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Thought for the Week: **May everyone have a safe and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!**

FARMER'S MARKET

Don't forget to stop out at the Farmer's Market this Saturday September 1! They will be there for your shopping pleasure.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Warren Pharmacy will be open normal hours on Friday and Saturday this week. They will be closed on Monday, September 3 for the holiday.

RELOCATING

Courtyard Studio will re-open for business on Thursday, August 30th at its new location: 123 N. Wayne Street, Warren. We are now doing business in the previous movie rental building next to the Pulse Opera House. The new location offers a larger display area for the 30 plus artists and designers so customers can browse comfortably. The Boutique continues to offer one-of-a-kind, locally and regionally made items for all occasions. Customized design is also available as well as flavored olive oil and vinegars, organic coffee and teas, dips and mixes, and candy.

There will be complimentary chocolate/caramel covered pretzels given to the first 25 customers on August 30th.

Also, a big thank you for the encouragement, kind words, and help in the relocation. We will soon celebrate our 2nd anniversary. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. during performances of The Pulse Opera House. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Swanson at 260/750-1798.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Love INC Knight-Bergman Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 9th from 11am-1pm at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren, IN. Lunch will include stuffed Chicken Breast or Roast Pork, Potato, Green Beans, Jell-O, Coleslaw, and Homemade Desserts. Carry out is available and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. All proceeds go to benefit the ministry of Love INC of Huntington County.

SSF ACTIVITIES

HEY HEY HEY!!!!!! Salamonie Summer Festival is planning to have a hog roast on Sept 15 4:30 to 7:30.

There will be pulled pork, hotdogs, baked beans, potato chips, apple sauce, drink

Also, kid games, face painting, dunk tank, corn hole games, cross bow training, and a band.

We had the worst possible things happen at the festival so we are trying to make this a good time. Also at this time we will have the drawings on the fun wagon, 50-50 for the firemen and the drawing for the Sportsmans Club.

Many thanks to the Sportsmans Club in helping us, also the firemen too in getting this ready for the people of Warren.

LC DAYS & CAR SHOW

The Liberty Center Festival committee will host the 11th annual Liberty Center Days and Car Show on Sunday, September 9, 2012 starting with sign up for car, truck and motorcycle show at 11:00 at the Liberty Center Baptist Church parking lot.

Bands will start at noon featuring Blue Grass Gospel

Quartet, Mountain Dewe Boys, Gospel Overdrive, Dave Liles Band, and Augusta Rose.

Admission is free. Come and bring your own lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon of good food, live music and a flea market, games for kids and raffle tickets drawn all afternoon.

No alcohol. All proceeds will help improve the park.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates to remember for Salamonie School include:

Sept. 5 - All grade skating party @ West Park Skate Center, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., \$3.50 per student

Sept. 7 - 4th grade study trip to Berne Swiss Days

Sept. 13 - 2:55 - Early release day

Sept. 14 - Student Picture Day

Sept. 27 - Huntington County Elementary Fun Run

CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE?

Do you and other people at your Church enjoy bowling? The Bowling Center of Bluffton has a Monday Night Church Bowling League. This league welcomes Church teams, of 4 or more players. But we can also place individuals or couples on a team, if they do not have enough bowlers for a team.

This is a coed Adult league, for 4 Bowlers each Monday Night starting at 7:45 P.M. A team can have more than 4 members, as long as 4 bowlers are there for each league night. We bowl 3 games each league night. The weekly bowling fee for each team is \$10.00/bowler for four bowlers/team (\$40/team).

There is NO Smoking on Monday Night and NO Alcoholic Beverages are served at the

Bluffton Bowling Center, and the concession counter serves great food and snacks.

There is still time for you to be a part of this great League! Please contact us right away.

For more information, you can contact Stan Kunkel at the Bowling Center, 1231 South Scott Street, Bluffton (260) 824-9966 or Terry Daniels at the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

KBC MINUTES

Minutes of the August 20, 2012 Knight Bergman Center board meeting.

Board members present: Neil Laymon, Joan Boyer, John Williams, Janice Jordan, Joyce Buzzard, Bonnie Boxell, Sharon Gebhart, Shelley Boxell, Mark Davis, and Denny Stroud.

Absent: Karen Herr

Guests: Robert Logan, Royce Mitchell

Shelley opened meeting with introductions of Bob Logan and Royce Mitchell. They came to report on the Bergman Trust. The ten years is up in September and the trust will no longer be intact. They have given us options as to what we can do with the money.

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with corrections. Bonnie made motion to approve the minutes and Joan seconded, motion carried.

Financial Report was reviewed and discussed.

Sharon reported that she would like to open an account for the Food Pantry. Their money is now in our account. We then will be able to see the balances of the separate accounts. Bonnie made a motion for Sharon to be able to establish the account for the

Bread of Life Food Pantry. Motion was seconded by Joan and motion carried. We also discussed the amount that we had in the Preservation Fund. Sharon would like to make a transfer of money from the Markle Bank to the account at Edward Jones. John made the motion, Denny seconded and motion carried. Sharon and Bob will be meeting with Jim and make these changes.

