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Thought for the Week: *The measure of man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never get caught.*

## DONORAMA

American Red Cross Donorama Blood Drive Thursday, Jan. 10 at Knight-Bergman Center 132 S. Nancy St. – Warren from 11 a.m to 5 p.m.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your blood donation appointment.

Each presenting donor at this blood drive can enter a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood.

Please bring your donor card or positive identification with you when you come to donate.

## NOT MUCH STOPS

### CARRIERS

It's "Snow Surprise Walks and Drives Should Be Cleared for Mail Delivery

There aren't many things that will stop a letter carrier from completing his or her appointed rounds. But an injury caused by ice and snow-covered walks and approaches is one of them.

Fortunately, that is easily prevented when customers keep a few simple things in mind.

"We really appreciate when people clear the path to their mailbox," said Warren Postmaster Stephanie Bauman. "Whether their letter carrier delivers on foot or from their vehicle, it's much safer and quicker for them when customers shovel the snow and de-ice the walkways."

According to the Warren Postmaster, customers should check the area surrounding their mailbox daily to be sure no ice has built up. Just because there is only a dusting of snow doesn't mean that there isn't a hazard lurking underneath the powder.

"Many times there is a patch of ice under the snowy spot," said Bauman. "The carrier can't see it and could slip."

For roadside boxes, customers should clear any piles created by snow plows that make it difficult for a carrier to reach the box from the delivery vehicle. This is a problem

especially as the winter season wears on.

"Each time it snows the pile from the plows get bigger and eventually it prevents the delivery vehicle from pulling up alongside the box," said Stephanie. "Then, it turns to ice and is very difficult to remove."

The Warren Postmaster suggests a quick shovel after every snowfall to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery.

"We know how much people look forward to receiving their mail, and we want to deliver it safely all through the winter," said Bauman.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The United Church of Christ of Warren (on the corner of Main Street and Second Street) will host its first monthly "Parents' Night Out" on Friday evening, January 11, from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. This is for children ages 6 months old to no older than 12 years old. There will be adult supervision and games, entertainment, and light refreshments for the children. Please call 375-2420 or the church office (375-2102) and leave a voicemail message at either number with the names and ages of the children you would like to bring to this Parent's Night Out. It will be limited to the first 12 children who are called in.

## BIRTHDAY AT THE LIBRARY

During 2008, let the Warren Library help you celebrate your birthday! Treat yourself by checking out at least one of the wonderful books available, receive a birthday bookmark, and enter your name for the monthly drawing. Charles W. Eliot wrote: "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends, the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

## FROM THE INTERNET:

Amazing Technological Breakthrough Announced  
Introducing the new Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device, trade-named BOOK.

BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no

batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use, even a child can operate it. Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere—even sitting in an armchair by the fire—yet is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc.

## TRACTOR MEETING

Warren Antique Tractor Club meeting on Sunday, January 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at Plumtree at Marvin and Rosemary Zeller home. Ladies are invited for a meeting in the house, men will meet in the shop. 2960E 600S, right on State Road # 124 in Plumtree, 260-375-2454.

## 2008 PULSE SCHEDULE

Happy New Year!  
It's 2008!!!!

You know what that means! Time to announce the 2008 Pulse Opera House season. There's something for everyone in 2008! From a literary drama, a mostly female cast, classic American comedy, a brand new men-in-dresses farce, suspenseful radio drama and an all youth musical, the Pulse has it all. Add to that open mic nights in the lobby and the fun is just beginning!

So....drumroll please.....  
The 2008 Pulse Opera House Season

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens - Adapted by Barbara Field  
7 men, 4 women, 2 boys, 1 girl  
March 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22  
School Shows: March 20 & 21

Auditions: Monday, January 14  
Using a simple set and making resourceful use of a brilliantly theatrical storytelling technique, the play conveys all the energy and warmth of Dickens' richly human story. Beginning with his humble boyhood at the home of his long-suffering sister and her husband, the kindhearted Joe Gargery, the play follows Pip through his encounter with he escaped convict, Magwitch; his experiences with the bizarre Miss Havisham and her haughty ward Estella; and on to his removal to London where, after his "expectations" are mysteriously made known, Pip aspires to become a gentleman.

Great Expectations recently won a Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award and played at the Seattle Children's Theatre, the Guthrie and traveled the country on an 8-month tour. The Seattle Journal-American says that "its a wonderful evening of classic entertainment suggested for ages six through adult."

*The Fardale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Murder Mystery* by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.

1 man and 4 women May 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

Auditions: Monday, March 24

Every drama group has experienced the horrors of what can go wrong on the night of a show and the ladies of the F.A.H.E.T.G. Dramatic Society are no different, with the possible exception that almost everything that could happen does. The scenery collapses, cues are missed, lines forgotten and the sound effects take on a strange note at times as the ladies present the cunning whodunit "Murder at Checkmate Manor." And just in case the audience gets bored, there's a Film and Fashion Show and a Murder Mystery Quiz complete with a prize. You will never forget these ladies!

*The Man Who Came to Dinner* by George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart  
15 men, 9 women, small chorus of boys July 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

Auditions: Monday, May 19

Sheridan Whiteside, having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement follow. The Stanley living room is monopolized by the irascible invalid; ex-convicts are invited to meals; and transatlantic calls bring a \$748 phone bill. Gifts begin to arrive, including penquins, an octopus and 10,000 cockroaches. Add to that a cast of 1940's Hollywood characters who invade the home and you have comic genius. A revival of this classic American comedy in 2000 starred Nathan Lane as Sheridan Whiteside. It was later broadcast live on PBS.

*Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig  
5 men, 3 women September 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Auditions: Monday, July 14

In this hilarious new comedy by the author of *Lend Me A Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*, two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that an old lady in York, PA is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces!

