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Thought for the Week: He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. — Roy L. Smith

RESCHEDULED

The Warren Town Council will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 19th at 5:00 pm for a Regular Meeting of Council rescheduled from Monday, December 17th.

PAPER ON BREAK

Due to the dates of Christmas and New Year's the Warren Weekly will not be published for the next two weeks. We'll see you at the beginning of the new year!

OFFICE MOVING

Karen Campbell's insurance office located at 121 N Wayne St, Warren, is moving to her home at 2300 W 1000 S, Warren. Hours of operation are by appointment only. Please call 260-375-2424.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

On Friday evening, December 21, Heritage Pointe of Warren will host a special Christmas Program & Candle Lighting Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel. Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz and Dick Case invite you to enjoy an evening of Hymns, Scripture, Special Music and wonderful fellowship together as we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior JESUS CHRIST.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Church at McNatt will be presenting a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service beginning at 11 p.m. The reading of the Christmas Story will be paired with recorded music from artists

such as the Statler Brothers, Celtic Woman, Pentatonix, Manheim Steamroller, and many others. Come, sit back and let the story and the music prepare your mind and soul for Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Salamonie Church will be hosting "A Joyous Christmas" Christmas Eve Service.

"A Joyous Christmas" is a collage of Christmas music performed by various musicians, vocalists and children of the church. Come celebrate the birth of our Lord with us.

Call Salamonie Church for more information.

REMNANT HOUSE MINISTRIES

Please join the Warren Community in supporting the Remnant House Ministry, a Christian based drug addiction program for Women, featuring Pastor Dawn Adkins, Founder & Executive Director of Radical Restoration Ministries.

A Benefit Supper & Auction will be hosted Monday, January 14 at the Warren United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. The Free-will donation supper starts at 6pm, with a Live Auction starting at 7 pm, as well as a silent auction. Testimonies from the women will be presented during the event.

Some of the Promotional Items to be auctioned are a TV, Hot Air Balloon Ride, Full

Set of Tires, Spray Tans, Propane Gas, Bakery Items and much more!

#nooneistoofargone For more information, please contact theremnantministries.org, or call 260-388-6020. Hope to See you January 14 at 6pm.

HOLIDAY HOURS

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Wednesday, December 26.

In addition, branches will be closed Tuesday, January 1 in

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*We are better throughout the year
for having, in spirit, become a child
again at Christmastime.*

Laura Ingalls Wilder

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THANK YOU

Thank you Warren Sportsmen Club for sharing your time and talents sponsoring the December 5, 2018 Soup Supper to benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

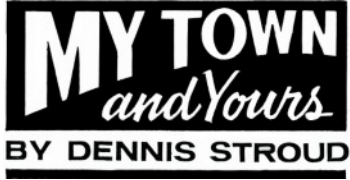
Thank you Warren Community for your attendance and donations of food items and monetary gifts at the annual fall benefit supper for the pantry.

The pantry received five hundred and twenty five dollars, plus a large grocery cart full of non perishable items..

Thank you for caring and helping the pantry fill it's mission: Neighbors helping Neighbors.

We wish each of you a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Bread of Life Food Pantry Volunteers



STRANGER IN TOWN CONTINUED

On the way back to Warren the Marshal was trying to make sense out of these maneuvers, when the radio became active with a call from sheriff Marion Van Pelt at Huntington, requesting for Marshal Wilson to answer. Wilson knew that it could cost his life if he answered so he didn't respond. As they got close to Warren, the gunman fired the shotgun, the blast going through the left rear door. The car pulled into Warren and parked in front of the police station. The gunman put Wilson and Ellerman back into jail and locked them up.

Sheriff Van Pelt at that moment was arriving in Warren in response to an emergency call. He drove to the corner of Main and Third and hurried into the home of Mrs. Lillie Good. The 91-year-old woman lay inside the doorway of her blood-spattered home. She was dead, shot in the throat at point blank range. She was found by one of her sons who lived in Marion.

Van Pelt called his office, ordered more deputies and then called state police in Fort Wayne. The night marshal, Fred Dalrymple, went to the police station and a man came up to him and said, "We just saw that stranger and he was carrying a gun." Van Pelt went toward the bank and Dalrymple opened the police station door. He was greeted by shouts from the jail. Marshal Wilson and Max Ellerman was found.

It was believed the stranger managed to find a hiding place in the Ware Monuments building, which was now surrounded. Sheriff Van Pelt, troopers Jack Beauvois and

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Harold Smith, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00p.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Chad Yoder, Pastor Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt. Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - Ken Thompson Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Monday thru Friday Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. Pator Rusty Strickler Youth Directors Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Bus Service 375-2510 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 Paul Burriss, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wed. Choir 6:30p.m. Monthly Meetings 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Diane Samuels Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt. Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir. 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>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m. Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m. Come as you are for all services</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Jill Miller, Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor Troy & Mindy Drayer Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m. Sunday School all ages 10:45 a.m. Youth Group-Wed 6:30 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 Pastor Cindy Osgood Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30am Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst. Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth: K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609 Pastor Al Soultz Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>
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AREA NEWS

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observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.

HOMESPUN MARKET

This is the last week before Christmas! Homespun Market still has many gift ideas. We would be happy to make up a variety of gift bags for your special person. The handpainted ornaments are marked down \$2 and we only have two wooden door Christmas trees left for your porch.