Reports on the Food Pantry, they continue to serve many families in the community.

It was reported Zumba is going strong!!!

New Business:

Bathrooms by the gym need some repairs; no water in Men's and one stool in the ladies are not working properly.

Work day is Sept 15th at 8:30. These items plus working on the gym floor and painting the floor in the hall at north end of the building are on the list.

Old Business:

The town is working on the hole in the yard. It seems to be a bigger project than anyone had thought. More broken tile than had been thought.

Denny gave a report on the concrete project at the north of the building. Coming out of the north gym door a concrete pad will be poured and a ramp to the north side of the building it will run the length of the building south to the parking lot. We have a grant and money for this project. There is an area that is now all broken and needs to be replaced. We will get an estimate and will discuss at the next meeting. This project is to be completed by winter.

Next meeting will be September 17th at the center.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

RECOGNIZING CTC

I would like to take a moment to recognize our local phone company, Citizens Telephone. Even though my family and I moved to Warren only a year ago, I've had the pleasure of dealing with Citizens for quite some time.

I own and operate a small independent computer repair facility in Hartford City, however some of my business has drawn me north to Warren. Although I have no formal agreement or relationship with Citizens, we have a very strong working relationship. They have in many cases provided me with the resources and information to effectively serve our mutual customers. Since my business is in Hartford City, the majority of my customers internet needs are serviced by AT&T or Comcast. I have dealt with both of these companies many times and it often involves a drawn out series of automated prompts and long wait times.

The point of this letter, however, is not to vilify these communication giants. Rather, it is to make sure that we all realize and appreciate what a fantastic asset we have in Citizens. To find any business that will go to such great lengths in the name of customer service is rare. We are very fortunate to find it right here in our own backyard.

Jeremy Rogers

HOW TO BE A BETTER CONVERSATIONALIST

by V Neil Wyrick

Some people are shy. When a conversation is taking place around them they can't think of anything to say. Others are motor mouths who talk too much from having married the dictionary but not made friends with restraint.

Some love people. Some don't. So welcome aboard the human race.

Make the person you are talking to feel important are better about themselves. "Your hair looks great" "I love your car" "What do you think of... etc. etc.

Compliments are golden and shine and people appreciate them. You may leave them speechless because people don't compliment very often which is an even better to be a person who gives them.

And nothing to keep a conversation going better than to ask someone about their opinion.

What about our 21st century makes conversating harder? We twitter and we face book and no longer have front porches which we have traded in for isolated air conditioned dens. We're loners in an overcrowded electronic field. It is little wonder we have to work at being more friendly. Some have forgotten how.

I have always liked Casper the friendly ghost, ever since I was much younger. Why? Because he was always a friend, He never hurts anybody. He didn't scare you and he never really got mad. He's was best friend anybody could ever have. How could you not like him? How often do you smile? Before a word is spoken this sends a

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 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Thursday 6-8pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results from the Senior Scramble for Thursday, August 23rd, at Dogwood Glen. First Place (30): Charles Harris, Joe Nash, Clyde Smith, Ralph Taylor. Closest to the Pin #3 Clyde Smith, #6 Joe Nash, Long Drive #8 John Vickrey and Don Carpenter.

WILDLIFE WORKSHOP

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue University are offering a new workshop in the Fort Wayne area for landowners interested in managing their properties for wildlife.

Wildlife Management for the Private Landowner is an eight-week course beginning Sept. 18 and ending Nov. 6 at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne.

It's designed to provide landowners an introduction to wildlife ecology, a history of Indiana ecosystems, wildlife identification, wildlife biology, habitat management planning and techniques, and how to access information and assistance with wildlife management goals.

Specific topics will include the biology and management of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, pheasants, quail, rabbits, and doves. Other topics will provide information on how to restore and manage Indiana ecosystems, including forests, grasslands, and

wetlands.

Topics will be presented by natural resource professionals from the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, Purdue University, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The workshop will be from 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday at IPFW, plus two Saturday field days to demonstrate techniques discussed in the classroom. The forest management field day is Oct. 13 and the grassland/wetland field day is Oct. 27.

The cost is \$100 per person and includes a binder with resource materials, publications geared to course topics, and snacks and drinks during each session.

For more information or to register, contact Rob Chapman, extension wildlife specialist with Purdue University, at (812) 662-4999 or

RNCHAPMAN@purdue.edu.

INTERIM HOME

On the heels of Erin's House for Grieving Children's recent announcement surrounding plans to build a stand-alone home in 2013, another move for the organization is currently in the works. Due to the expiration of the lease at the current Parkwest location, Erin's House will be vacating its office and program space by August 31, 2012.

On August 15, 2012, the Board of Directors approved a lease agreement with Georgetown

Square, 6718 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815. The administration offices and the program nights for families will operate out of this interim location until the completion of the stand-alone building project.

"The work that Erin's House for Grieving Children does in this region is critical and this move to Georgetown Square will not only allow us to continue to help the grieving children of our regional community, but it will also help us organize our program supplies prior to moving into our new home." States Erin's House Director of Operations, Cindy Maldonado-Schaefer.