*Sorry, Wrong Number / The Hitchhiker* by Lucille Fletcher

4 men, 8 women October 24, 25, 31 & November 1

Auditions: Monday, July 21

These two one act mystery thrillers are radio drama at its best. *Sorry, Wrong Number* was originally written for Agnes Morehead who performed it live for five years. It was later made into a movie starring Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster. This thriller is the tale of a neurotic invalid, whose only contact with the outside world is her phone. Over this, one night, because of a crossed wire, she hears plans for a murder, which turns out to be her own. *The Hitchhiker* was written for Orson Welles. It later became an installment of *The Twilight Zone*. This ghost story is the tale of Ronald Adams, an average motorist, who sets out to drive from Brooklyn to California, and early on his journey encounters a strange and inexplicable hitchhiker.

*Annie, Jr.* Book by Thomas Meehan Music by Charles Strouse Lyrics by Martin Charnin

17 girls, 12 boys, 1 dog November 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 & December 4, 5, 6 School Shows: March 20 & 21

Auditions: December 4 & 5

Based on the popular comic strip, *Annie Jr* tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### DEPARTMENT THANK YOU

The Warren Volunteer Fire Department has received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$350 to be used toward purchase of two radios. Fire Chief Lee Poulson, speaking on behalf of the Department, wishes to thank the donor(s) for the timely gift.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR MONEY RESOLUTIONS STICK

(StatePoint) Every year millions of Americans compile their lists of New Year's resolutions and the same things always make the grade — everybody wants to break bad habits, get healthier and save more money.

However, a few days or weeks after we set these goals many of us slip back to our old ways and that list falls by the wayside.

When it comes to saving money, a few simple steps can make it easier to meet your financial goals and stick to your resolutions all year long. By changing some small spending habits you can put yourself on the road to saving more money.

"Saving money doesn't have to be hard. The less you spend on things you don't need, the more you get to spend on things you really want. It's all about setting priorities, choosing your expenses, and saving that money you don't spend," says Michael McAuliffe, president of Family Credit Management Service (FCMS), a non-profit consumer credit counseling agency.

"Too often goals of homeownership, debt-free living, or a comfortable retirement are sacrificed for the temporary and instant gratification of convenient, more affordably priced items," he explains.

For those determined to make 2008 a year of spending less and saving more, free help is being made available by the FCMS, which is offering a "Stop. Think. Save!" Toolkit online at [www.stopthinksave.org](http://www.stopthinksave.org).

Here are some easy guidelines from the financial experts at the FCMS that can help you stop and think about those spending impulses — and save more:

Set a "Big Goal" (the main thing you are saving for) and a monthly savings goal. Put a picture or other reminder of your Big Goal in places you usually spend money — such as your wallet, your car or next to the computer.

Make a list of ways to reduce your spending, then keep track of how much you save. Every time you stop yourself from buying something you don't need, add the amount you saved to a "savings list." Put that money into your savings account every week.

The easiest way to build your savings is by eliminating small, unnecessary purchases. These expenses can add up quickly. Instead, make them add up in your savings account. Here are some easy things to avoid:

- \* Buying something you don't need just because it's on sale.
- \* Missing bill due dates and paying late fees.
- \* Paying for cable channels you don't watch.
- \* Regularly spending \$3 or more on soft drinks and coffee, or buying cigarettes two or three times a week.
- \* Buying name brand food and prescriptions instead of identical generic items.

Shut off your "purchase auto-pilot" and actively think about every purchase you want to make. When making impulse purchases, many use credit cards so the immediate pinch isn't felt. Here are several questions to ask before pulling out your credit card:

- \* Do I need this, or do I just want it and, more importantly, will I be glad I made this purchase in a week?
- \* Is there a cheaper way I could meet this need or a better way to spend this money?
- \* Would I still buy this if I were counting out dollar bills?

If all else fails, a credit card sleeve inscribed with the motivator: "Put me back! Your goals are more important than this!" prompts a consumer to take extra seconds and ask whether the purchase is really needed.

"Before you know it, all these small savings steps can add up to a pile of cash," says McAuliffe.

For additional free money saving ideas from the FCMS, or to request a free "Stop. Think. Save!" Toolkit, visit [www.stopthinksave.org](http://www.stopthinksave.org) or call 800-994-3328.

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 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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 Youth Group (Wed.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

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 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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*Gary Riley, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.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.  
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

**JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST**  
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*Kathy Newton, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 8:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

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*Mel Zumbun, Pastor*  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

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*Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor*  
*Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.*  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.

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*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.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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*Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor*  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.

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*Pastor Dan Sommer*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
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 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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*Jeff Wass, Pastor*  
 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.

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 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

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 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

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 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ... 7:30 p.m.  
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 Sun - 1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m.  
 Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

**MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
**375-4359**  
*Bill VanHaften, Pastor*  
*Lois Slusher, Supt.*  
 Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**375-3022**  
*Gerald O. Moreland, Minister*  
*Todd Winkler, Youth Minister*  
*Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.*  
 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
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 2nd Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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*Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor*  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship & Classes ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.

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*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life*  
*Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.*  
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 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
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 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

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*Wesley Welch, Supt.*  
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 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.  
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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

# AREA NEWS

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Orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy. This show will be performed entirely by the Pulse Youth.