Spotlight: Debbi Lindhorst – has lived in Warren 32 years. She has been married to Dale for 38 years. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. She has been the owner of Type Galley for 22 years and is a freelance graphic artist. Her new hobby is creating shadow boxes with handmade rolled paper flowers and vinyl lettering captions. Debbi will make custom orders for your special day/event.

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

Continue to follow us in 2019 as we will be adding even more new vendors!

We want to thank you for supporting our new business and local artists in town. Merry Christmas !!

UPCOMING SUPPER

It's that time of the year to mark your 2019 calendar for the Annual Fish & Chicken Supper sponsored by the Huntington County Council on Aging. Our Corporate Sponsor this year is Citizens Telephone Corporation, we do appreciate their sponsorship. The Fish & Chicken Supper will be held on February 1, 2019 at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren.

We do need volunteers for this event. The following are volunteer opportunities: Kitchen prep and Kitchen operations, need 6 people at 9:30 a.m. Fish Breeder's at 1:00 p.m. 6 people. Need several people for the following positions: Serving line: Fish/Chicken, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread/Butter and Ice Cream. Re-fill tables with fish/chicken, fish carriers to servers, beverage table, refill drinks at tables, bus tables, prepare carry outs, wipe trays, dish washers, set up serving lines. Time slots are from 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 6 pm, and 6 to 7 pm. Clean up begins at 7 pm until finished approximately 8 pm.

Call Dick Murray, 260-359-4410, to reserve your time slot for volunteering. I will need about 50 people to help with this event.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Club met Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, in the Calico Room for the Christmas Musical program. President Suellen Jones led the Collect, Roll Call response was "Memory of a Famous Musical Woman". The business meeting was held with a vote and approval to reimburse Karen Hunnicutt for a longer microphone cord.

Kitty Throop and Mary Sell presented a musical program with piano renditions of "Go Tell It To The Mountain" and "Hark The Herald Angels Sing", this one accompanied on the auto harp by Kitty Throop.

Kitty also sang a beautiful solo--"I Wonder as I Wander". Many old and familiar Christmas carols were sung and enjoyed by the entire group—as well as the secular carols of "White Christmas," "Silver Bells," and "Winter Wonderland." "Silent Night", the most universally popular carol, is celebrating its 200th birthday this year.

A delightful Christmas Musical program was enjoyed by all.

Karen Hunnicutt and Suellen Jones served Christmas holiday refreshments to guest Carmen Anderson, members Janet Beavens, Nancy Bonham, Freddie Couch, Betsy Finley, Sharon Gebhart, Jean Grasmik, Phylis Hubartt, Judy Lewis, Collen Oden, LuEllyn Pond, Jane

Ruble, Peggy Schweikhart, Mary Sell, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Carol Spangler, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Betty Yoder, Elaine Eckman, Nancy Smyth.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2019. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

HP SPORTS

Winners of the Pool tourney at Heritage Pointe for the week of December 14, 2018 were Larry Langdon and Ed Hollander. Runners-up were Bud Lee and Max Fordyce. There were 20 players.

PHARMACY FREEBIES

FREE Posters available The Warren Pharmacy has a supply of FREE Posters for the Huntington North Vikings Boys Basketball team for 2018-2019. They are available to fans as a Public Service!

The Warren Pharmacy has FREE posters of the Huntington Foresters Men's Basketball team and a few Media Guides. They are available to fans as a Public Service!

The Warren Pharmacy still has a few of the current Posters of the PURDUE Men's Basketball teams for the 2018-2019 season.

Supplies are limited, but they are FREE!

FREE Calendars, Pocket Planners and Farmers Almanac for 2019

The Warren Pharmacy has FREE Calendars for 2019. There are two choices of 2019 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2018 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family Each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so you can start your day with one piece of Good News! These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2019 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy.

Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2019, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family.

The Warren Pharmacy has the new 2019 Farmers Almanac available. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions and many helpful insights. Best of all, it is FREE when you fill a prescription, or purchase one of the Ananda Professional Hemp derived

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Community Calendar

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

- Dec 17 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
- Dec 19 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting
- Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
- Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan 2 Noon W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at KBC
- Jan 2 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
 Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus
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A WEST VIRGINIA TRAIN TRIP DAY #4

By Larry Ryan
Saturday was another early breakfast at the resort. The bus was scheduled to leave at 7:45am. This time we headed east on Highway #48 at Davis, W. Va.

Just east of Davis, on the north side of the road was a huge coal mining operation.

We passed more hay fields and the pasture fields were, again, well-groomed by cattle. Where were the pigs and sheep? Does Virginia and North Carolina have a monopoly on these animals respectively? There were very few corn or soybean crops noted due to the narrow land size and mountainous boundaries.

One bean field looked

anemic. Speculation was that it would be plowed under to increase the nitrogen in the soil so next year's crop would be significantly better. Most side roads were dirt or gravel.

The bus passed the Apple Harvest Festival at Burlington, W. Va. where there were many flea market booths and entertainment for kids. If we had been traveling independently, this may have been a stop to be a kid for a while. Also, after experiencing the undulating and curvaceous terrain in this state, medical prescriptions for Dramamine and an anti-anxiety product would be a big seller for visitors. Maybe, residents too!

We arrived forty minutes prior to boarding the "Potomac Eagle Train" at Wappocomo Station in Romney, West Virginia. In the depot a prominent sign stated: "Weapons of Any Kind Are Prohibited." I immediately felt much safer in this out-of-the-way, tourist location!

