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Thought for the Week: When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. Franklin D. Roosevelt

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BENEFIT

On Monday, April 16th from 5-7pm the Warren Boys & Girls Club will be having a fundraiser at East of Chicago Pizza in Warren. They will receive \$1 from each buffet and all the tips. Come out and support the local Boys & Girls Club!!

REMINDER

Just a reminder to all Jackson Alumni - reservations need to be sent to Connie Herr by April 16th. The 74th Jackson Alumni Banquet will be held on April 21st, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Wells Cafetorium at 9120 South 300 West, Poneto, IN 46781.

PIZZA BENEFIT

The Solid Rock United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago fundraiser in Warren on Tuesday, April 17, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event, including all tips, will be used for a summer missions project. The cost is \$9.50 for adults and includes the buffet, drink, and tax. Children's meals will be available at a reduced price.

BOATING SAFETY

Indiana Conservation Officers are sponsoring and instructing an approved Boater Education Course at the Warren Sportsman's Club, 816 E. Third St., Warren on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00AM till 3:00PM with lunch break (Lunch not provided) Those who are 15 years old that complete this course may operate powered

boats even before obtaining a driver's license. Casualty insurance rates are sometimes lower for boat operators who take this class. Registration is restricted to those 12 and older.

To sign up; send your name to: inboat35@gmail.com Verification and more info will be return emailed.

Or register by U.S. mail to: Johnston/9427 W. Division Rd. / Andrews, IN 46702

JR LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet at Joseph Decius Farm on Thursday, April 12 from 6:45pm-8:30 pm. The group will be taking a tour of the farm and then having a short business meeting to discuss the groups upcoming event. The County 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to youth in grades 7-12 who are 4-H members.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader program, including enrollment and registration information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826 or email jhighley@purdue.edu.

WEAR PURPLE

The Huntington County Extension Office is inviting everyone to Purple up for military kids on Friday, April 13, 2012. April is Month of the Military Child, by wearing purple on Friday April 13, you will be showing your support for Indiana military youth. Why purple? Purple is the color that

symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child, Youth & School Services, 4-H National Headquarters/ USDA, and Purdue Cooperative Extension. Operation: Military Kids-IN is supported by the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868.

FRIENDS/FAMILY

Christmas City Chorus invites the Grant County community to their Friends and Family performance Sunday, April 15 at 3 pm at the Church of the Brethren, 2302 S. Geneva, Marion. The chorus is preparing to leave for the Sweet Adeline Region 4 Competition in Covington, KY and will perform their contest package plus other favorites for their favorite audience - friends and family. This year for the first time, the chorus will be competing in the mid-size division with 33 members. The mid-size division is for choruses with 31-60 singers onstage. Members from Van Buren are Alaina Ellenburg, Danielle Ellenburg and Suanne Jefferies; Huntington, Johanna Lange and Wabash, Dawn Dutton.

Christmas City Chorus is one of over 600 choruses in Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, competition and performance. Members come

from Grant, Blackford, Huntington, Wabash, Jay, Delaware, Howard, and Kosciusko counties every Monday to practice, learn, socialize and perform four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style. For more information call 765-677-SING or go to www.christmascitychorus.org

GARDNER MEETING

The Wells County Master Gardeners will meet Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Wells County 4-H Park. The program for the meeting will be presented by Master Gardeners, Ruth Yoder, of Yoder Greenhouse, Tom Woodward, and Melvin, a representative of M&M Greenhouse in Adams County, with the topic being, "What's New for 2012". This is the 3rd year for the trio to present the program and is always a favorite of those attending. Several varieties of new plants will be available. There is no charge for the program, no reservation is needed, and the public is welcome to attend.

MUZZLELOADER CALL OUT

4-H muzzleloader shooting sports will be meeting Sunday, April 15, 2012 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Show Arena Hier's Park. For more information contact Kari Moon 260-273-9700 or the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826.

ALDRIDGE PARTY

The public is invited to attend a party Sunday April 15, 2012 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park with the guest of honor being Linda R. Aldridge. This celebration is to honor Linda for her 30 years of service to Huntington County 4-H and so many other unspoken task that Linda did in here 30 years working for Purdue Extension - Huntington County. If you have pictures that you would be willing to share with everyone please drop them by the Purdue Extension Office no later the Friday April 13, 2012.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Dogwood Glen will be hosting Sunday Brunch on April 22nd from 11am-1pm. Buffet menu provided by Kim's Katered Affair will include: Breakfast Pizza, Spring Vegetable & Cheese Frittata, Brown Sugar Baked Ham, Fried Chicken, Lasagna, Cheesy Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Vegetable Medley, Assorted Salads, Breads, Desserts and Beverages. Cost: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for ages 10 & under. Please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750 for Reservations. Carry-out is also available.