### AND THAT'S NOT ALL! OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Beginning on January 18, the Pulse will open up the lobby for open mic nights, featuring stand up comedy, improvisation, music, readings...you name it! It's all up to you! The first nights are January 18 & 19 featuring the comic talents of Scott Nedberg, David Dean, Bob Barnes and other Pulse favorites. On February 16 & 17, things will turn romantic as Scott and Kim Nedberg read A.R. Gurney's valentine Love Letters. After that, it's up to you! Please let me know your ideas. We are going to have a six month trial. The dates are:  
Jan. 18-19 - Comedy Night  
Feb. 16 & 17 - Love Letters  
March 14 & 15 - after the show performances  
April 18 & 19  
May 23 & 24  
June 20 & 21

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Have you recently lost a loved one? Do you often experience feelings of guilt, sadness, or pain? Learn how your feelings are a natural part of grieving and how to cope with these feelings at one or all of the following support groups provided by Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana:

- \* Thursday, January 17: Grief, Mourning & Reconciliation
  - \* Thursday, January 24: Communication with Family & Friends
  - \* Thursday, January 31: Pain & Sadness- Confrontation & Escape
  - \* Thursday, February 7: Caring For Yourself
  - \* Thursday, February 14: Anger
  - \* Thursday, February 21: Guilt
  - \* Thursday, February 28: Reconciliation
- Where: Heritage Pointe in the Calico Lounge  
Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parkview Huntington Hospital's Homebound Meals program is in need of additional volunteers to help deliver hot meals throughout the week.

The Homebound Meals program provides hot, well-balanced lunches to the elderly and those in need Monday through Friday for a cost of only \$2.50 a day. The volunteers also deliver the meals on holidays that fall during the week. The meals are delivered to residents within the city limits of Huntington only.

If you wish to volunteer for one hour a week, call Diane Ackerman at Parkview Huntington Hospital for information on volunteer benefits and incentives. The phone number is (260) 355-3802.

## 4-H FAIR DATES SET

The Wells County 4-H Association has set July 12 - 17 as the dates for the 2008 4-H Fair. Most of the 4-H Livestock shows are expected to be on similar days as previous years. The 4-H Auction will again be on the last day, July 17th. Committees will be working in early 2008 to finalize plans for the annual fair.

Dates for the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis will be August 6 - 17, 2008.

In 2009, the State Fair will expand to 17 days and include three weekends.

The 4-H Association and Council recently elected officers for 2008. They include:

Wells County 4-H Association - President, Brian Clark; First Vice President, Chad Captain; Second Vice President, Doug Klefeker; Secretary, Gretta Nusbaumer; Treasurer, Cathy Neu; Past President, Larry Connett; Executive Committee Members Kent Ulmer and Mike Piquene.

Wells County 4-H Council - President, Chad Captain; Vice President, Cathy Neu; and Secretary, Deena Mc Clure.

The 4-H Association coordinates the 4-H Fair and operation of the 4-H Park. The 4-H Council handles 4-H Youth Development policy and rules. Interested adults willing to volunteer are invited to contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Office located at the Wells County 4-H Park, 824-6412.

## BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 12 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park. 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm on January 12.

4-H youth planning to exhibit beef animals at the Indiana State Fair 4-H Beef Show in August are required to have their animals identified through retinal eye scans. These animals must be haltered to assist the retinal scan on ID day. Animals not planned for state fair exhibit will be identified as in previous years.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed in mid-December to all 4-H Beef members who were enrolled in the 4-H beef project for the previous year. The Extension Office has additional copies of the needed paperwork for any interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed during the January 12th ID day.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, [laldrig@purdue.edu](mailto:laldrig@purdue.edu) or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington.

## BMV CONVENIENCE

In announcing two more new customer options, Governor Mitch Daniels recently commended the employees of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for creating "the best

service levels the Indiana BMV has ever produced to date."

"It's been a long, hard process, with some mistakes along the way, but today's BMV is a dramatically better operation than it has been historically. The numbers and customer ratings prove it," said Daniels. "There's plenty more improvement to come, starting with today's two new innovations. But it's well to pause and say thanks to the employees of the BMV for the remarkable progress they've achieved."

Daniels joined BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver at the BMV administrative offices, where he applauded employees for efforts resulting in higher customer satisfaction levels, lower customer visit times, and operational efficiencies and savings of more than \$4.5 million.

Visit times at branches averaged 10 minutes and 58 seconds for the full year, dropping to a low of 7 minutes, 41 seconds in November. Meanwhile, customer satisfaction ratings have increased to over 96 percent.

The BMV Call Center also has improved its customer service, according to Stiver. Call-in customers had to wait an average of 7 minutes, 47 seconds before reaching a Call Center representative during 2006; the average wait time for the second half of 2007 has been 59 seconds and last week was just 9 seconds.

Financial reward to bypass license branch

Now the BMV is returning the savings to customers through a discount for all eligible online transactions. Beginning now through October 31, 2008, customers renewing vehicle registrations online will receive a \$5 discount for each vehicle.

Stiver noted that of the nearly 12 million BMV transactions each year, 64 percent are vehicle registrations, most of which can be performed outside of a license branch through online or mail-in service, a self-service terminal or a participating auto dealership. Yet 87 percent of these registrations are being conducted in a branch and only 6 percent are using the online service, according to Stiver.

"We would like to motivate more customers to try our online service by providing this \$5 discount," said Stiver. "This will take volume out of our branches and allow more time to serve customers with more complicated transactions where a branch visit is required."

The remaining 36 percent of the non-registration transactions involve the issuance of driver licenses, ID cards and titles. While new car titles can be processed at select auto dealerships and AAA Hoosier Motor Clubs, all other title service and credentials require a visit to a license branch.

More information may be found on the BMV Web site at [www.mybmv.IN.gov/renew](http://www.mybmv.IN.gov/renew).

Branch appointments to be available at 73 busiest license branches

For those customers who require or prefer a visit to one of the state's license branches, Daniels said

many will have access to a new service starting January 3: the option of making an appointment first.

"If you must visit a license branch - to renew a driver license or transfer a title - now you have an option of making an appointment first," said Stiver. "This is a common practice in the service sector and one that BMV customers want and deserve."