The train left at 10am. and ran south for 1.5 hours as it followed the South Branch of the Potomac River. The ride was very smooth in contrast to the other two train trips. I was informed by the conductor that this train ran on "Ribbon Rails" which are 60ft. long rails that are welded together to create this comfortable sensation.

One of the advertised scenic areas was "The Trough." This was a narrow valley walled in by mountains on each side

with the river cascading below us along our route. A lunch that was pre-ordered began being served as soon as the train began moving. A 10am lunch? I really was not hungry yet but began consuming it as if by order. All the while, we viewed forests, wildflowers, campgrounds, another abandoned basketball goal post and crumbling, stone-walled buildings. History lost! On the return trip, the engine on the back of our train went into action and pulled the line of train cars back to Romney.

Then the bus headed for Blackwater Falls State Park near Davis, W. Va. Again, this park lies within the Allegheny Mountains in Tucker County. The name and dark color of the water is the result of the infiltration of fallen needles from the red spruce and hemlock trees which produce tannic acid.

The scenic, 62-foot waterfalls enters Blackwater Canyon as it leaves Canaan Valley. You may have seen picture puzzles with this photographed location.

CHOCOLATEFEST

The John Chapman Kiwanis Foundation is pleased to announce its 5th annual Kiwanis ChocolateFest at the Orchid Event Center in New Haven on February 8, 2019 from 6-9pm.

The Fort Wayne ChocolateFest 2019 will be featured on February 8th from 6pm-9pm at Orchid

Event Center, 11508 Lincoln Hwy E, New Haven, IN 46774, and will be an evening of chocolate bliss. The evening includes a three chocolate dipping stations (dark, milk, and white chocolate) with other chocolate desserts, a full dinner, live entertainment from the Farmland Jazz Band, cash bar, and this year, they will have a "build your own" ice cream sundae bar. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the event. 100% of the funds raised will go to Riley's Hospital for Children and other area charities and projects.

Bring your friends and neighbors. "We are delighted to partner with the Orchid Event Center to deliver such a prestigious event," said Jim Cherry of the Kiwanis Club of John Chapman Foundation. "This event is to showcase the Kiwanis mission of improving the world, one child and one community at a time. During this particular Friday of Valentine's Day weekend, we will share our mission with chocolate and friends."

Tickets are \$40 each and will include the whole experience! Companies so inclined, may purchase a VIP table of 8 for \$500. VIP tables will have a special centerpiece with the donor's name with recognition in the donations summary brochure.

The foundation appreciates the major financial support

of the McComb Family Foundation, Republic Services, Lomont Realty, Phil Roach Family Dentistry, Vera Bradley, Shawnee Construction, Steel Dynamics Inc., Ed Brower CFP, and Feichter Realty.

For more information, to reserve your tickets, or donate silent auction items, contact the John Chapman Kiwanis Foundation at 260-749-4901. There will be limited tickets available for purchase at the door. Tickets are also available with small service fee at www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-fort-wayne-chocolatefest-2019-tickets-49906500687.

The John Chapman Kiwanis Foundation is a non-profit (501c3) organization which is dedicated to carrying out the global mission of Kiwanis International. Kiwanis Club members are active volunteers in the community

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BROYLES

Arthur Leroy Broyles, 89, of Warren, IN, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, at 7:34 p.m. at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mr. Broyles was a 1948 graduate of Rock Creek High School in Huntington County. After high school he joined the National Guard for six years. He worked for GE in Fort Wayne as a wire mill operator for many years. He was an avid car and tractor collector and was a member of the Warren Antique Tractor Club. He was a volunteer at the Bread of Life Food Pantry and a member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church both of Warren.

He was born on March 14, 1929, in Rock Creek Township to Henry Martin and Aletha Mae Hummer Broyles. He married Rosalind Miser on Thursday, March 21, 1968, in Markle, and she survives.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Brenda (Kelly) Shaw, of Majenica; two sons, David (Joy) Broyles, of Huntington and Daniel (Elaine) Broyles, of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Shannon (Dustin) Hughes, of Roanoke, Aaron (Jessica) Broyles, and Kari Broyles, both of Markle, Darren (Jennifer) Broyles, of Huntington, and Trevor (Julia) Broyles, of Fort Wayne; three step-grandchildren, Tracey Wilson, Chad Waters and Nicole Helvie; five great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Broyles and Timothy Broyles; and a daughter, Janet Kistler.

Calling will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Solid Rock United Methodist Church, 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, with a celebration of life service to follow at 2 p.m. Rev. Paul C. Burris will officiate. After the service all are welcomed to attend an ice cream social at the church. Interment will follow at a later date in the Lancaster Cemetery in rural Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the donor's favorite

charity.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

GAERTE

Hilda L. Gaerte, 94, of Columbia City, IN, and having family in Warren, IN, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, at 12:10 a.m. at Miller's at Oak Pointe, in Columbia City.

Mrs. Gaerte was a 1943 graduate of Larwill High School. She worked at Etna Troy School for six years and was an Avon representative for 33 years, in addition to being a homemaker. She was a member of Etna United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Etna Troy Township to Delbert and Irene Wright Martin. She married Junior E. Gaerte on May 8, 1953, in Columbia City. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Pam (Rick) Martz, of Fort Wayne, and Lori Busche, of Kendallville; a brother, Gail (Carol) Martin, of Columbia City; a sister, Esther (Arden) Rider, of Warren; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes, a Life Story Funeral Home, at 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. A service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Scott Keister Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Etna United Methodist Church or Heartland Hospice, in care of DeMoney-Grimes, a Life Story Funeral Home, at 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN 46725.