FUND RAISER

Work continues to get the building ready for Switch Up. This will be a meeting place for young people in Van Buren. A fund raiser is scheduled for April 25 at Buffalo Wings Restaurant in Marion.

Those attending will need a coupon. Coupons are available

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

Thank you is such a small word but I have no other words to replace it. Thank you to all for a successful Third Annual Love Unity Feast.

Twenty Six Huntington County churches worked together March 4th to raise operating funds for Love In the Name of Christ. Volunteers from the churches purchased, prepared and donated the food necessary to feed over 400 people. There were 200 pies, cakes, cupcakes and cookies to be served at the meal and sold during the bake sale and Victory Noll made 12 "specialty" pies that were to be sold as whole pies.

The Huntington County Chapter of Thrivent Financial provided all the pork for the feast and will match a portion of the profit. Other business donating needed items were Deweese Soft Water and Appliance Sales, Pizza Junction, Builders Mart, The Café of Hope and Rupley Farm Equipment. Thank you to the Joy Pleaser's Clown Ministry for providing entertainment to both children and adults.

Thank you to the Huntington Herald Press, the Huntington Tab and the Warren Weekly for providing media coverage. A big thank you to the Huntington Park Department for providing extra tables and an area to plug in the roasters until needed. Thank you to the Malta House and Boy Scout Troop 130 for set up and clean up help.

Thank you to all who gave their time and money on a Sunday to come to eat. There were no left overs as they were all used at the New Life Café and the Malta House.

We asked the Lord for help on this endeavor and we were greatly blessed! What a great community we live in.

Please mark March 3, 2013 on your calendar for the 4th Annual Love INC Feast on your calendar and plan on joining us next year. God Bless Your All

The Love In The Name of Christ Unity Feast Committee.

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

What a beautiful Easter day we had. I hope each of you had a wonderful day such as we did. All of us shared in the food prep and had easy food to fix. Of course we had to have an Easter hunt for the little great gran, which her Mommie had prepped her on what to do and she really got into it.

It was fun for all of us to watch her. It had been several years since we had the fun of this since all the grandkids had rather out grown the idea, but I think the son in laws had just as much fun as anyone did. It made me remember the one and only time I got an Easter basket which I found beside my bed that morning. It was a tiny basket of about 2 inches square and had one colored egg, a tiny little metal car and one piece of candy. I thought that was the most wonderful thing and the greatest Easter ever. I was probably about five years old. I think every year of that special time. There is hardly no comparison to what our great gran received today, but

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Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Heath Jones Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m. Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m. Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA Pastor Richard Evans 260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Dick Case, Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship Service 8:15a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship 9:00 a.m. 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat</p> <p>Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW HOPE MINISTRIES 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/489-1456 260/375-4224</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Rev Mark Davis Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873 Kathy Newton, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Devin Cook</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor</p> <p>Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Youth 6:7-30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Pastor Brian Holland</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Mid-Week (Thurs) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Youth Meetings-Wed 7:00 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Wass, Pastor</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun) 6:00 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Minister Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service. 7:00p.m. www.warrenwesleyan.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:30 am Youth Group 6:00 pm Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>
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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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at the Van Buren Town Clerk's Office and from others working on the project. Switch Up will receive 15% from the proceeds.

TENDERLOIN SUPPER

A Tenderloin Supper will be held Saturday, April 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. sponsored by the Popcorn Festival Committee. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased at the Clerk-Treasurer office Van Buren, Markle Bank and committee members.

SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Dogwood Glen's Thursday Senior Scramble will be begin play on Thursday, May 3rd at 9am. The scramble is open to the public, you do not need to be a member. Please be at the clubhouse by 8:45 and checked in for play to begin at 9.

PHARMACY INSURANCE

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SWIM LESSONS

We are offering lessons at Heritage Pointe this spring and summer. Email Stacia Perry at sperry@ummh.org if interested in lessons. We need to know child's name, age and abilities in water. Lessons will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for 3 weeks. We will start on April 19 and go through May 8th. Price will be \$40.00 per child or \$70.00 for 2 children from the same family. Tentative schedule is 4:00-4:50 3 1/2, 4 and 5 year olds. 5:00-5:50 is 6, 7, and 8 year olds basic stroke development. 6:00-6:50 will be advanced swimmers of any age.