Branch appointments were piloted in six license branches in October and November, according to Stiver. The pilot branches were Beech Grove, Plainfield, Carmel, Fishers, Greenwood, and Indianapolis-South Meridian. Nearly 900 customers tested the service.

Based on the success of the pilot and the positive reaction from customers, Stiver said the service is being expanded statewide to the 73 busiest branches. Appointments must be scheduled online through [www.mybmv.IN.gov/branches](http://www.mybmv.IN.gov/branches).

## THOUSANDS APPLY

Thousands of uninsured low-income Hoosiers are signing up for the state's innovative new Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), which went into effect January 1.

Governor Mitch Daniels said today that in its first week, nearly 4,500 Hoosiers have submitted applications to the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) for coverage with the new plan. The state began to process applications on December 17 and has funding to cover about 130,000 Hoosiers annually who do not have health insurance.

"Passing landmark health care legislation was great. But seeing real people beginning to benefit from it is far better, so we are out to

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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.

Jan 2	Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 2	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 4	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 9	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Jan 14	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
Jan 15	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 16	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 18	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr Day
Jan 28	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m.
Feb 1	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 2	<b>GROUNDHOGDAY</b>
Feb 6	Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Assembly Hall
Feb 6	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus **Walking in the Gym** 7-11 a.m. Monday - Friday

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spread the word for all who might qualify," said Daniels.

The HIP plan that will provide health insurance for uninsured adult Hoosiers 19 to 64 years old whose household income is 22 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level and who are not eligible for Medicaid. A family of four, for example, would be eligible if income does not exceed \$41,300; the maximum income level for a family of two is \$27,380. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently approved the state's request for a Medicaid waiver, the final step toward implementation.

"HIP is a bold experiment that has already attracted national attention, and the early surge in applications from throughout the state is a clear sign that the need is great and that the people are ready to respond," said David Roos, state program director for Covering Kids and Families of Indiana.

Among the first applications to receive approval – and likely representative of other Hoosiers who will obtain HIP coverage – is a young mother from Mishawaka who heard about HIP through a postcard she received in the mail. She works at a small insurance agency that does not offer health insurance and determined that that private insurance, at \$600 a month, was out of her reach. Her monthly contribution will be \$15.

Another early applicant who has been approved is a self-employed Ft. Wayne woman who has not had health insurance in more than 35 years. On occasions when she has been too ill to nurse herself back to health, she has visited the emergency room and struggle to pay off her bills. She will pay \$12 a month for coverage.

HIP participants will have a Personal Wellness and Responsibility Account, known as a POWER Account. Contributions to the account are made by the state and participants, who are required to make a modest contribution based on their ability to pay (not to exceed 5 percent of gross annual income). Coverage for preventive services of up to \$500 annually is included.

FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob said this component of HIP will not only offer health care coverage but encourage and reward Hoosiers to adopt healthy behaviors and utilize preventive measures of the plan, such as annual check ups.

### PET CONTEST

The IN State Chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America in partnership with IPOC is proud to announce that many cash and prizes are up for grabs including a \$1,000.00 Cash Grand Prize in the 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest. 10 lucky entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book. "We refer to them as Cover Pets," states Rosa Bonheur, contest chairperson. Recent winners include Candice Ramsey of Arkansas (\$1,000.00

Cash) and Connie Ernske of Ohio (\$1,000.00 Cash).

Pet owners from the Warren area are welcome to win a share of the prizes. The deadline for the contest is Feb 15th. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome. The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification. "Every pet owner has at least one photo that shows just how cute their pet is," says Bonheur, "When people learn about the contest, they get excited about the chance of winning and the potential for national attention," continued Bonheur.

The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at [www.CutestPetContest.com](http://www.CutestPetContest.com).

You may also submit your photo by postal mail. Please send one photograph full color or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: IN 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be postmarked by Feb 15th 2008.

Dog & Cat Lovers of America is an organization dedicated to bringing pet owners from around the world together for fun and fellowship. Membership in the organization is not required to participate and the entry is free. Past winners are listed at [www.cutestpetcontest.com](http://www.cutestpetcontest.com)

### GIFT OF LIFE

Holidays, inclement weather and illness are a few reasons the blood supply often drops to critical levels during the winter months. But a stable supply is necessary to ensure blood is available when patients need it most.

That's where you come in. In honor of National Blood Donor Month, we invite you to donate blood in January. If you just donated, thank you! Please schedule an appointment to donate every 56 days.

As a token of appreciation, all participants at these blood drives will be eligible to enter to win a \$1,000 shopping spree.

Blood is a perishable product with a shelf life of only 42 days and platelets just five days, so it must be replenished constantly—there simply is no substitute.

You can help save a life this January by donating blood at one of the following blood drives:

- Sunday, Jan. 6, from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 55 Peter & Paul Catholic Church located at 765 Poplar St in Huntington.
- Thursday, Jan. 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Knight-Bergman Center located at 132 S. Nancy St. in Warren.
- Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8 & m. to 12 noon at Saint Peters First Church located at 206 Etna Ave. in Huntington.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information

or to schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

### TRI KAPPA MEETS

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa met at the home of Judy Bradford, on December 4, 2007, for a dinner meeting.

Tri Kappa Trivia was played, along with a gift exchange.

President Karen Hunnicutt conducted the business meeting, reports were given by Recording Secretary, Trish Musselman, and Treasurer, Karen Pinkerton.

Correspondence Report was read by Sheryl Horst, with thank you notes received from: The Lee family, Teresa Buckland, and Randy & Trish Musselman, and a newsletter from the Pulse Opera House.