The programs and services that Erin's House provides will continue to be available, uninterrupted throughout the transition to the interim location. Program schedules will resume starting on October 1 at the Georgetown Square location. Should you have questions about scheduled program nights or any other services, please contact Erin's House at 260.423.2466.

About Erin's House for Grieving Children

Erin's House was founded in 1993 in honor of all grieving children and their families. The idea for Erin's House was created when a 5-year old Fort Wayne girl named Erin Farragh died unexpectedly in 1989; the subsequent grief her surviving brother and sister experienced inspired the adults in their lives to take this idea and grow it into what it is today; Erin's House for Grieving Children, a safe place for healing. Erin's House continues to provide support services for children, teens and their families who have suffered the death of a loved one. As an industry center for excellence, Erin's House is continually reviewing its programs and services to ensure they are effective for children, teens and their families. All Erin's House programs and services are provided at no cost.

Visit the website at www.erinshouse.org.

Erin's House for Grieving Children New Address Starting September 5, 2012, 6718 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815, Phone: 260.423.2466

FAIRCHILD'S DISCOVERIES

Over the past 15 years, Dr. Mark Fairchild has visited more than 250 sites in the regions of Turkey, conducting surface surveys of ancient Biblical sites. In that time, he has documented thousands of antiquities with photographs. He will share some of these images in an exhibit opening at Huntington University on Sept. 10.

The exhibit titled, "Biblical Photography," will run from Sept. 10 through Oct. 6 in the Robert E. Wilson Gallery with an artist reception from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 21. Fairchild, professor of Bible and religion at HU, will also give a special gallery talk from 2-3 p.m. Oct. 6, during Homecoming/Family Weekend, about his trips. The talk will also take place in the Wilson Gallery.

The Wilson Gallery, located in the Merillat Centre for the Arts, is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., before and after all MCA performances and by appointment.

The gallery and the gallery talk are free and open to the public.

SENIOR FALL FEST

People age 50 or older are invited to three fun-filled days at Salamonie Lake's Senior Fall Fest, Sept. 10-12.

The event is at Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area in western Huntington County. An assortment of activities, speakers and hands-on programming make this event a favorite for seniors.

Participants should call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS) at (260) 468-2127 to register for meals and programs.

The theme is "Discover Your Roots." Participants are encouraged to share genealogy and genealogy tips and family stories.

The monthly Senior Monday Luncheon will be Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Craig Arnold, assistant director for the IPFW Archaeological Survey, will present a program on early Native American farming. The meat dish will be provided by UWIS. Seniors should bring a dish to pass, their own table service and \$1 donation to help offset the cost of the meat dish.

A second carry-in meal will be Sept. 12 at 12:30 p.m. UWIS will provide the main dish. Participants should bring table service and a dish to pass that represents their family's favorite "homeland" meal. For example, those with German heritage should bring a German dish.

The event will feature two bands. The Second Coming will perform Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m. God's Country will perform on Sept. 12, 7-9 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite instrument for evening entertainment and fun.

Other activities include fishing, horseshoes, cornhole and crafts.

A \$3 program fee covers all sessions during Senior Fall Fest. The standard gate fee of \$5 per in-state vehicle and \$7 per out-of-state vehicle applies.

For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or Facebook.com/UpperWabash.

Salamonie Lake is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.



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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.

Sep 3		Labor Day
Sep 5	Noon	Warren Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Sep 5	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Council Meeting
Sep 10	6:30 p.m.	Warren Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
Sep 17	6:30 p.m.	KBC Board Meeting, at KBC
Sep 19	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Council Meeting
Oct 3	Noon	Warren Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Oct 3	7:00 p.m.	Van Buren Town Council meeting
Oct 6	4:30-7:30	Fish Fry at Mt Zion

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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GENEALOGY REPORT

THANK YOU

The Family of Jim Bolinger is so appreciative of the compassion shown by family and friends upon the sudden death of Jim. We were comforted by the many wonderful cards, hugs and memories of Jim's time with them. We are truly blessed by all the special people who helped us through this difficult time.

Donna Bolinger
Beth & Monte Lightner
Julie Degener
Gina & Scott Canady

JOHNSON



E. Preston Johnson, 88, of Bluffton, IN, passed away at 11:33 PM on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

He was born on Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Summitville, IN. He married Martha F. (Ryan) on Thursday, July 4, 1946 in Greensburg, IN.

Mr. Johnson had been a former resident of Chester Township in Wells County. He had graduated from Summitville High School and from Central Normal College with a BS in education. He received his Masters Degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. He had been a teacher for 26 years - 6 years at Liberty Center and 20 years at Ossian Elementary as a 6th grade teacher. He was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the Keystone United Methodist Church, had been a Chester Township farmer, enjoyed farming, gardening, and animals. Mr. Johnson had been

a resident of the Ossian Health Care since May of 2012.