If there is a great enough demand we will offer 2 and 3 year old parent assist class. These times may change depending on demand. We will

get back with parents by April 17.

OFFICER TRAINING

4-H alumni from Purdue University, West Lafayette will be meeting with all local 4-H Club officers Monday, April 16, 2012 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. We will start with introductions and a mixer with we do with the kids for about 15 minutes. Then we break them up into groups according to which office they are in. We then bring the group back together and have a mock meeting, the first one is what not to do at a meeting, then we show them how a meeting should be ran, after that we ask the kids what was wrong with the first meeting and that concludes our officer training. This training is sponsored by the Huntington County Junior Leaders. For More information contact Purdue Extension Office Huntington County 260-358-4826 or jhighley@purdue.edu.

TASTE OF SPRING

Just a friendly reminder from the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce that the Third Annual "A Taste of Spring" Wine & Ale Tasting Event is being held at Dogwood Glen Golf Course on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Satek Winery of Fremont, IN will be providing a variety of eight different tantalizing wines for the evening which include: Dry Traminette, Coro Noir, Larry's Luscious, 101 Lakes Red, Autumn Classic, Blackberry, Raspberry, and Mango Mania. For those that prefer the ales and lagers, the Mad Anthony Brewing Company of Fort Wayne, IN will provide a variety of six different brews to temp your palate which include: "Gabby Blonde" Lager, "Auburn" Lager, "OL' Woody" Pale Ale, IPA (India Pale Ale), No. 3 Irish Red, and "Ruby" Raspberry Wheat. New for this year is the Olive Twist providing a delicious olive oil and vinegar tasting bar that you will not want to miss. Our delectable appetizers will be created locally by Kim's Katered Affair of Warren, IN. In addition to the wines, ales, food and fun we add the silent auction event as well as great door prizes that will be drawn throughout the evening. VIP tickets are \$50 per person which allows early admission at 6:30 p.m. with increased opportunities for more great door prizes, drawing of a deluxe prize and an outstanding presentation from the Olive Twist on great cooking with their vinegars and olive oils. General admission tickets are \$35 per person with admission at 7:30 p.m. This great evening will come to a close at 10:00 p.m. for all.

Our Champagne Sponsors for 2012 include: Dr. Robert H. Berghoff, DDS; Citizens Telephone; East of Chicago Pizza Co.; Family Hospice & Palliative Care; Gebhart's Floral Barn; Heritage Pointe/Dogwood Glen; Kim's Katered Affair; PNC Bank; Shuttleworth Insurance and T. D. Wall Inc.

Please plan to join us for this great evening of entertainment, with proceeds to benefit the Warren Downtown Park Project which is sure to provide a great benefit to our community. Tickets are available at the following local businesses: East of Chicago Pizza Co., Citizens Telephone, PNC Bank and Markle Bank (Warren Office). For additional event information and ticket availability, please contact Jeff Souder at 260-375-6199.

Pictured left are Joanie Paxson, Office Manager and Neil Laymon, General Manager of Citizen's Telephone, a Champagne Sponsor for the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual "A Taste of Spring" Wine & Ale Tasting Event. The event will be held on May 5th at Dogwood Glen Golf Course in Warren. Proceeds from the event will be used for the Warren Downtown Park Project. Tickets are available at the following Warren businesses: East of Chicago Pizza Co., Citizens Telephone, PNC Bank and Markle Bank. For additional event information and ticket availability, please contact Jeff Souder at 260-375-6199.



TASTE OF SPRING SPONSORS

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.

- Apr 14 Noon Four Zs Miniz Annual Wether Sale, 7920S 900W 90, Warren IN (McNatt)
- Apr 14 4:30-7p.m. United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper @ KBC
- Apr 16 TAX DAY
- Apr 16 6:30 p.m. KBC Board Meeting at KBC
- Apr 18 7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council
- Apr 21 4-7p.m. Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken at KBC for SSF - buy tickets from SSF Committee Members
- Apr 21 Jackson Alumni Banquet
- May 7-12 Town of Warren Spring Clean-Up
- May 12 Warren Alumni Banquet, contact Jim Howell 375-3048
- May 14 6:30 p.m. SSF Meeting at Sportsman's Club
- 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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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

DEAN'S LIST

Paige Huff of Warren achieved Dean's List status for the Fall 2011 semester at the University of Saint Francis. She is studying Communication Arts and Graphic Design.