Two new members were welcomed into Tri Kappa, Janet Moriarty, and Nicole Warpup.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Trish Musselman, on January 8, 2008.

Those in attendance that are not listed above are: Rita Bolinger, Karen Hinshaw, Jane Jones, Suellen Jones, Debbie Ledbetter, Karen McCoy, Stacia Perry, Jennifer Plummer, and Bridget Swaidner.

### SCRAPBOOK CLUB

The Huntington County Extension Homemakers Scrapbooking Club met November 27, 2007 at Bethel Assembly of God Church on Taylor St. Present were Teri Schiflett, Sharon McCoart, Janice Smith and mentor, Stephanie Jerabek. Sharon McCoart presented a program on Iris folding, a paper folding process that is assembled around a center. The name "Iris" or center is similar to the iris of the human eye and the surrounding layers of paper are shuttered similar to the eyelid. Each person attending was invited to make several Christmas tree greeting cards for the holidays to take home. Due to the proximity of the holidays, it was decided not to meet in the month of December. Club meetings will resume Tuesday January 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Teri Schiflett. Teri will present the program that evening.

For more information on how to join this club or attend crops, please contact Purdue Extension Huntington County by calling 260-358-4826.

### CHRISTMAS BINGO

Twenty-four children and one adult were at the Van Buren Public Library After School Story Time on Friday December 14, 2007 for our Bingo Christmas Party.

The children signed in and received a Christmas Search-a-word to do. The children looked over the prizes they could win by calling out bingo. We all had a good time as we ate East of Chicago Pizza and played bingo.

Those attending were Joshua Pluimer, Seth Brane, Emilee Morgan, Jacob Clupper, Faith Wiggin, Lilly Stiles, Jarren Griffith, Devon Lester, Kaylee Lester, TJ Holman, Cathryne Anderson,

Kaylee Morgan, Grace Pluimer, Savannah Hancock, Nixon Smith, Rayne Rumble, Caitlin Imhoff, Liam Hancock, Zach Handshoe, Alie Gray, Bethany Bridenthal, Trevor Brane, Emily Webb, Justin Smith, and one mother Trudy Hancock.

Next After School Story Time will be January 11, 2008. We will have an All Star New Year Party. Hope to see you!

### TRIVIA WINNERS

The Van Buren Public Library's Annual Christmas Trivia Contest

has concluded until next year. There were many great entries, and out of those we drew three top prize winners. Those winners and prizes are:

Storm Wright - \$25 Visa Gift Card  
Trudy Hancock - Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Bookmark Set

Tony Miner - Markle Bank Umbrella & USDA Can Sleeve

Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest!



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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## THANK YOU

The Family of Mary Athalene Rice wishes to thank our friends and neighbors for your love and support during this difficult time. We greatly appreciate your floral tributes, memoriams, food and words of encouragement.

Bob Rice & Family

## BECK

LeRoy E. Beck, 86, of Van Buren, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Marion General Hospital.

Born in Van Buren to Adam and Harriett (Foresythe) Beck on Sept. 9, 1921, he married Thelma L. Campbell in Warren on July 17, 1943; she survives.

Other surviving relatives include five sons, Tony (Pamela) Beck of Keystone, Roger (Benita) Beck of Marion, Max (Mary Alice) Beck of Gas City, Jerry (Stephanie) Beck of Van Buren and Dale (Denise) Beck of Van Buren; one daughter, Daisy McMillan of Markle; and 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Beck was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Beck; and four sisters, Lela Herring, Rena Nash, Beatrice Smith and Ladonna Parson.

Funeral services were held at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Calling hours were held at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home. Burial was at Van Buren Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Van Buren United Methodist Church.

## RICE

Mary Athalene Rice, 80, of Warren, died at 10:26 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007 in Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Huntington County to Leonard E. and Thelma Fay (Sands) Shrock on Jan. 1, 1927, she married Robert E. Rice on April 19, 1944; he survives.

A 1944 graduate of Union Township High School, Mrs. Rice was a homemaker. She was a member of the Jefferson Center United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and also the Fisher Body Sympathy Club.

Other surviving relatives include three daughters, Roberta K. Williams, Carol Friedman (Michael) Bowers and Susan (John D.) Mills, all of Huntington; one son, Christopher R. Rice of Huntington; 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rice was preceded in death by two sisters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with Pastor Kathy Newton officiating. Burial was at Mt. Etna Cemetery, in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Warren.

## DAUGHERTY

A relative of several Marion and Warren residents, Isabelle Holmes Daugherty, 92, of Chandler, died at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at her residence.

Born to Yearsley E. and Ethel (Chaney) Holmes in 1915, she married Garl Daugherty in 1937; he preceded her in death in June 1999.

She was an ordained minister of the Church of the Nazarene and served as a missionary for 10 years to the Native Americans in California and Oklahoma.

Surviving relatives include three sons L. Reese Daugherty of Bethany, Okla., Lynn L. (Mary) Daugherty of Warren and Kenton R. (Jacquita) Daugherty of Chandler; two sisters, Martha Daugherty of Warren, and Betty Blinn of Marion; one brother, Dale Holmes of Lexington, Ohio; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Koehler Funeral Home Perigo Chapel in Chandler with a graveside service at Lancaster Cemetery. Calling hours at Glancy Funeral Home H. Brown & Son Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to the Chandler Church of the Nazarene.

## FUNK

Marian L. Funk, 89, of Liberty Center, died at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Born in Fort Wayne to John "Jack" and Emma (Timme) Wolff on June 13, 1918, she married Rinear Funk in Fort Wayne on March 14, 1942; he preceded her in death on June 29, 1998.