Survivors included his wife - Martha F. (Ryan) Johnson, daughter - Deidra (husband, Carl) Rickard, Foristell, MO, daughter - Kay Hunnicutt, Bluffton, son - John Robert (wife, Janie) Johnson, Leaburg, OR, daughter - Linda C. Kirkwood, Bluffton, brother - Leon Johnson, Bluffton, brother - Jay Johnson, Bryant, brother - Ross Johnson, Bryant, sister - Lucille Elam, Celina, OH, sister - Patty (husband, Bob) Adams, Michigan, sister - Jean Oxender, Dixbourou, MI, sister - Gay Turner, Los Angeles, CA, 13-grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father - Charles R. Johnson, mother - Hazel I. (Dunlap) Johnson, brother - Wendell Johnson, brother - Rex Johnson, and sister - Ina Mote.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. The Rev. Dean Elam will officiate. Interment will take place in the Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

WATERS

Wanda E. Waters, 90 of Uniondale passed away at 12:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She had worked as a custodian for the Northern Wells Community School Corporation. She was a member of the Reifsborg United Methodist Church.

She was born on December 15, 1921 in Jay County, Indiana. She was a daughter of Leo J. and Nellie F. (Abbott) McKuras.

She was united in marriage to Virgil Waters on November 12, 1944 in Reifsborg, Indiana. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1983.

Survivors include a son: Ted Waters of Ossian; a daughter: Virgie (Avery) Thomas of Marion; four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Harley McKuras;

Murray McKuras and a sister: Genieve Studebaker.

There will be no visitation or funeral service. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Interment will take place at Markle Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made out to Family Hospice & Palliative Care of Berne in care of Myers Funeral Home 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

HUFFMAN



Mary Emma (Tam) Huffman, 90, of Warren, IN, passed away at 5:05 AM, on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Monday, August 29, 1921, in Warren, IN. She was the daughter of the late Merritt Tam and the late Helen (Bonifield) Tam.

Mary Emma Graduated from the Warren High School class of 1939. She was a Tri Kappa member. She owned the M's Shoe Spoon in Warren and worked at her father's drug store (Tams Rexall drug store) in Warren. Mary Emma belonged to the Chautauqua Club. She was a lifelong Warren resident and was a member of the Warren United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: Daughter - Christine (John) Wearly of Daleville, IN. Son - Phillip (Donna) Huffman of Lafayette, IN. Son - James (Gloria) Huffman of Virginia Beach, VA. Son - Paul Huffman of Clermont, FL. Daughter - Nannette Huffman of Wildwood, IL. 5 Granddaughters - Mindy McKee, Molly O'Halloran, Emily Schwartz, Angela Kraster, Rebecca Boyd, 2 Grandsons - Jonathan Wearly, Nathan Huffman and 13 Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by: Mother - Helen Irene (Bonifield) Tam, Father - Merritt W. Tam, Grandson - James "Jamie" Huffman, 2 Brothers - Robert Tam, Roger Tam, 2 Sisters -

Margaret Stech, Barbara Krzmarzick.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave. Warren, IN on Monday, August 27, 2012 and Tuesday, August 28, 2012. A service to celebrate Mary Emma's life was held at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 with the Rev. Edwin Clark and Rev. Howard Cress officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, IN.

Memorials in memory of Mary Emma may be made to: Warren Historical Society C/O Glancy Funeral Homes P.O. Box 366 Warren, IN 46792

FRUSHOUR

George V. Frushour, 97, of Warren, died at 1:04 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

He was born April 26, 1915, in Cass County, to Stuart W. Frushour and Mabel Fern Shroyer Frushour. He married Zelpha Martin Oct. 23, 1942, in Lucerne; his wife survives.

Other survivors include two sons, George (Pat) Frushour Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska, and Stephen J. (Mary) Frushour of Fredericksburg, Texas; a sister, Charlotte Lenard of Lafayette; two brothers, Maurice (Roberta) Frushour of Logansport and Stuart Frushour of Michigan; and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Degler and Martha Walker, and two brothers, James Frushour and Wilbur Frushour.

There will be no services for Mr. Frushour at this time.

The Glancy-H. Brown and Son Funeral Home in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES



Earl Rodney "Mouse" James, 58, of Van Buren, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, at Markle Health Care in Markle.

He was born March 23, 1954, in Bluffton, to I. Richard James and Cora Lee (Banter) James.

A former employee of Corning Glass in Bluffton, Mr. James was a fan of NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt. He was formerly of Jackson Township, and was a 1972 graduate of Southern Wells High School.

Surviving relatives include his mother of Bluffton; a brother, Roland (Brenda) James of Keystone; two sisters, Mona (Doug) Sink of Roanoke and Rhonda Snover of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. James was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, David E. James.

Family and friends gathered to share and remember on Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Walker and Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. A service to celebrate his life was held Sunday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Larry Taylor officiating. Interment followed in the Jones Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

HIX

Gene A. Hix, 79, of Marion, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

He was born Nov. 7, 1932, in Grant County, to Paul Hix and Geraldine Zoda Hix. He married Jondajane Ford Jan. 3, 1959, in Hanfield, Ind. His wife survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Randy Hix of Coral Springs, Fla., and Ricky (April Stepp) Hix of Marion; a daughter, Candy (Brian) McVay of Marion; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Becky) Hix of Marion; and two sisters, Margaret Brown and

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GENEALOGY REPORT

Jeanette Douglas, both of Marion.