FIELDS

James K. Fields, age 23, of Liberty Center, IN and formerly of Huntington, IN died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at 4:11 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Fields worked in production at General Manufacturing in Bluffton.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1995, in Huntington to Wesley K. Fields and Cassandra L. Reser. His father survives in Indianapolis and his mother survives in Angola.

Additional survivors include three sisters, Madilynn Dollar, of Angola, Victoria (James) Drummond, of Peru, and Briannah Fields, of Indianapolis; grandparents, Jeff and Tammi Brown, of Huntington, Greg and Jill Ziggafoose, of Huntington, Oliver Fields, of Indianapolis, and Dave and Toni Reser, of Angola; two great-grandmothers, Donnabe Haneline and Evelyn Fisher, both of Huntington; and a companion, Jason Eltzroth, of Liberty Center.

Calling will be Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will immediately follow at noon, with Rev. Jason Parsons officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to Bailey-Love Mortuary for funeral expenses, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

MANSFIELD

Elizabeth Jean Mansfield, 91, of Decatur, passed away Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, at Swiss Village Nursing Home in Berne.

She was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Decatur, the daughter of Othel and Marie Smith Slusher.

Elizabeth was united in marriage with former Decatur police chief Richard Mansfield Jr. Aug. 14, 1947, and he later preceded her in death March 20, 2001.

Elizabeth was a homemaker.

She is survived by two grand-daughters, Missy (Chris) Smith of Liberty Center and Cindy (Brian) Zeser of Decatur; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Preceding Elizabeth in death is her husband, Richard, and her sister, Kathryn.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the Decatur Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donation can be made to A.C.C.F. Trooper Cory Elson Scholarship Fund.

ADDINGTON

Ace Levi Addington, 21, of Keystone, passed away Sunday morning, Dec. 16, 2018, in Southern Wells County from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Ace was born in Bluffton on Nov. 27, 1997, to Amy Addington. His mother survives.

Ace graduated from Southern Wells High School in 2016; following graduation, he attended Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio, graduating in 2017. He was a member of the American Welding Society, FFA, and Trinity Life Chapel in Geneva.

He was employed by Mid-West Industrial Contractors in Ossian. Ace then worked at Almco Steel Producers Corporation in Bluffton since June of 2018. He worked in the maintenance department welding and hydraulics repair.

Ace enjoyed working on trucks and cars, hunting, four wheeling, blacksmithing and welding. He liked making knives, and most of all he had a love for all kinds of music.

Additional survivors include his grandmother, Judy Addington of Keystone; an uncle and aunt, Denny (Joy) Addington of Bluffton; great-uncle, George Addington Jr. of Keystone; and two cousins, Ashley Addington of Chicago, Ill., and Carson Addington of Dallas, Texas.

Ace was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donald K. Addington.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Terry Werst will officiate. Burial will take place at Alberson Cemetery in Adams County.

Memorial contributions can be made to FFA Southern Wells.

LARKEY

Virgil "Rex" Larkey, 85, of Roanoke, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, at 8:45 p.m. at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lakey served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked at Transport Motors in Fort Wayne for 24 years before becoming a private contractor. He was a reserve for the Huntington County Sheriff Department. He was a past commander at the American Legion Post 160 of Roanoke.

He was born June 25, 1933, in Shelbyville to John and Lucille Scutter Larkey. He married Mary Deemer on June 8, 1957, in Jonesboro, and she survives.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Tami (Leon) Hurlburt, of Huntington; a son, Mike (Kelly) Larkey, of Roanoke; four brothers, Jerry Larkey and Randy (Debbie) Larkey, both of Roanoke; John (Pam) Larkey, of Whitley County; and Dan (Jean) Larkey, of Warren; a sister, Barbara (Bob) Covey, of Huntington; four grandchildren, Jacob (Jessica) Hurlburt and Alyssa (Daniel) Scher, both of Huntington; Mikayla Larkey, of Fort Wayne; and Wyatt Larkey, of Indianapolis; and a great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Larkey.

Calling is Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A funeral service will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Chris Hayden officiating. Interment will be at the Lancaster Cemetery.

Memorials are to Lewy Body Dementia Association, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

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and sponsor youth service programs such as Canterbury High School Key Club, IPFW Circle K Club and the Johnny Appleseed Aktion Club. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. in SunRise Café, 10230 Coldwater Road. For more information on the Kiwanis Club, contact Club Membership at 260-637-8184, like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnchapmankiwanis, or visit www.johnchapmankiwanis.com.

CONFERENCE PLANNED

Purdue Extension will be hosting the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) national professional improvement conference in September 8-12, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Scott Gabbard, Purdue Extension Ag Educator in Shelby County, and Kelly Heckaman, Purdue Extension Ag Educator in Kosciusko County, are the chairpersons for the event. According to Gabbard, this will mark the first time in the 100 years of the Extension Service that Indiana's agricultural Educators have hosted the event. In 2018, more than 30 of Indiana's Extension Educators attended the program that was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Heckaman noted that this is an excellent opportunity for Indiana to showcase its diverse agricultural businesses. Planning for the event has been ongoing for over a year now.