Students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale and have carried at least 12 credit hours.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, April 4 at 7 pm. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber conducted the meeting which opened with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Preceding the regular meeting a Public Hearing was held concerning the raise in rates for trash pick-up in Van Buren.

Three senior citizens were in attendance for the hearing. They were concerned about why they should pay the same rate for one bag of trash as those with the limited number of bags. The new rates will go into effect May 1. The rates are \$11.00 for local residents and \$8.00 for senior citizens. If you are a senior citizen you may call the Clerk-Treasurer's office for the senior citizen rate.

In the first order of business following the hearing, Council approved Ordinance 2-2012, allowing for an increase in rates for trash pick-up in Van Buren. It was noted that this is the first rate increase since 1997.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about getting the town cleaned up. There was a discussion about the situation and it was explained what the town is responsible for and what property owners are responsible for.

There was concern about semis turning onto Hill Street and

causing damage to the Lions Club yard and minor damage to the building when hit by the semis on a couple occasions. It was noted there needs to be an agreement with the state since the frontage is on State Road 5.

Officer Pat Collins gave the police report. He said the new 2013 Ford Taurus car had been delivered. He asked Council for approval to purchase necessary equipment for the new vehicle. Council approved.

Superintendent Rob Reeder gave his report. He noted that they are unable to use the older tri-pod. To purchase a new one costs \$700. Council approved the purchase.

Due to a major water leak a citizen had received an adjustment for the first month. The property owner was requesting further adjustments. This request had been made to the Clerk-Treasurer but Council felt they should have been at the meeting for final decision.

Town Clean-Up will be May 4, 5 and 6.

Town Rummage is set for June 15 and 16.

CAMP RILEY REGISTRATION

Camp Riley empowers children with physical disabilities by providing enriching, life-changing experiences in a traditional camping environment tailored to their individual needs. For 57 years, campers have shattered perceived limitations, met new friends and reached higher achievements, allowing them to return home with an increased sense of independence and confidence.

Those interested in attending Camp Riley in 2012 should visit RileyKids.org/Camp to complete an online application and secure a spot for this year's summer sessions.

Children can attend one of five

Camp Riley sessions offered during a five-week span. Sessions offer camaraderie and thrills through swimming, hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, canoeing, art projects and other activities. New families may also attend Newcomer's Day on Saturday, May 26 to learn more about Camp Riley. The staff-to-camper ratio never exceeds 1-to-3.

Camp Riley takes place at Bradford Woods, Indiana University's outdoor recreation center located 20 miles southwest of Indianapolis (in Martinsville, Ind.). In 2011, 221 campers, including 51 new campers, attended Camp Riley. Campers represented 64 Indiana counties and five states: Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. Since 1955, Camp Riley has been a "home away from home" to more than 12,000 children.

Riley Children's Foundation subsidizes the majority of each child's camper fee. The fee families are asked to pay is determined on a sliding scale related to household income. In 2010, 36 percent of Camp Riley families qualified for a reduced camper fee. Families are also encouraged to raise money to send their child to Camp Riley. Donors interested in providing the Camp Riley experience to Indiana children with the gift of a campership should contact Riley Children's Foundation.

Questions should be directed to Riley Children's Foundation at 1-877-867-4539 or campriley@rileykids.org.

Camp Riley offers five levels of camp programming:

Riley 1 (June 17-22, 2012) Age: 8-18 - This one-week session is for campers who benefit from a 1-to-1 staff-to-camper ratio.

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Riley 3 (July 8-20, 2012) Age: 8-18 - This two-week session is specifically designed for campers who are ready for a longer camp experience and thrive in a 1-to-3 staff-to-camper ratio.

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About Riley Children's Foundation

Riley Children's Foundation supports Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, Camp Riley and the James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home. As Indiana's only comprehensive hospital dedicated exclusively to the care of children, Riley Hospital has provided compassionate care, support and comfort to children and their families since 1924. Each year children from all 92 Indiana counties turn to Riley Hospital and its regional clinics throughout the state more than 350,000 times. Riley Hospital's partnership with Indiana University Health and its strong affiliation with the Indiana University School of Medicine make Riley Hospital the leader in pediatric care in the state and the region. RileyKids.org

SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Indiana Conservation Officers want to remind residents of the upcoming spring turkey season and encourage hunters to take

the opportunity to get out and bag their spring bird.