Calling hours were held Friday, Aug. 24, at the Ferguson and Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 25, at the funeral home. Burial was in the Van Buren Cemetery.

THURMAN

Bruce Thurman, 54, of Van Buren, IN, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, at 6 a.m. at the Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



Mr. Thurman was a farmer all of his life on the Thurman family farm near Van Buren. He was also a certified sound technician. He was a 1976 graduate of Eastbrook High School and a member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church in Van Buren. He attended the Christland United Methodist Church in Marion.

He was born Oct. 16, 1957, to Alfred and Doris Ford Thurman. He married Tracy J. King. She survives.

Additional survivors are a daughter Aislinn M. Thurman, of Marion; a sister, Linda Hull, of Marion; three brothers, Randall (Sheila) Thurman and Ronald (Cathy) Thurman, both of Marion, and Michael (Tori) Thurman, of Stuart, FL; two grandchildren, Violet J. Southerland and Levi D.A. Southerland, both of Marion; and his mother-in-law, Judith King, of Marion.

Calling hours were Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 108 S. 2nd St., Van Buren, and Tuesday, at the Christland United Methodist Church, 721 E. Charles Street, Marion. A service was held at the Christland United Methodist Church, on Tuesday Aug. 28, 2012, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Russ Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

Memorials may be made to the Thurman family for help with the grandchildren in care of Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, IN 46991.

SMITH

Paul Smith, 90, of Leesburg, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at 2:20 a.m. at Millers Merry Manor, in Syracuse.

Mr. Smith graduated from Van Buren High School in 1940. He had worked at Allied Paper in Marion for several years, managed Handy Andy Food Stores in Marion for several years and was a custodian for Leesburg Elementary School for two years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 253 in North Webster.


He was born Jan. 29, 1922, in Hanfield to Arthur and Margaret McKenzie Smith. He married Betty McVey Nealis in 1975. She survives.

Additional survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Bowling, of Huntington, Donna (Kevin) Kern, of Milford and Paula (Kim) Martin, of Wabash; a son, Don Smith, of Holiday, FL; a sister, Helen Keller, of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Owen Family Funeral Home, St. Rd. 13 & CR 500N, North Webster. A service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Jeff Boyer of the North Webster Church of God officiated. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory Chapel, Marion.

Memorials may be given to Millers Merry Manor Activities Dept., 500 E. Pickwick Dr., Syracuse, IN 46567.

KRIEG

 James Krieg, 69, of Marion, IN, and a native of Warren, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at the Marion VA Hospital.

Mr. Krieg was a veteran of the United States Army and was a member of Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Post 10. He was employed as a production supervisor at General Tire for 35 years.

He was born Nov. 18, 1942, in Warren to Ottis J. and Agnes Griggs Krieg. He married Susan Krieg on Oct. 5, 1963, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, James "Butch" (Karen) Krieg, of Elkhart, and Scott (Angie) Krieg, of Redkey; two brothers, Ivan Krieg and Allan Krieg; a sister, Mary Ann James; seven grandchildren, Jeremy, Brandon,

Anthony, Lindsay, Tiffany, Jenna and Dakota; and a great-granddaughter.

Calling hours were held Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a service following at 1 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Rev. Mark Sanders officiated. Burial, with military rites, was at the Marion National Cemetery, Marion.

Gifts to the family may be made in care of the funeral home.

WELCHES

Mary E. Welches, 90, of Markle, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. at Markle Health and Rehabilitation, in Markle.

Mrs. Welches graduated from West Rock Creek High School, Huntington County, in 1940. She worked for Home Products Cabinet Co. in Markle for 10 years and as bookkeeper for Minnick Services for 10 years. She attended the Warren Church of Christ.

She was born July 25, 1922, in Wells County to Charles D. and Nettie B. Osborn Blair. She married L. Wayne Welches on Sept. 26, 1942, in Dunkirk. Her husband preceded her in death on June 3, 2007.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis (Bill) Rittenhouse, of Markle, and Patty (Kenneth) Boots, of Bluffton; a brother, Clarence D. (Sue) Blair, of Markle; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, 415 N. Lee St., Markle. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the Markle Cemetery, in Markle.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the Warren Church of Christ in care of Myers Funeral Home, PO Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

MOSSBURG

Doris Ann (Stucky) Mossburg, age 85, died August 22, 2012 at her home in Lake Odessa MI.

Born May 17, 1927, in Warren IN, she graduate from Warren High School in 1945 and Bass State University School of Nursing in 1950. She worked at St Joseph Hospital (Fort Wayne), Holland Michigan Hospital, Blodgett Hospital (Grand Rapids) and retired after 15 years at

Pennock Hospital, Hasintings, MI. Doris was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Lake Odessa.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, dear sister and aunt.

When Doris was 13 her father passed away and she became her mother's right hand.