The NACAA event will attract over 1000 Extension professionals from across the nation, giving them a chance to exchange ideas, methods and techniques of working with agricultural and horticultural producers. Besides numerous opportunities to hear presentations from Extension and business leaders, the Educators will have a chance to visit farms and horticultural businesses throughout the northeast corner of Indiana.

Purdue Ag Educators are currently reaching out to farms, organizations and businesses that would be interested in hosting tours, participating in the trade show, giving presentations or providing support in other ways. The Indiana Extension Educators Association (IEEA), which is handling the finances for the program, is a public charity under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c) (3) Section 170. A sponsor packet including trade show information is available at the conference website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/NACAA2019/> by clicking the "Sponsor" tab or by emailing Ed Farris, IEEA Treasurer, at emfarris@purdue.edu

For more information about participating in the NACAA professional improvement conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, contact Gabbard at (317) 392-6460 or Heckaman at (574) 372-2340.

MEMORIAL BOWS

White bows were placed on the Town Christmas Tree this year in memory of loved ones. Red for those still living and Yellow for Veterans and service members.

Bows were placed for George & Helen Bentley - White, Fred & Lela Zimmerman- White, Harry, Maretta Sumwalt- White, Virginia Sumwalt- White, Ed

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White, Tom Phillip Boxell- White, Fred Nunn- White, Barbara Red, Barbara Strayer- Red, Nancy Surfus- Red, Rose Broyles- Red, Susy Boxell- Red, Brett Boxell- Red, Jackie Boxell- Red, Dolly Bryant- Red, Billy Lows Jr- Yellow, Cooper Lows- Red, Kahlen Lows- Red, Angel Marie- White, Martha Morrison- White, Lloyd Morrison- White, Elsie Morrison- White, Leander Morrison- White, Ada Ruble- White, Paul Ruble- White, Brad Morrison- White, Marjorie Fiock- White, Clyde Fiock- White, Marcus Ruble- White, Jackie Ruble- White, Tony Chambers- White, Esther Ruble- White, Holland Ruble- White, Roger Ruble- White, Roger Ruble- Yellow, Robert J Shideler- White, Jane Ann Shideler Rosiek- White, Marcia D Shideler Stroud- Red, Paul, Frances, Mike, Tiny Gilmer- White, Robert James Nevil- Yellow, Philip Burlin Beavans- White, Jeanette Barsha- White, Emory Horn- White, John Tuell- White, Nova Preston- White, Wm Lester Preston- White, Robert E Preston- White, Phyllis M Preston- Red, Eric Vickrey- Yellow, Gary Eltzroth- White, Margaret Slater- White, Robert Slater-

USS Yellow, Hanson Hensley- Red, Rupp Hensley- Red, Baby Hensley- White, Gene Souder- White, Patty Souder- White, Carl Pursifull- White, Gerald & Maxine Sheets- White, John Bill Buzzard- White, Jennifer Bergman- Yellow, Lloyd & Gwen Mains- White, Carl & Pauline Scheib- White, Mike Coolman- White, Nipper/Doc/Pete- White, Rudy Decker- Yellow, Robert Rudy- White, Jackie Huffman- White, George Huffman- Yellow, Richard Doversberger- Yellow, Elwood & Lulu Miller- White, Ralph & Opal Highley- White, Jim Miller- White, Cathy Kay Miller- White, Bob Haley- White, Garry Miller, Connie Miller, Cindy Haley- Red, Paul Bonham- Yellow, Cynthia Bonham- White, ER Bonham- White, Hattie Bonham- White, Bob Rice- Yellow, Athalene Rice- White, Nathan Mills- White, Grandpa Ed Vickrey- White, Grandma Mary Andres Vickrey- White, Paul Blair- White, Viola Blair- White, Jay & Bea Freck- White, Kenny Freck- White, Lenora Freck- White, Claude & Evelyn Bevington- White, Williams Evans- White

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GRATITUDE FOR WHAT WE HAVE

By Daris Howard
It had been a hard year for our family. My father had formed a partnership with a man he had trusted, but the man ended up taking advantage of my father's trust and honesty. The man took all of the incoming money but left my father with the bills. The partnership was broken, leaving my father with no income and hard-pressed to pay the money owed. But he was determined to do so to preserve his good name.

Although there was little money for things like school clothes, we always had enough to eat. We raised a big garden, and it and our farm produced plenty of food. There were times when we children felt the sting of teasing from others because our clothes, though clean and neat, were not the newest style. There were times when we felt left out because other kids our age could go to the evening show at the theater and we couldn't. But when a new family, the Tawsons, moved in near us, we soon realized how lucky we were.

We saw them unloading the moving van and went to help. The children's clothes were even more worn than ours, but the main thing that we noticed was how thin they were. The mother was thin as well, but the father was dressed nicely and was the opposite of thin. The contrast was so stark it was hard not to notice.

As our family helped them move their belongings into the house, we learned little about them. The mother had a job teaching in a local school, while the husband was unemployed. The children said nothing. When my mother brought over a housewarming dinner to finish off our welcome, the Tawson children eyed the food hungrily. When it was set on the table, they ate as if they had fasted for days.

When our family returned home, my father spoke what

was on everyone's mind. "Something is not right there."

It was only a short time later when we learned more. My father had gone to the hardware store to get some hinges to fix a broken door on our barn. While passing the local bar, he saw Mr. Tawson inside drinking and gambling. My father didn't think too much of it, but that same day, my mother caught some of the Tawson children stealing food from our pantry. "What are you doing?" she demanded.