A 1936 graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Funk worked in the personnel department of Corning Glass Works for over 15 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Liberty Center Baptist Church, the American Baptist Women, the Baptist Missionary Society, the Homemakers Extension Club, and the P.B.S. Club in Liberty Center.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Sue Lambert (Bill Lievense) of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Trudy (Joe) Dickason of Churubusco; two sons, Bob (Robbie) Funk of Kokomo and Eric (Lee) Rankin of St. Pete Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Liberty Center Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Sommer officiating. Calling hours were held at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Liberty Center Baptist Church, Christian care Retirement Community and Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

## WESTFALL

Edith Lou Westfall, 79, of Bluffton, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Marion on Nov. 20, 1928, to John and Nellie E. (Worth) Trotter, she married Robert Eugene Westfall on March 20, 1949 in Landess; he survives.

She farmed alongside her husband until they retired in 1987. She also worked as an aide at Liberty Elementary School. After retiring, she and her husband worked at Appraisal Research Corporation and served for five years as caretakers for the 4-H Park. She was a member of the South Liberty Christian Church and later the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton. She was also a member of the Wells County Extension Homemakers.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Ronald E. (Trudy) Westfall of Bluffton, and Roger A. (Irene) Westfall of Huntington; one daughter, Roberta S. (Brian) Carnahan of Spencerville; a sister Evelyn Morrow of Marion; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by sisters Margaret Blackburn and Ruby Vaughn and brothers John and Robert Trotter.

Visitation hours were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were at the First

Church of the Nazarene. Pastors Randy Bryant and Aaron Westfall officiated. Burial was at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Homemakers Education Fund in Bluffton.

## KIELER

Crystal Rae Kieler, 27, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at her residence.

Born in Fort Wayne to Dwayne and Rae Kieler on Oct. 26, 1980, she worked as a bartender at Sports and Spirits.

Survivors include her parents; companion Robert Parke of Fort Wayne; three children, Tristan Kieler and Kayla and Kera Parke, all of Fort Wayne; one sister, Shelby Kieler of Fort Wayne; one brother, Shane Kieler of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Don Kieler of Fort Wayne, Marge Kieler of Ossian and Imorae Davis of Clearwater, Fla.; and great-grandparents Vere and June Ash of Warren.

Funeral services were held at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was at Grant Memorial Park in Marion.

Preferred memorials are to the Kieler family.

## PUGH

Mildred H. Pugh, 85, died at 2:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 in Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion.

Born September 22, 1922 she was the daughter of Matthew and Clara (Shulmeyer) Meyers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E Pugh on April 2, 1997.

Mrs Pugh was a lifetime resident of Marion. She had lived at Wesleyan Health Care Center in Marion since 1994.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008 in Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating. Burial is in Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

Visitation is from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home.

## LOSURE



Maurice W. Losure, 89, of Marion, died Saturday, December 29, 2007 in Heritage Pointe, Warren.

He was born Monday, May 27, 1918 in Van Buren Township, the youngest of 11 children born to Frank and Myrtle (Shultz) Losure, farmers who moved to Grant County in the late 1800s.

Mr. Losure graduated from Van Buren High School in 1936, where he enjoyed sports and excelled at basketball as a forward on the Van Buren Aces. After high school, he worked at Anaconda until retiring in 1973. He also farmed with his family in rural Grant County for more than 65 years and treasured the time he spent working with his children and grandchildren.

He married Eldean Corey on September 4, 1937, and they recently celebrated 70 happy years together. For the past 25 years, he

and Eldean spent winters in central Florida, where he enjoyed fishing, boating, golfing, visiting with family and friends, and playing cards and chess.

He was a former member of Van Buren Masonic Lodge #711 and Grant County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are wife, Eldean (Corey) Losure, Marion; son, Jerry (Sue) Losure, Marion; daughter, Susan J. (Phillip) Kadinger, Gillette, Wyo.; six granddaughters, Cindy Ann (Dmitri) Baraban, Annandale, Va., Becky Sue (John) Stuber, Marion, Amy Jo (Brent) Beebe, Warren; Katy Deann Losure, Marion, Christina Jo Kadinger, Orlando, Fla., Holly Elizabeth Kadinger, Bozeman, Mont.; three great-granddaughters, Sophia Baraban, Annadale, Va., and Jade Elizabeth Stuber, Marion; and Ava Faith Beebe, Warren; and great-grandson, Aidan John Stuber, Marion.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, infant Linda Kay Losure; brothers, Lawrence, Raymond, Donald, Leo, Glenn, and Herbert Losure; sisters, Cecil Eubank, Esther Brinneman, Etta Mathias, and Mamie Losure.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with the Rev. Lloyd Hall officiating. Interment will follow in Van Buren Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 205 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46952.

## MOORE



Phyllis Ann Moore, 56, died Sunday, December 23, 2007 in her residence.

She was born Monday, September

10, 1951 in Marion, daughter of the late Charles Copp and Audra (Cuthaw) Copp. She married her husband, Dallas Moore in 1986 at Hartsville, Tenn.

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker all of her life and never worked outside of the home. Phyllis attended the Mississinewa Schools in Gas City. She loved her computer and her phone, also her one and only dog, Cojo.

Surviving are her husband, Dallas Moore, Marion; mother, Audra Copp, Marion; two daughters, Angela (David) Proffitt, Greenville, Tenn., Julia (Randall) Lemiesz, Fairwater, Wis.; three sons, Fred Moore, Tarpen Springs, Fla., Calvin Moore and Danny (Connie) Fox, both of Marion; three brothers, James j(Lavern) R. Copp, Tommy Copp, and Donald (Robyn) Copp, all of Marion; three grandsons, David A. Norton, Matthew K. Castor, and Andrew J. Weber; three granddaughters, Samantha Bates, Ashley N. Weber, and Misty Curtis.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Copp; and brother, Marvin Copp.