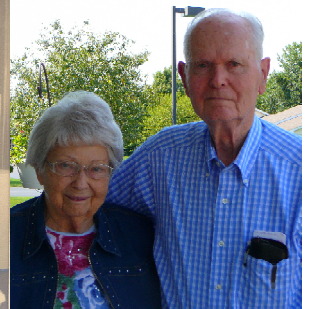
She is survived by her husband Dale of 63 years, daughters, Jean Beckett of Brighton, MI, Jo Linda (Peter) Walters of Eau Claire, WI, Kay (Paul) Davis of Traverse City MI and eleven grandchildren: Amy (Michael) Stark, Beth (Jeff) Paczak, Jo Anna (Chris) Stewart, Jessica (Nate) Jones, Joshua (Natalie) Beckett, Jacob Beckett, Shelby Walters, Taylor Walters, Neil Davis, Eric Davis, Ellen Davis; great grandchildren Kayla, Dori and Tucker. She is also survived by her sisters, Lois Stucky and Carolyn (Fred) Glibbery, sister-in-law Martha (Bob) Stucky and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her death and waiting for her in heaven are her mother and father, Tressie and Noah Stucky; her daughter Ann Tucker; her brothers Paul and Bob

Stucky; her sister Shirley Stucky and son-in-laws Joe Tucker and John Beckett.

A memorial service was held at Central United Methodist Church, 912 Fourth Ave, Lake Odessa.

Thank you to Pennock Hospice and a special thanks to Pat and Casey Rayner, her companions, friends and caregivers for the past nine months. Memorial contributions may be made to Central United Methodist Church.



65 Years Together

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Eads (Frankie) are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on September 7, 1947, in Princeton, IN, at the First United Methodist Church.

They are the parents of two children, Cdr. USN (Ret.) John W. Eads (Patsy), Brandon, MS and Laura Berghoff (Dr. Robert), Warren, IN. They have six grandchildren, Alan, Youngstown OH; Neil, Chicago, IL; Emily, Starkville, MS; Brad, Indianapolis, IN; Jeff, Blytheville, AR; and Becca, Indianapolis, IN.

Frank and Frankie will celebrate their anniversary with their family at Adams Lake, Wolcottville, IN, on Sept. 2.

Frank was born in Pike Co. IN and Frankie in Princeton, IN. They have known each other since the second grade. Frank is retired from the State of Indiana, as southern supervisor for the State Board of Tax Commissioners. Frankie retired from North Gibson Schools as a title one aide. She and Frank enjoy and have devoted much time to genealogy. Frankie is a 50 year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

They moved to Warren to live closer to their daughter in 2008 after living in Princeton all their lives. They currently reside at 122 Dogwood Dr., Warren, IN.

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ARTISTIC HYDRANTS

The public art exhibit sponsored by the Huntington Arts Initiative, Inc., brings art to downtown Huntington and will draw people to the area to view the unusual canvases.

This year's theme, "A Is For Alphabet," features hydrants in and around the downtown Huntington area painted to represent items beginning with all the letters of the alphabet.

Local and area artists chose their own letters and designed their hydrants.

Everyone is invited to go to The New Huntington Theatre, 528 N. Jefferson Street, from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, September 9 to pick up maps showing where the hydrants are located, a list of the artists who painted them, and fill-in-the-blank sheet listing all the letters of the alphabet (A is for _____, B is for _____, etc.) that can be filled in for fun as people of all ages walk around downtown.

Businesses and individuals who are sponsoring this year's public art exhibit include Bippus State Bank, Dean Foods, Downtown Salon, Dyer Health and Wellness, E & B Paving, Inc., Eric and Shirley Harman, First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington Sheet Metal, Mayor Brooks and Barbara Fetters, Mike's Car Care, Ness Bros. Real Estate and Auction Co., New Huntington Theatre, Smith Furniture Company, Inc., Trophy Center Plus, Vision Source--Dr. Dan Host, Wall Legal Services, and Young Electric.

This public art exhibit fulfills the mission of the Arts Initiative to enrich, to entertain and to educate. Photos from previous exhibits and more information about the Arts Initiative can be found on its facebook page.

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5 STEPS TO MAKE IT EASIER

by The FlyLady
Marla Cilley

Music has a way of seeping into your brain and staying dormant for decades. This week I had another lyric come to me out of the depths of my subconscious, "O-O-Child things are going to be easier"! Isn't it strange how those simple words can give us such hope!

I looked up the full lyrics and there are only the chorus and one verse. It is repeated like an affirmation. Then as the song concluded it said, right now! Isn't that the way all of us feel. We want things easier right now!

How do we accomplish this? We don't have mystical powers where we can just wiggle our noses and see the results of our wishes. We have to do more than just wish. So many times we get so stuck in our whining that we do not see that we have the ability to make our desires happen.

We deceive ourselves into thinking that it is too hard, will take too long and that we don't have time! This is nothing but our perfectionism causing us to procrastinate. When we say we don't have time we should really just finish the sentence; I don't have time to do it right. Why can't we talk ourselves into doing things instead of wallowing in self-pity? I think it is because we forgot that we have the power.

