for making crumbs, crushed nuts, and to tenderize any tough cut of meat.* So how do you use your imagination for helping you get organized?

As you begin making a meal, imagine what you'd like the kitchen to look like when you're ready to sit down with your family to eat. Would you like the kitchen counters clear of all ingredients, and utensils used for preparation? Would you like pots and pans to be soaking in a sink of hot sudsy water while you eat? Imagine it. Keep the vision in your head as you prepare the meal and watch what happens! You'll sit down with your family leaving a neat and tidy kitchen just waiting for the family to bring their dirty dishes in to put in the dishwasher and ready to help wash the soaking pots and pans.

*If considering this tip, use a mid-size car (no SUVs or Hummers) and make sure you don't have studded snow tires on the vehicle.

If you liked what I did with the pork, I think you'll like The Phony Gourmet Cookbook (the recipe for that pork dish is called Weiner Schnitzel Michelin and it's in the book!). I've even got a clearance price and now this hardback book is just \$5 (down from its original price of \$15.00). <http://shop.cluborganized.com/everything-is-5-phony> Happy Imagining

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"Three huge coolers full," the sergeant replied, pointing to the coolers by his desk. "You can just put the empty coolers back by my desk when you're done."

"But I was going out on a walking route," Samuel replied.

"Not anymore," the sergeant replied. "You'll need to take the patrol car."

With a nod, the sergeant said, "Happy after-Thanksgiving Day," and he quickly left.

Samuel looked in the first cooler and figured there was well over a hundred sandwiches in it. The other coolers were stuffed full as well. He wondered how and to whom he could give that many sandwiches. But then he smiled as he realized how stupid that thought was.

He loaded the coolers into the patrol car and headed to his assigned area. He stopped first by an old basketball court where teenagers were playing ball.

"Hey, anybody like a sandwich?" Samuel called out.

Soon he had given out a few dozen sandwiches to some appreciative young people. Samuel stopped next at a place where homeless people hung out and were warming themselves around a fire. Though some people quickly disappeared at the site of his patrol car, they just as quickly came back when they heard he was offering free sandwiches.

Samuel continued passing out sandwiches wherever he went, to the old, to children in threadbare coats, and to everyone he met. His shift ended before the sandwiches were gone, but he continued until every last one was given away.

When Samuel came to work the next day, his sergeant apologized for giving him such a strange assignment. But Samuel just smiled and told what he had done.

"If your wife ever cooks too much, I'd be happy to give it away again."

After the sergeant told his wife about it, she made it an annual tradition to cook too much and make the leftovers into sandwiches. And Samuel looked forward to sharing the food on his beat. It was one of the few reports he looked forward to writing about.

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