Services were held in Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with Rev. Larry Bolden officiating. Interment followed in Van Buren Cemetery.

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### OLD HABITS DIE HARD

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
Here we are in a brand New Year! The world is full of opportunities and surprises. We are excited about all the possibilities. We do not have to wait for the year to change on our calendars to see a transformation in our own lives.

Many of you were seeking a new way of living when you found us in your newspaper or on the internet. We have all heard the proverb; when the student is ready the teacher will come. We had to be willing to take what we were taught and apply it to our lives.

Learning is not easy! Especially when the lessons we are given call for looking deep inside of ourselves. We can only do this when we quit blaming others for the problems we have and take that look inside of us to discover our reaction to them in the present.

Each day we receive thousands of emails. Many are whining and blaming people in their family. I can't help the others in your family; they did not join our group. I can help you to see that the blaming and whining doesn't change the situation. I can give you new ways to look at the circumstances and teach you the gift of forgiveness. I don't force it down your throats or make you pay large sums of money for these lessons. They are free for the taking. All you have to do is use them. You have to take an action to make those changes.

Albert Einstein said once that the definition of Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We have a new opportunity to see a different outcome if we will stop what we have been doing for many years and try something new.

This week we have been introduced to a new concept. Many of you have been using this way to communicate all your life. It is what your mothers were taught by their mothers. It is what your husbands and brothers were also taught by their mothers. This type of miscommunication has been going on for centuries.

Now is the time for us to quit blaming others and see our own faults and stop them. Maya Angelou said, "We do the best we can with what we know, and when we know better, we do better."

The problem with learning something new is that many times we get defensive and lash out against the teacher. It is only when the concept is brought to our attention that we realize the problems that surround it. Robert and I opened your eyes to the miscommunication and we choose to call it womanspeak. It does not matter what you call it to yourselves as long as you quit blaming others for the words that are coming out of your own mouth. Along with this type of miscommunication are other actions that are not nice.

Did you ever ask a question and not get the answer you were expecting? At that point any answer that could be given (except the one you wanted) would be assumed to be impolite. Then you reply with a

hostile note of sarcasm. Sarcasm is a nasty form of womanspeak and miscommunication. Say what you mean and mean what you say. We would all be nicer people if we lived by this simple rule. Kindness trumps all values. You may have to take a walk till the kindness comes back to you.

As a result of bringing this character flaw to our attention one member has had her eyes opened to why she was abused as a child. She and her brother didn't understand the meaning behind the unrelated words that came from her mother's mouth. They were slapped and put into the closet. She told me that all of her life she thought that she must be stupid because she did not understand her mother. She is one of the smartest people I know and has been my muse for almost eight years. You know her as Vickie. I know her as my dear friend! One day I will get to meet her.

When we speak to our family in womanspeak we might as well be speaking a foreign tongue. If you want something; say it in a plain and simple language. Say what you mean and mean what you say. You may actually get what you want. All the pouting, sarcasm, yelling, punishing and praying will never take the place of a simple request made with a please and a thank you.

Now is the time for changing the way you speak to your family. This one simple action can bring you into a new year of happiness. You get to stop the centuries of hurt feelings and double-talk. The buck stops here! Happy New Year!

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### KEEP TEEN DRIVERS

#### SAFE

(SPM Wire) Getting the keys to the family car - or better still, a car of their own - can be one of the biggest things in the lives of most teenagers. For their parents, however, it can be a source of worry.

There are many things parents of teen drivers can do to improve their teens' safety behind the wheel.

"Parents can have a tremendous impact on their teens' safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, President and CEO of AAA, which has created a list of ten things parents can do to help keep teen drivers safe:

\* Know and understand your teen - Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally and become responsible at varying rates, which parents need to gauge as they determine when their teen is ready to drive.

\* Be a positive and responsible role model - Teenagers learn from their parents' behavior. Research has found that, when using collisions and traffic tickets as

criteria, parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than parents of collision-free teens.

\* Choose a quality driving school - Driving is a risky activity for teens and warrants professional instruction. Driving schools that feature cutting-edge curriculums, high degrees of interaction and professionally-trained instructors are suggested. Parents can consult their local AAA club for potential local recommendations.

\* Practice might not make perfect, but it can make for better teen drivers - As an important supplement to formal driver education, supervised driving sessions with parents provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people that care most about their safety.

\* Keep teen drivers free of teen passengers and off the road at night - Research indicates that a teen driver's chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger. Know who is driving with your teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night, with most crashes happening between 9 p.m. and midnight.

\* Encourage teens to get enough sleep - Teens need about nine hours of sleep nightly, but many fall short. Lack of sleep can negatively affect vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

\* Eliminate distractions - Cell phones and text messaging can be hazardous. With surveys reporting widespread use of distracting technology by teen drivers, more than one-third of states ban cell phone use by new teen drivers. Parents should make it a strict rule in their households.

\* Create a parent-teen driving agreement - Written rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving establish driving as a privilege, and not to be taken lightly. Look to state graduated driver licensing programs as the minimum. Parents should establish rules and consequences that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. If the teen breaks a family driving rule, consequences should be enforced and the situation should be used as an opportunity for learning. Proper driving should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties. AAA offers parent-teen driving agreements at [www.aaa.com/publicaffairs](http://www.aaa.com/publicaffairs).

\* Set a time for weekly discussion and review - Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time each week to address concerns (both parent and teen), review the teen's driving performance and chart the progression towards established goals.

\* Make smart vehicle choice decisions for teens - As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns. Things to consider

are vehicle type (sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and pickup trucks), size (larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles) and safety technology (front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems).

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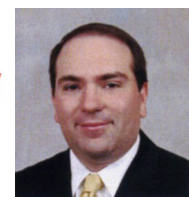
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Green Home Solutions (NewsUSA) - Americans are spending more than \$200 billion on home-improvement projects each year, and more than ever, people are going green with their remodeling projects.