As I was looking up this song I noticed that it was sung by a group of young boys in 1970. Their name was The Five Stairsteps. Their name got me to thinking about a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said, "To take the first step in faith, you don't have to see the whole staircase: just take the first step." This got me to thinking about the 5 steps that you could take to make your life easier.

Step 1: It all starts with getting up from your seated position and walking into your kitchen; then shining your sink. No whining allowed! Just step out in faith! That sink will make you smile tomorrow morning. You can even allow your perfectionism to have a little fun. When I got organized I shined our old sink till it looked like a brand new penny! It gave me hope!

Step 2: Write down and follow a simple Before Bed Routine; check your calendar for appointments, lay out your clothes for tomorrow, put items

you need to take with you in your launch pad and go to sleep at a decent hour. No staying up too late. Get your rest and you will not feel so tired and rushed! This will make your life easier.

Step 3: Keep your morning routine in your bathroom. This way you can just do and not have to think. As soon as my feet hit the floor I start dancing through my day: Make my bed, shower, swish and swipe my bathroom, get dressed to lace up shoes, eat breakfast and take my vitamins. See how smooth this flows. You can't sit down and turn on your computer till your routine is done. This way you do it fast! Then you get to give yourself a reward!

Step 4: Use a calendar that the whole family can see! Not just your cell phone or computer. Get a calendar that is big enough to hold all your family's activities. This way you are teaching your children how to live a stress free life. A cluttered calendar means no time for you! Make appointments with yourself and with your children. Once a week sit down with your family and synchronize your personal calendars. Write stuff on the calendar as soon as you get it. No waiting till later. You always have time to make an entry in your calendar.

Step 5: Use a timer to help keep you focused! You can do anything for 15 minute or even two minutes. Just set your timer and see what you can get done. You don't have to finish; you just have to do something. Especially when you say you don't have time! Set your timer and do two minutes. You will be surprised at what can get done!

These steps will get you moving and the crowning touch is your attitude. Be kind to yourself! FLYing is all about self-respect. You have to quit being mean to yourself! Let go of your perfectionism. You have been beaten down your whole life because you weren't perfect. You don't have to be. You are worth loving just the way you are!

If you will step out in faith and take these five simple baby steps you will be singing a new song. O-O-Child things are easier right now!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by

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THE LOTTERY SCAM

(ARA)-You've probably dreamed about what you'd do if you won the lottery - quit your job, build your dream home or even donate a large sum of money to your favorite charity. The allure of a huge amount of money falling into your lap cannot be denied. Scammers know these dreams and feelings well, and prey on them, making lottery and sweepstakes scams one of the most prevalent types of scams out there, according to the Better Business Bureau.

While your chances of winning the actual lottery may already be slim, you not only won't win with scammers - you'll likely lose money. These types of scams work in a number of ways, and all of them end with an unsuspecting victim losing. Here are three common ways scammers use the promise of big winnings to their advantage:

- * A scammer claiming to be associated with a government agency, a well-known celebrity or someone associated with a sweepstakes or lottery tells a victim he or she has won a large sum of money. The victim is told to send money to cover processing fees or taxes before receiving the prize. The victim then pays these "fees," and never hears from the scammer again.

- * A scammer sends a victim a check or money order and claims it's a prize. The victim is asked to deposit this money and send a smaller portion of money back to cover fees or taxes. The problem occurs when the victim deposits the check or money order and sends the scammer the money as directed before the check clears which can take weeks. Banks don't always immediately identify the "winning" check as fake until it's

too late and the money has already been sent to the scammer. The victim is responsible to the bank for any used funds from the check.

- * A scammer emails or sends a victim information about a foreign lottery, or another alternative lottery or sweepstakes that offers better odds of winning than a traditional lottery. The victim sends money to the scammer for a chance at winning, but the lottery or sweepstakes doesn't actually exist.

The common thread in all of these scams is they require victims to send money in advance to claim a prize, which is never the case with a legitimate lottery or sweepstakes. "The No. 1 rule consumers need to remember to protect themselves from falling victim to this scam is to never, ever send money to claim a prize," says Shelley Bernhardt, director of consumer protection at Western Union, a leader in global payment services. Bernhardt offers these additional tips to avoid becoming a victim in a lottery or sweepstakes scam:

- * Never send money to pay for taxes or fees on lottery or prize winnings. Legitimate sweepstakes don't require you to pay or buy something to enter or improve your chances of winning or to pay taxes or processing fees to get your prize.

- * Never play anything claiming to be a foreign lottery. And this is not just because it might be a scam - it's actually illegal to play a foreign lottery.

- * Only send money to people you have met personally, know and trust.

- * Never provide your banking or any other sensitive personal information to an individual or business you don't know, especially if they claim they need it in exchange for a prize.

- * Always wait to withdraw funds from your account until after a

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HELP KIDS BOOST THEIR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM SCORES

(StatePoint) The SAT is perhaps the most important test a high school student takes, as one's performance directly affects one's chances of getting into the college of his or her choice.