Turkey Season opens on April 25. Spring turkey season allows one male or bearded turkey to be harvested per licensed hunter. Hunter orange is not required by law but is considered an important safety consideration when going afield or leaving their hunting areas. An important safety tip would be to avoid wearing red, blue, or white clothing.

Hunters are reminded to be sure of their intended target and what is beyond. Because turkey hunting involves calling active male turkeys it is also important to remember not all calls are from wild birds.

In 2010 an estimated 63,000 hunters took part in the 19 day spring season and harvested a record 13,742 wild turkeys. Turkeys were extirpated from the state of Indiana by the 1900's. Restoration efforts were launched in 1956. In 2012 all 92 counties in Indiana have resident wild turkey populations.

Legal turkey hunting requires a valid license and game bird stamp. Legal equipment is limited to shotguns 10, 12, 16 or 20 gauge as well as archery equipment. Use of bait, or any substance or product for animal consumption, is restricted by law.

Licensed, ethical hunters know the rules and play by them but poachers don't. Hunting season increases the likelihood that law-abiding hunters will encounter poaching, which is the illegal taking of fish, game or non-game wildlife. When that happens, Conservation Officers encourage hunters to use the TIP hotline to file a complaint. TIP is an acronym for Turn in a Poacher or Polluter.

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LEWIS

Violet I. Lewis, age 78, of Huntington, died at 4:03 p.m. Wednesday (April 4, 2012) at her residence.

Violet was born on June 4, 1933 in Marion to Allen Leon and Mary Edna (Purtee) Ellis. She graduated in 1951 from Monument City High School. Violet married Tommie Keith Lewis on May 5, 1951 in Andrews and preceded her in death on September 29, 1999.

Violet was the owner of Violet Lewis Herbs Shop in Huntington since September 1980. She also worked in Food Service at Victory Noll in Huntington for 12 years.

Violet is survived by two daughters—Beverly Anne (Nick) Schepper of Waterford, Michigan and Sandra Elaine Eppler of Markle; one son—Gary Lee (Billie Jean) Lewis of Huntington; one brother—Jack Ellis of Kokomo; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her parents, husband and a sister—Carolyn Jean Ellis preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday (April 10, 2012) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial followed in the Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Huntington House in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

SIMMONS

Helen V. Simmons, age 76, a life long resident of Huntington, died at 6:54 p.m. Thursday (April 5, 2012) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Helen was born on December 19, 1935 in Huntington, and was the daughter of Ira and Ruth (Nunemaker) Walters. She married William "Bill" Simmons on June 19, 1953 in Huntington. He died on February 20, 2008.

Helen worked for 43 years as an Inspector for H-K Porter in Huntington and volunteered for the Salvation Army for many years. She was a member of the V.F.W. Post# 2689 Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's Ministry of the Salvation Army.

Survivors include two sons—Ron Simmons of Warsaw and David (Redonna) Simmons of Fort Wayne; two daughters -

Barbara (William) Fisher of Huntington and Tammy (Leslie) Fernandes of Hagertown, Maryland; three brothers—Eugene (June) Walters of Milford, Kansas, Ronald (Kathy) Walters of Marion and Gary (Cheryl) Walters of Hershey, Texas; one sister—Florence Crago of Warren; fifteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. Her daughters—Vicky Ham and Robin Simmons, brothers—Jason Walters, Donald Walters, Robert Walters, Jack Walters, Jerry Walters and Terry Walters and sisters—Beatrice Reichley, Rosemary Walters, Jeraldine Stephens, Pauline Wilkerson and Margaret Henline preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday (April 11, 2012) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington with Captain Tim and Sally Sell officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Salvation Army or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.



TO CELEBRATE 50TH

Marvin & Rosemary (Haupthof) Zeller of Warren will celebrate 50 years of marriage with a family gathering.

The couple was married on April 21, 1962 at the Warren United Church of Christ.

Marvin served in the United States National Guard from 1958 to 1966. He owned and operated Zeller Construction until his retirement in 2004. Marvin has been an avid International Harvester Collector for many years serving on both local and state collector associations.

After working many years for Sohigro & Terra International, Rosemary retired from North Central Co-Op in 2006. Rosemary is still very active in the Warren community doing volunteer work and is presently employed as secretary of the Warren United Church of Christ and also Zeller Construction.