The children hung their heads but said nothing. My mother took them home and visited with their mother. Mrs. Tawson was embarrassed.

"I'm sorry," she said. "But we have nothing in the house to eat." "Doesn't your job provide enough?" my mother asked. Mrs. Tawson could not look my mother in the eye and seemed reluctant to talk, but the situation had torn the mask from the silence. "My husband takes my paychecks and gives me very little back

to buy food. The children are always hungry."

"What does he do with the money?" my mother asked.

"He said that was none of my business," Mrs. Tawson answered tearfully. "Unfortunately, sometimes he uses what food he allows us to have as incentive to make sure we do as he demands." She looked pleadingly at my mother. "Please don't tell him I said anything."

"You tell your children they don't need to steal," my mother said. "They can have food, though I may expect some help weeding the garden or doing other chores in exchange."

That evening, as my mother told my father what had happened, they started piecing it all together.

From then on, the Tawson children were often helping with chores, and, in return they would eat with us and take food home.

And as we grew to understand their situation our desires for what we didn't have changed to gratitude for how good our lives were.

(Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist, playwright, and author, can be contacted at daris@darishoward.com; or visit his website at <http://www.darishoward.com>, to buy his books.)

WORRY SHOULDN'T GET THE BEST OF YOU

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from the American Counseling Association
In today's world, countless things can cause us to worry. Our health, job security, financial issues, school shootings, current politics... the list of potential worries seems endless.

While we can't eliminate all our stresses, being worried about real things can and does perform a needed

function in our lives -- it can lead to action.

On the other hand, needless can actually be harmful.

Needless worry adds unwanted stress to our lives and can even dramatically increase the health risks we face. The secret, of course, is identifying whether a thing causing worry is a real or a needless worry, and learning how to deal with each one.

When faced with anxiety and worry, our body reacts by pumping out a variety of chemicals, such as adrenaline, that cause various physiological reactions. These chemicals fueled our ancestors' "fight or flee" reaction when that angry bear attacked. Although we

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seldom face bears today, our bodies still react the same way. Sustained, chronic worry can raise our risk of heart attack and stroke, increase blood pressure, lead to high cholesterol levels, and give us stomach aches, headaches and even back pain.

The starting point is identifying if the worry bothering us is real or needless. Often it helps to discuss the cause of your worry with someone else. If it is a real concern, one that you can do something about, then you want to channel that worry into action. Begin by making a plan for dealing with the cause of your worry, then carry it through. When you react this way you're making a positive use of worry.

But if the cause of your worry is something beyond your control, you need to act to counter that worry rather than letting it build up inside you. Sometimes that simply means thinking about something over which you do have control or taking a simple action to take your mind off of that needless worry.

If watching the news, for example, makes you stressed and worried, stop watching. If the worry is still with you, refocus by doing something positive. Go for a walk, call a friend, or take a long bath.

Your goal is to stop dwelling on those things you really can't do anything about.

If chronic, especially needless worry is negatively affecting your daily life, consider seeking help from a professional counselor who can help get worry under control.

Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY

GIFT IDEAS

(StatePoint) We've all been there before. Procrastinated or overscheduled our holiday season to the point where we leave ourselves little to no time to shop for loved ones. But great gifts don't necessarily need to be planned months in advance.

These last-minute ideas will bring cheer to the season for gift-givers and recipients alike.

- A Gift Basket: A gift basket is easy to prepare and, if created by you, won't feel last-minute at all. With a few customizations for an individual's preferences, this is an extremely thoughtful gift. Shopping for a person with a sweet tooth? Hit up the candy aisle and get most of your items from there. Shopping for a foodie?

Prepare a basket of interesting herbs and spices from around the world. The possibilities are endless. After you've arranged the items nicely, spiff it up with a few bows and flourishes in your gift recipient's favorite colors.

- A Timepiece: If you're stumped for a gift for that pragmatic, stylish someone that will be appreciated for both its beauty and its functionality, consider a great timepiece in a classic design that will complement a variety of styles, such as those from Casio's Vintage Timepiece Collection. Featuring stainless steel bands in such different metallic color combinations as gold and black, and rose gold and silver, they are equipped with an LED-lit display face, a countdown timer, a 1/100th second stopwatch, as well as a daily alarm, hourly time signal and auto-calendar. This throwback accessory is both useful and fashionable, adding a bold, retro-inspired look to any outfit.

- Movie Night: Everyone loves a trip to the movies, and these days, it's easier than ever to send a loved one to the theater again and again. With a MoviePass membership of just \$9.95 a month, you can give the gift of unlimited theater-going to your favorite cinephile.

This holiday season, don't show up empty-handed or re-gift something generic lying around the house. There are plenty of thoughtful gifts that can be prepared at the last minute

and your recipient will be none the wiser.

10 DOCTOR-RECOMMENDED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

(StatePoint) With the new year upon us, you may be looking for resolutions that will help to keep you and your loved ones healthy and happy in the year ahead.

"This is the perfect time of year to consider your personal goals, and how you can make positive health choices in the coming year," says American Medical Association (AMA) President Barbara L. McAneny, M.D. "Small lifestyle changes today can have a lasting effect in improving your health."

To help you start the year off on the right foot, Dr. McAneny and the experts at the AMA are offering 10 recommendations to help you determine where you can make the most impactful, long-lasting improvements to your health.