While taking college entrance exams can be daunting, students don't need to be geniuses to get a great score on the SAT or ACT.

"The test's bark is worse than its bite," says Jaja Liao, who got a perfect score on her 2011 test, and is guest editor for "Up Your Score: The Underground Guide to the SAT." "Really, the SAT is just an extremely lame game that can be defeated."

It will take hard work and focus to master the test, however. These tips from Liao will help pupils prepare for and conquer college entrance exams:

Study With a Friend
Preparing with a partner will keep students focused and determined. Friends will work together towards a common goal, and sometimes all it takes is that little extra motivation to

reach a target score.

Watch the Clock
One thing that makes the SAT so tough is the pressure to complete every question within the time limit.

By preparing for the inevitable time crunch with a timer, test-takers will learn to pace themselves and manage each question with poise.

Enjoy Studying
There are thousands of bland classes and dry prep books out there, but if they're not enjoyable, how much can really be learned? Opt for study materials that students will actually want to use. For example, "Up Your Score: The Underground Guide to the SAT," offers expert advice and proven strategies from young authors, using peer humor and edgy wit to fend off some of the anxiety that surrounds SAT prep.

The right prep book should introduce students to insider math tricks and key vocabulary words, while helping sharpen speed and timing and improve memory and concentration. Learn more at www.Workman.com.

Practice Makes Perfect
The SAT is a long and grueling test, lasting nearly four hours, not including breaks. Take as many practice exams as possible before the test date to prepare. By doing so, students will know what to expect and head into the exam as SAT veterans.

"Parents can help kids boost their score with a supportive attitude," offers Liao. "If your child is feeling frustrated, let them rant. Take care to avoid adding to his or her stress with unrealistic expectations. Remember that students can always take the test again if needed."

With confidence and hard work, scholars will be heading off to their dream college before they know it.

INVESTING IN YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR CAN SAVE YOU MONEY LATER

(StatePoint) Owning a home is a 365-day-a-year commitment -- a mortgage to pay, a yard to maintain and bills to juggle. But experts say that evaluating key exterior elements of your home at least once annually can prevent some bills from skyrocketing.

"The key to saving money and keeping a home comfortably livable is to be proactive in evaluating and fixing its major components," says Mark Clement, host of MyFixItUpLife home improvement radio show and a professional contractor for 20 years. "Don't wait to replace older, inefficient windows until your energy bills soar out of control. Investing in newer, more energy efficient and low maintenance exterior products can have a major impact on the livability and return on investment of a home and deliver terrific peace of mind."

If your roof is damaged by severe weather or is old and leaking, investing in a new roof made of durable polymer slate or shake tiles will pay off for decades to come. For example DaVinci Roofscapes makes shingles that have a 50-year warranty, resist impact, fire and all kinds of insects.

For exterior trim pieces, swap out wood trim that is susceptible to rotting and insect infestation with urethane and PVC trim products. "Synthetic millwork, like pieces that are available from Fypon, resist moisture, humidity, insects and termites, swelling and rot," Clement advises. "Once you install these low-maintenance trim pieces around doors, windows, soffits and other exterior areas, you're golden."

For functional areas of the home, like windows and doors, use solidly-constructed, man-made products. For example, energy-efficient Simonton vinyl

windows and a fiberglass entryway system from Therma-Tru have long-term warranties, and can help you enhance the long-term value and aesthetic appeal of your home while saving on energy bills.

A recent report on return-on-investment and home repair, the "Remodeling 2011-12 Cost vs. Value Report" (www.costvsvalue.com), shows that replacing older, inefficient windows with upscale vinyl windows is one of the ten most popular projects with payback for homeowners, and has a higher projected return-on-investment than several other popular home upgrade projects, including bathroom remodels or additions, major kitchen remodels or the addition of a master suite.

For more home improvement ideas that offer great returns on investment, visit Clement's website at www.myfixituplife.com.

"Almost no building product lasts forever," he warns. "Homeowners should continually evaluate the exterior elements on their home, research replacement options, and invest in products that are solidly constructed by a quality manufacturer that offers a strong warranty."

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message. So does a blank look. Friendly works better if it has help.

Questions are an easy conversation friend. You're tongue tied sometimes. Have some questions ready to ask. About the person's family, their business, a hobby you know they are on fire for, etc. People who ask questions and listen to the answers get the reputation of being a good conversationalist. They really do.

When you do talk be positive. Carrying around negative thoughts that you always share gets you that reputation.

Laugh at other people's jokes. Even if you never get it or get it an hour later, it is an act of appreciation and it is a friendly act. Do it.

You can't think of anything to say. Have you ever heard of body language. Cross your arms in front of you and it does send a signal. Lean forward and it sends the message you are interested.

Smile. It will make you the smiler happier and the object of your smile happier. Just like a frown will do the reverse.

Make eye contact. If people are always seeing the top of your head and never your eyes...it makes its impact.

Chase after common sense and when you catch it...never let it go...apply it to the wonder of your friendships.

Nor forget that "Friendly" is just love with a big smile on its face. So be a practitioner of that which makes the world a better place for all concerned.

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