"Choosing materials that last longer and require less maintenance will save money and require significantly less upkeep over time," said Mike Loughery, a home expert with building products manufacturer CertainTeed Corporation. Loughery, who has a decade of experience in the home-building industry, offers the following tips for homeowners looking to go green with their home improvements:

\* Side smart. Fiber cement and vinyl siding are good materials because they resist long-term wear and tear. CertainTeed siding, for instance, features recycled content and has the authentic look of wood. It also lasts much longer than wood, saving money and natural resources.

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\* Southern exposure. Southern exposure is a great natural tool that, through the use of the sun's rays, allows you to take advantage of solar energy. During the cooler months, make the most of southern exposure by taking in as much sunlight throughout the day as possible. The reverse goes, of course, when it's hot outside. Shut the curtains to keep the warming rays of the sun outside during the summertime.

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### Give the Gift of Sight

(NewsUSA) - Approximately 20 million Americans suffer from some level of vision impairment, which could be worrisome if not properly corrected, because vision damage can result in a loss of independence. Glasses, contacts and even LASIK surgery, however, have made it easier than ever to see clearly.

And while the technology is available, getting new glasses and contacts can be a financially taxing endeavor. In fact, Americans spend more than \$500 million a year on glasses and contacts of which 73 percent of those costs are paid out of pocket. So, while glasses are essential, they aren't exactly affordable.

Lions Clubs International is stepping in to help. They have worked to aid the blind and visually impaired since 1917 and through their "Give the Gift of Sight" campaign sponsored by the Luxottica Group are collecting glasses nationwide for those in need, an annual tradition that, all told, has provided more than 1 million pair of glasses over the past nine years to men, women and children worldwide.

Once collected, the volunteers, who number in the thousands, clean, repair and sort the glasses. Finally, the recycled eyewear is hand-delivered to families through international missions.

Lions Clubs International is encouraging people throughout the nation to join in their mission by giving the gift of sight this year. Individuals can donate used prescription glasses and sunglasses or non-prescription sunglasses to their local schools, places of worship, businesses, recreation centers and senior centers. Collection kits can also be ordered online at [www.givethegiftofsight.org](http://www.givethegiftofsight.org).

Participation in the form of groups is also a welcome collaboration. Schools, scout troops and other community organizations are invited to join forces with Lions Clubs International and spread the word. In fact, a university softball team in Pennsylvania did just that and collected more than 70 pair of glasses-glasses that could help prevent some of the 18 percent of hip fractures that occur because of low vision.

Learn how you can get involved or donate your used eyewear by contacting Lions Clubs International at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

### Foresight is 20/20

(NewsUSA) - It is estimated that the number of people with vision loss in the United States will double over the next 20 years. If you were unaware that there are no early warning signs of vision loss from eye diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration, you're not alone.

According to a study conducted by the National Eye Institute (NEI) and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), most adults value their eyesight and are aware of serious eye diseases commonly associated with visual impairment. However, they lack knowledge of how and when to seek timely detection and treatment for those diseases.

Fifty-one percent surveyed said that they have heard of eye diseases caused by diabetes, but only 11 percent knew that such diseases do not have early warning signs. The study's findings reinforce the critical need to educate the public about common eye diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration. Hispanic respondents reported the lowest access to eye health information at 41 percent, compared with 28 percent of Asians, 26 percent of African Americans and 16 percent of Caucasians.

"Good eyesight is important to our quality of life. It is essential for adults to have accurate information that will help them make informed decisions about their eye health needs," said Dr. Paul Sieving, director of NEI.

To help increase awareness about eye diseases, LCIF has developed the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) -; a community-based education program for Lions Clubs, other community organizations and individuals to promote healthy vision and to raise awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss. The program encourages annual dilated eye exams and educates

### TURN 'YUCKY' INTO 'YUMMY'

(NewsUSA) - For many parents, getting their young children to take medicine for a simple cold can be a problem that can quickly lead to tantrums. For parents doling out lifesaving medicine to help their children fight cancer, that same struggle takes on an even greater importance and level of stress.

On the Web site for the National Children's Cancer Society (N.C.C.S.), parents coping with childhood cancer regularly come together through message boards to gain hope, ask for help and vent about the cancer-related issues going on in their lives. A frequent challenge is figuring out how to effectively administer lifesaving cancer medications to children. One parent shared her frustrations about trying to coax her 4-year-old daughter to take her medicine.

"She hates the medication we have to give her daily," the woman wrote on the Web site, [www.NationalChildrensCancerSociety.org](http://www.NationalChildrensCancerSociety.org). "She will not swallow the pills. Crushing them tastes awful and to give liquid is almost impossible. Is there a trick?"

For parents looking to help their children overcome cancer - as well as parents simply trying to ease their child's stuffy nose - the following tips will prevent a battle wrought with tears:

\* Offer choices. While taking the medicine might not be a negotiable task, asking things such as "Would you like apple or grape juice with your medicine?" will give your child a sense of control that will make them more willing to comply.

\* Make the medication taste better. As long as you get the "OK" from your child's doctor, find creative ways to disguise the taste of the medicine. For medication in liquid or powder form, try dipping a spoon into chocolate syrup, placing the medication on the spoon and then offering it to your child.

\* Create a routine. Choose a specific time and spot in your house where your child receives their medication. With every dose, have them put a checkmark or sticker on a medicine chart set up near the designated area. This is an especially important tip for children fighting long-term illnesses such as cancer.


\* Give them an "out." If your child starts becoming combative during a medication session, allow them to take a short break - approximately five minutes - to regroup both physically and mentally before trying again.

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