1. Learn your risk for type 2 diabetes by taking the self-screening test at DolHavePrediabetes.org. Steps you take now can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.
2. Be more physically active. Adults should do at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.
3. Know your blood pressure numbers. Visit LowerYourHBP.org to better understand your numbers and take necessary steps to get your high blood pressure -

- also known as hypertension - under control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.

4. Reduce your intake of processed foods, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and drink more water instead.

5. If your health care professional determines that you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and antibiotics will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.

6. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans -- up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

7. Talk with your doctor about tobacco and nicotine use and quit. Declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.

8. Pain medication is personal. If you are taking prescription opioids, follow your doctor's instructions, store them safely to prevent diversion or misuse, and properly dispose of any leftover medication.

9. Make sure your family is up-to-date on their vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine for

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everyone age six months or older.

10. Manage stress. A good diet and daily exercise are key ingredients to maintaining and improving your mental health, but don't hesitate to ask for help from a friend or mental health professional when you need it.

The lifestyle choices you make now will have long-lasting impacts. So, this new year, prioritize your long-term health by forming great habits.

8 CLEVER GIFT IDEAS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD TO PLEASE

(StatePoint) Struggling to find gifts for picky recipients can make anyone feel like a Grinch. Avoid the holiday shopping blues this season with this list of go-to gift ideas, all of which are available on such shopping sites as Amazon.

Whether shopping for an indecisive relative or your incredibly particular best friend, you can rest easy knowing you're covered with presents that appeal to everyone.

1. Tile

Perfect for those who can never find their car keys or constantly lose track of their phones, this Bluetooth tracker, paired with Tile's intuitive app, makes it easy to find everything. Gift it to your niece to keep tabs on

her favorite stuffed animal or to a friend who always forgets where she parked.

2. "Good Housekeeping" Cookbook

Featuring 1,200 recipes, the newest edition of the "Good Housekeeping Cookbook" is great for every type of cook, from serious home chefs to kitchen novices. This culinary bible is one food guide friends and family will actually want to use... and maybe they'll test out their newly mastered recipes on you!

3. ME to WE Neema Necklace

The holidays are the season of giving, so consider selecting something that gives back to a bigger cause, like this necklace from ME to WE. Homemade by a woman in Kenya, your purchase gives healthcare access to a mother or child in the same community where the necklace is made, helping them live full, healthy lives.

4. Arbor pulldown kitchen faucet with MotionSense Wave

Whether it's for your friend who's constantly baking delicious -- but messy -- brownies, or your tech-obsessed uncle, this Moen faucet is the ideal present. Its touchless activation allows users to easily turn water on and off with the wave of a hand, providing added convenience and some serious cool factor in the kitchen.

5. Instant Pot

A smart choice for everyone from foodies to busy parents, this handy device does the work of nine common kitchen appliances and can prepare almost anything, from cake to rice to yogurt. Plus, it cooks up to 70 percent quicker than other devices and its functions make mastering one-pot meals a breeze.

6. Nespresso Creatista Plus

A coffee lover's dream, the Creatista Plus not only makes stellar coffee, but comes with a milk frother, too (a non-negotiable for many java addicts). It brews everything from an espresso to a mocha cappuccino with the touch of a button.

7. Amazon Echo

For the techie who dreams of a connected smart home, the Amazon Echo is a perfect place to start. It can play music, make calls, set alarms and timers, start a digital shower and control smart home devices via voice command -- just ask Alexa.

8. Osmo Genius Kit

This award-winning game system aims to turn any 5- to 12-year-old into a genius. It transforms a tablet into a hands-on learning tool to foster social intelligence and creative thinking. Those kids

spend so much time on their devices anyway, they may as well learn something!

For additional inspiration, visit

[amazon.com/shop/GHTested](https://www.amazon.com/shop/GHTested).

We all have those friends or family members who are notoriously hard to shop for. With these gift ideas, you're sure to have them wondering "How did you know?"

4 REASONS TO START YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION EARLY

(StatePoint) Chances are, if you're contemplating a New Year's resolution, shedding those extra pounds is at the top of your list, according to a Marist Poll.

But the best time to make a weight loss commitment is sooner rather than later, according to Dr. Pamela Peeke, chair of the Jenny Craig Science Advisory Board, who is sharing four good reasons to make a pre-New Year's resolution.

Here are her insights to consider, and, if you add the help of Jenny Craig's Rapid Results, you can lose up to 16 pounds in the first four weeks (average weight loss was 11.6 pounds for those who completed the studies), making it a great way to start

an early weight loss resolution.

1: You'll Love Your Holiday Photos. Whether work party snapshots or the chronicling of special moments spent with family and friends, the holidays are loaded with photo ops. But how often have you avoided pictures because you didn't feel good about being in front of the camera?

"A common refrain we hear from members is that they avoided having pictures taken of themselves because they weren't happy with their weight," says Carrie Elkins, division manager for Jenny Craig Anywhere.

By making a commitment now, you can feel healthier and more confident during the holidays -- and have the photos to remember those moments.

2: You'll Be More Proactive and Procrastinate Less. Let's face it: If you know you want to lose weight but are waiting until January to start, you may just be delaying the inevitable. Waiting can set you up for procrastination, and procrastination can actually be harmful, according to the Association for Psychological Science, causing people higher levels of stress and lower well-being. Resolve to start losing weight now before the holiday madness begins and while you have the drive.