The couple have three daughters, Claudia (Chod) Boxell, Janis (Larry) Highley, both of Warren and Vicki (Rick) Lahr of Markle.

They also have seven grandchildren, Shelby and Taylor Boxell, Aaron and Brian Highley, Austin and Kyle Laux and Taylor Lahr.

They currently reside at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Cards may be sent to 801 Huntington Avenue #25, Warren, IN 46792.

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Anyone can use the TIP hotline but hunters are more likely to witness violations.

It's quick and simple to report a violation. The toll-free TIP phone number is 1-800-TIP-IDNR (1-800-847-4367). Complaints also can be filed online at tip.IN.gov.

LIVING FAITH YOUTH CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW

The tenth annual car, truck, and bike show sponsored by the youth of Living Faith Missionary Church is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. This event is a major fundraiser for the youth which enables them to participate in summer camps.

Thirty-two trophies will be awarded that day including Best of Show for car and bike, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Paint, Pastor's Choice, and Youth Choice. Each participant will receive a dash plaque. Cars and trucks from previous decades will be displayed by their proud owners. Registration of all vehicles will run from 8-11 am. Registration per vehicle is ten dollars.

Concessions will be offered all day long. Mr. Eddie Ferguson will be the DJ for the day. Door prizes will be awarded to those individuals registering a vehicle for the show.

The youth of the church have worked hard in publicizing the show by contacting businesses in Ossian, Bluffton, Decatur, and Waynedale to receive permission to post flyers in their stores.

This is a special occasion since it has been ten years since the inception of the car show. Around 250 individuals or couples have been a part of this

annual car, truck, and bike show over the years.

Living Faith Missionary Church—the church with the sign—is located on State Road One just north of Ossian. The public is welcome. Questions? Call Tim Mann at 597-7288.

IS YOUR ASH WORTH SAVING?

The Purdue Extension Service of Blackford County will be hosting a program on April 17: Treat It - Keep It/Leave It - Lose It. The program will assist homeowners in deciding if they should treat their Ash trees to prevent the devastating Emerald Ash Borer Insect. The average 20" diameter Ash tree has an annual value of \$270 when property values, air quality, and aesthetics are considered. Find out if your Ash tree is worth saving, April 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Blackford County Fairgrounds. Please RSVP by April 13 to 765.348.3213 or cluppers@purdue.edu. There is no cost to attend this program.

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SAVING IT FOR GOOD

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Why do we save our good stuff for a special occasion? Make memories with your pretty things so your children will know they are special to you!

1. Good China
2. Nice glasses
3. Linen table cloths.
4. Pretty underwear or night gowns
5. Good purses
6. New towels
7. Special bottles of bubble bath and soap
8. Cloth napkins
9. Candles
10. Good silverware
11. Fancy tea pots or silver tea services
12. Stationery cute notepads

We all have some of these things stashed in our cabinets, linen closets and our dresser drawers. They are just sitting there unloved and collecting dust. We got them for wedding presents or our parents handed them down to us. You may have purchased them for yourself. They are all waiting to be unpacked and used to bless us or our families.

Let me tell you why I think they are unloved and why we don't use them. We have put them in a place that we can't easily get to them. They are in a box in the garage, on a shelf in the basement, stuck so far back under your cabinets, that it would take two hours to pull them out or they are on the very top shelf and you need a ladder to get to them. Then if you do get them out, they are filthy dirty and need to be washed. We don't have time to enjoy our pretty things. So we hide them away. We don't have to see them and feel guilt about not using them or we really don't love them at all.

If we will get rid of the clutter that is in our kitchen, our linen closets and our china cabinets, we will have more room for the things that you love. When we take the time to get them clean, they will be ready to use. There is another benefit.

When we set a formal table, we can teach our children proper table manners. Many times we eat with our fingers, when we have sandwiches and pizza. Our children have no clue which fork to use first or how to use a butter knife or cut meat. If we are going to help our children feel comfortable in these types

of situations, they need practice. This is a good time to let them practice, setting the table and using their best table manners. This has become a lost art. They will need this one day, when a boss asks them over for dinner or at their own wedding.

As for the other items you have stashed in dresser drawers, don't wait till your family buries you in them; then is too late for you to feel sexy wearing them. Get them out and wear those pretty undies. You will be so surprised at how good you will feel, and no one will know. This goes for those night gowns you have stashed too. You know the ones you have gotten for Valentine's Day.

If you are not going to use them, then you might as well give them to someone that will. If you never liked them, then release them and have no guilt about it. Give them away, someone will love them and you will be blessed by your gift.

Make every day a celebration, by treating your family like they are company! This is what FLYing is all about. Loving yourself enough to enough your pretty things now while you can.

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 Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter* published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2012 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

TIPS TO TEACH CHILDREN

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

April is National Financial Literacy Month, and your bankers are encouraging parents to take this opportunity to teach your children the importance of financial responsibility.

By making financial education a family priority, children can learn the importance of budgeting, saving, investing and using credit wisely. The path to financial success begins at home, and children learn best by watching the example their parents set.

The following tips are simple ways that parents can provide the foundation necessary for their children to make sound financial decisions for the rest

of their lives.

1. Teach children to save starting from a young age. Encourage young children to save their birthday money from grandma, coins they find on the car floor and other money in a piggy bank or a shoe box. Have them count the money at the end of each month to see how their savings grow.

2. Open a savings account for your children. Once your child is older and receives an allowance in addition to potentially earning money for doing household chores or babysitting, take him or her to your bank to open a savings account. Teach your child to set aside a portion of the money they earn every month to deposit into this account.

3. Have your children help manage household monthly bills. Teach your children about paying monthly bills and balancing a checkbook by having them assist with simple finance tasks. For example they open the monthly phone, electric or cable bill and assist with balancing the family checkbook after these bills are paid. Teach them how to budget by using your family expenses as an example.

4. Look for children's financial literacy programs in your community. Financial literacy programs are often sponsored by local banks, and April is an ideal time to be on the lookout. Also many schools are adding financial literacy components to their programming. If financial literacy is not being offered in your child's school, ask the principal if it could be added.

5. Open a checking account for your children. High school students often hold part-time jobs, providing a stream of income that can go into both savings and checking accounts. Now is also a good time to discuss the importance recording every deposit and withdrawal to avoid overdraft fees and other unnecessary charges that can come with a checking account. Help high school students set long-term goals by designating how much money to put into savings, with the remainder going into their checking accounts.

6. Teach your older children how to create and stick to a budget. Once your children are close to going off to college, they must learn how to budget,

as they will soon be doing so on their own. Sit down and work together to create a realistic budget, including expenses such as renter's insurance and other less obvious expenditures. Emphasize the importance of living on less than one's income and of avoiding debt. Discuss how to responsibly use credit, look for low interest rates, and avoid late fees and interest payments.

This information is provided with the understanding that the Association is not engaged in rendering specific legal, accounting or other professional services. If specific expert assistance is required, the services of a professional should be sought. Provided as a public service by the Indiana Bankers Association.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

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YouTube channel such as tax filing how-to videos from the IRS, getting youth involved in the national parks and how to best prepare for an emergency from FEMA. Find informational videos put together by federal agencies, as well as winners from previous video contests. You can also visit the Kids.gov YouTube channel for fun, kid-friendly videos on exciting government careers, from designing money at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to being a chef at the White House.

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KEEPING KIDS SAFE FROM DANGEROUS PEOPLE

(StatePoint) Peril can be lurking around every corner, so make sure your children know how to protect themselves from dangerous situations.

These days, keeping kids safe is more complicated than just warning them not to talk to strangers. Criminals can come in all shapes and sizes, and sometimes it's someone who you least suspect who can cause the most trouble.

"Many times, a criminal is hiding behind a warm, friendly smile," says Lis Wiehl, Fox News Analyst and author of the recently released, "Eyes of Justice," the fourth novel in her Triple Threat series.

Wiehl's novels are informed by her former work as a federal prosecutor, and her current role as a television journalist covering some of the most heinous crimes. Trained to sniff out the bad guys, she advises all parents to "teach kids about potential dangerous situations and people without frightening them."

Children and parents should keep several tips in mind to prepare for, and help avoid, dangerous circumstances, stresses Wiehl:

- Use the buddy system. When

children are walking home from school or going to the park, they should always have at least one friend with them. There is safety in numbers, as children are much less vulnerable when they are not alone.

- Keep an open dialogue. As a parent, it is important to know about your children's new friends. Don't feel like it's overbearing to have an open, honest conversation about the happenings in your children's lives.

- Monitor Internet usage. Children can never be sure who they are associating with online. "Predators are always online searching for vulnerable children," says Wiehl, "You don't have to spy on them. Just keep an eye out. It's parenting."