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Motivation is key when it comes to preparing the psyche for any important behavior change," says Peeke.

3. Starting Now Means a Different Resolution in January. Beginning your weight loss journey now can give you the confidence to tackle a different resolution in January. So, make a new New Year's resolution! Use the motivation gained by following through on your weight loss goal to fuel your next challenge.

4. The Time is Right. For many Americans, the holiday season starts with Halloween. That's three months of potential overindulgence. In fact, the average American starts to gain weight around Thanksgiving, with weight gain peaking around the December holidays or the New Year and it can take up to five months to lose it, according to Cornell University's Food & Brand Lab. If you can adopt healthy habits before the holidays, you may just counteract these effects to gain less or even maintain your weight during the holidays.

So instead of waiting until 2019 to start making changes, get a head start on your resolution and your journey to better health.

5 WAYS TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

(StatePoint) You may have a long list of New Year's resolutions. Luckily, these days, your efforts can be simplified with the use of

technology. Check out these high-tech ways to achieve your 2019 goals:

- **Focusing:** An ancient practice with renewed popularity today, the benefits of meditation can't be overstated. If you're resolving to meditate in the New Year, you may be hard pressed to actually go about it, particularly if you haven't meditated before. Luckily, there are plenty of handy apps available that can lead you through a guided practice. From Headspace to Stop, Breathe & Think, a calmer day is at your fingertips.

- **Staying Active:** If staying active is a struggle for you, consider some wearable tech for that needed jolt of motivation. Whether you are already an outdoor enthusiast or an aspiring one, a watch that's also an activity tracker, compass, altimeter and more is a great tool for getting active in the New Year. For example, the WSD-F30 from the PRO TREK Smart series has Bluetooth connectivity, Wi-Fi and enables the use of offline maps and GPS log recording for up to three consecutive days. And because it is water-resistant up to 50 meters and boasts environmental durability built to military specifications, it's a sound choice no matter what your 2019 plans include -- be it mountain biking, hiking or whitewater rafting.

- **Making Music:** Resolving to finally learn to play the piano? The struggle to learn a new skill can be

disheartening. Learn to make music in a way that's intuitive and fun so that you stick with it. New models of keyboards often offer features that can help. The CT-X700 from Casio is an affordable option that features a Step-Up lesson system that displays proper fingering and notation so you can quickly learn songs, and a six-track recorder is waiting for you when you are ready to put your new skills to the test and record your music.

- **Boosting Knowledge:** Taking on a foreign language in the New Year is easier than ever before. Whereas in the past, you may have been inclined to buy language CDs and sit in a quiet room to study, now apps such as Duolingo are allowing language learners to squeeze in lessons and practice whenever they have downtime.

- **Getting Organized:** With tax season on the horizon, and the perennial importance of building savings and having good credit, if you resolve to organize one aspect of your life in the New Year, let it be your finances. Use next generation tools to do so, like the HR-170RC, a printing calculator, which can help you find discrepancies, keep records and get a great start to 2019. Be sure to look for features like fast, two-color printing, tax keys, a calendar and multicolor display.

This new year, achieve your resolutions with style and ease, using up-to-date technologies to learn new skills, get organized and more.

SEASON OF MIRACLES

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

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

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

I had associated with some of these wonderful people and felt like it would be a worthwhile place to go, hoping that I could brighten their lives. Donna made the necessary arrangements, and on the appointed day, she drove us to the school while I slipped into my costume. All week I had had dozens of children, teenagers, and even adults climb on my lap, so I asked Donna about what

Tina had said, and if there was a rule against the students at the school doing that as well. She just shrugged and said, "There must be."

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

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

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

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

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

Tina gasped, and everyone in the room cheered. Tina

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looked at me and started to cry as she said, "I guess it truly is a season of miracles."

As I left, I thought that the biggest miracle of all was actually the one in my heart, because these people helped me remember what Christmas is really all about.

EVEN SANTA HAS LIMITATIONS

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

I taught the children music at church and knew them well. I love children and thought this would be a fun thing to do. I have also done a lot of acting and felt I could disguise my voice enough that they wouldn't recognize me, so I accepted.

The night came, and after the community dinner, I dressed in the red garb, black boots, and fake beard and wig. At the appointed time, I

ho-hoed my way into the big hall. The children rushed around me, and the adults had to clear a path so I could make my way to the chair that had been prepared for me.

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

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

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

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

His eyes grew wide with surprise. "You know about that?"

"Of course. Santa knows everything."

"Well," he said, "I've been mostly good most of the time."

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

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

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

The last child of the night was a feisty little girl who was about six years old. She

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

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

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

"Really?" she asked.

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

Her eyes grew wide with wonder. "Really?"

"Yes," I replied. "Even Santa can have one of those days,

or nights, as it may be. So what would you like for Christmas?"

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

Brittany's mom was there taking pictures, and she let out an exasperated gasp. "Brittany, I have told you and told you that you are not getting a baby brother!"

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

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

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

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Sam Platt went inside. It was shortly after 9 p.m. now and the officers made their way with flashlights. Beauvois opened a washroom door and there stood the wanted man with gun in hand. The officer kicked the gun aside, called for help and the arrest was made. The arrested man was Randy K. Wilson. His pants had blood spots on them and he carried the gun that was used.

That is it for now. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I will start writing again next month.



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