- Specify safe places. Work with your children to establish "safe havens" for them to go to if they sense trouble while out of the house. These should be places you both are familiar with, like a friend's house or a community center. Also, discuss with your child secure places to play and safe walking routes.

- Teach your children to trust themselves. More often than not, children can tell when a situation doesn't feel right. If your children feel uneasy by their surroundings, they should not ignore those feelings. Teach them to be assertive and remove themselves from situations that feel dodgy.

More information on Wiehl's books can be found online at www.LisWiehlBooks.com.

Remember, while you can't hide your children from the hazards of the world, you can prepare them to be ready for worst-case scenarios. That could make all the difference in the world.

JOB HUNTING TIPS FOR

GRADS

(StatePoint) For graduates hunting for a job, daily headlines about unemployment rates can be disheartening. But many experts say that a down economy is not an insurmountable hurdle toward finding a great job.

"Even when the job market is discouraging, adopting the right attitude and strategies can help you break into any organization in any industry and start climbing the ladder to success," says Pete Leibman, a career

coach, and author of the new book, "I Got My Dream Job and So Can You."

Leibman, who landed his dream job right out of college working for the NBA's Washington Wizards, offers these tips for those starting out in the workforce:

- No excuses. Don't let the media's coverage of the economy scare away your job-searching motivation. You only need one job, and one break. Not 25 jobs, not 100. When you take that into consideration, the unemployment rate won't seem so daunting.

- Don't have a back-up plan. Commit to your goal with a resilient spirit, not a plan for failure. Of course, you'll need to pay bills in the meantime, and perhaps answer to mom and dad, so accept other work - temporarily. It is not a matter of "if," it's a matter of "when" you break into your ideal career.

- Be accountable. Landing a job is a job in and of itself. So set weekly and daily goals that include talking to the people in a position to hire you. Track your time to make sure you are managing your day effectively.

- Networking is important. Over 70 percent of all jobs are filled behind the scenes through personal contacts and networking, says Leibman. But it's not about who you know, and who knows you. The truth is that networking is all about who likes and respects you. When it comes to your contacts, quality is the key.

- Be likable. To be likable, start by liking yourself. Doing so will come across in your body language and your communication skills, and this will help you both personally and professionally. The next step is to genuinely like others without kissing up or using flattery. People naturally like people who are similar to themselves, so draw on commonalities between you and potential employers to win them over.

- Stand out. Your resume is not as important as you think. Top employers may receive hundreds or thousands of unsolicited resumes every week. While using keywords and high-tech software programs to beat a computer system's screening process can help, the best way to stand out in a stack of resumes is to never

end up in the stack in the first place! Through strategic networking, you can avoid this fate.

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The working world can be a competitive place for a new worker, but with the right strategies you can land a great job, even in a questionable economy.

GET YOUR CHILDREN

VOLUNTEERING

(SPM Wire) April is National Volunteer Month and there is no better time for you to get involved in the community. Set a great example for your children by volunteering with them when they are young.

Here are a few great volunteer ideas for parents and kids:

Visit a nursing home: The simple act of sharing a story or playing a game could brighten an elderly person's day.

Donate food: Have your children pick out items at the grocery store; then take the food to a pantry together.

Clean up: Pick up litter in a local park. It could be a fun way to get outdoors and will instill in your children respect for the environment.

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it is all special regardless of what that great and mysterious bunny leaves for you.

I sincerely hope all of you had a wonderful day. I am looking forward to a few more weeks when I can put the flowers out that I have kept over thru the winter. I also have some annuals looking to be outside that I planted in trays a few weeks ago. Also I have lettuce coming up in pots on the deck that will be ready in another couple weeks. In my mind spring is truly on the way providing we don't have another run of summer.

Today for our dinner I fixed a hash brown casserole that seen to go well, I used a 20 ounce bag of frozen hash browns 1 can cream chicken soup, 1 can milk, salt pepper garlic powder, 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, 1/2 half of large onion diced fine 2tablespoon melted butter. Mix together hash browns, cheese, onion and salt, pepper and garlic powder, heat soup, milk and butter till butter is melted and add into the potato mix. Pour into a lightly sprayed 9x13 casserole dish and top with a 1/2 cup or more of cheese and cover with foil and bake about 30 minutes and remove the foil bake another 15 -20 minutes.

Happy Spring



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