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Thought for the Week: Why do we have to wait for special moments to say nice things or tell people we care about them? Randy K. Milholland

UNCLOUDED AT HERITAGE POINTE

The UNCLOUDED Day Quartet originated in 1988 as the CHORDS Vocal Ensemble. At that time Music Director, James Zanker, assembled a group of eight singers, and they began singing concerts and programs as a ministry extension of Saint Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, IN. From 1988 to 1992 the ensemble sang many programs throughout NE Indiana area.

The CHORDS have sang over 450 concerts in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. They have recorded CDs in 2005, 2008, and 2011. Continuing under the direction of James Zanker UNCLOUDED DAY Quartet, the nine member vocal and instrumental ensemble specializes in performing a contemporary setting of traditional and gospel songs and hymns as well as presenting exciting instrumental features.

UNCLOUDED DAY is proud to have as the piano accompanist Alexander Klepach, 1986 Graduate of Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory. His wife Olga Yurkova, Violinist is also featured member of the ensemble. Join us August 26, 2018 in our Applegate Chapel for this inspirational program.

WAMA REPORT

This article comes to report to you, our wonderful town folks of the Warren area, about "What's Happening" with our Warren Area Ministerial Association (WAMA).

We are a group of ministers who love each other and are trying to serve our community's needs by banding our churches together in activities, meetings and service opportunities that will benefit all the people in our care. Our group recently was chosen by a committee of the Samuel Jones Annual Breakfast (that kicks off the Salamonie Summer Festival) as the recipients of the Community Service Award. We thank those who felt we were worthy of such recognition and want to give you a brief explanation of just what we do as a group and why we exist.

(1) We meet once a month (at a different church) to share the needs that come before us about contacts people make to us to see if we can assist them. We try to be very responsible with the funds entrusted to us via the various offerings we receive, concerning these requests, by checking out their names and what their situation is through local agencies and accountability groups.

(2) In our meetings we discuss programs we are involved with such as Ash Wednesday; Good Friday; Salamonie Summer Festival;

Combined Vacation Bible School; The WAY (a combined program for our Warren Area Youth {grades 6-12}=WAY); Thanksgiving Service and Warren Bread of Life Food Pantry. We WANT to create a sense of "CommUNITY" among our churches through these programs.

(3) The WAMA group also supports the "2nd Sunday Communion Service" at Heritage Pointe by sending 6 individuals to assist as servers in a ministry to our older folks at HP which is so appreciated by HP Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Dick Case and Ginny Sultz. The ministers group also helps from time to time with HP programs needing assistance.

(4) The ministers recently set up a schedule to give the invocation prayer at the Huntington County Community School Corp. Board meetings which meets at Salamonie School each month.

There is a unity with this group that is a joy to see in an age of too much seeming competition among too many churches. There are 13 ministers on their contact & participation list with eight churches involved to date. Allen Laws (Warren Wesleyan Church) is president; Ethan Stivers (Warren Church of Christ) is secretary; and Scott Nedburg (Warren United Church of Christ) is treasurer. Gerald Moreland has volunteered to be a Reporter

to keep you informed of "Happenings & Events" and wants to report that 163 attended the SSF Worship Service July 1; The combined VBS averaged 64; and 12 youth & 12 sponsors came to the THE WAY program June 24th. By the way, the next "THE WAY" youth program will be Sunday, August 26 outside the Knight Bergman Center from 5:00-6:30 p.m.! Andrew Fisher, new youth minister at Warren Church of Christ, will be the devotion speaker.

We are here to serve the Lord and the people of this great community and area. We hope you've enjoyed hearing more about our WAMA group. Please let us know how we can serve you. By the way, all of us ministers encourage to visit any of our churches and check us out.

BEGINNING LEADERSHIP

What will it take to be successfully employed in the next 10-15 years? How can you be assured you will have the skills necessary for the future?

Purdue Extension is offering a new program for youth currently in grade 6 – 8. We will have an introductory meeting on Tuesday, September 25 beginning at 7 p.m. for young people and parents to find out what this program is all about. This is simply an information meeting – those attending are not committed to participate.

What is Beginning Leadership? In a nut shell, it is an opportunity for youth to learn and practice the skills needed to be successfully employed while having FUN and being with kids their own age. What are the communication skills needed? What are the leadership skills needed? How do I work as part of a team? How do I lead a team? Find out from Leaders and Employers in the community.

Meetings will take place monthly at various locations. A schedule with complete details will be available at the information meeting.

Through hands on activities and games, visits to local businesses and activities planned by the group, youth will have the opportunity to grow as young adults. Each month will be something different.

Youth are encouraged to participate for the 3 years, but it is not required. Each year the program (activities and visits) will be different. Participants are encouraged to continue with the 4-H Junior Leader program to continue to practice the skills they have developed.

Please RSVP your interest to attend by calling the Extension Office at 260-358-4826 or emailing Rae Ann at oneillra@purdue.edu



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THANK YOU

I would like to extend my thank yous to the town of Warren for the wonderful addition of the Little Free Library! It is much appreciated by my family as well as a wonderful addition to the community! So go on and check it out!! Many thanks.

Lori Lafevers

EASING THE WAY INTO RETIREMENT

from the American Counseling Association

Most of us happily anticipate retirement. Even if we enjoy our jobs, it's likely we're looking forward to escaping workplace stresses and being able to instead have the free time to do the things we really enjoy.

But despite the fact that retirement can bring a number of positives, many people find the reality of retirement to be challenging and even frightening. Leaving that job usually brings not only financial changes, but also some very real lifestyle changes.

It usually means less contact, or totally losing touch, with those former colleagues you saw every day. You may feel like there's less purpose in your life, and you might experience a very real loss of identity once you're no longer being an accountant, or teacher, or whatever your occupation was.

Successful retirement certainly requires financial planning, but it also requires some planning for the lifestyle and psychological changes that will occur. And you want to do that planning prior to that retirement date.

A first step in pre-retirement planning is to look for ways to keep yourself busy and interested in retirement, rather than worrying you'll be bored or without purpose. Starting or going back to a hobby can be one way to stay active. You can also begin investigating social or volunteer groups that will provide opportunities to keep you active and involved.

In today's active economy you might want to consider not making retirement full-time. Many retirees find ways to continue to work part-time, whether in a paid position or as a volunteer. Schools, libraries, city governments, senior centers and civic groups are always in need of volunteers. Or you may find yourself sought out as a consultant based on your past work experience.

Continuing part-time in the workplace can add a sense of purpose and direction to your retirement years. And at least one study found that those who still work had fewer major illnesses and disabilities than those who quit working altogether.

For some retirees, a rocking chair on the back porch is fine, but for many of us there is a real need to stay active, involved and contributing. If you have retirement in your near future, or have recently retired and are feeling unsure about what your

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ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freely Jr, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

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.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Katy Close, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Ken Thompson

Worship 9:30 a.m.
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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

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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.

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.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Sultz & Dick Case

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
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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.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873

Paul Burris, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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.

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Daniel Schreck
 Assoc. Pastor Diane Samuels

Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.

Nick Miller, Youth & Family Pastor
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

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

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.

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

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 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister

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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

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.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Sultz

Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

CHECK YOUR TREES

August is National Tree Check Month, the time to make sure your trees are healthy, strong and pest-free.

Trees serve as wind breaks and sun shields, they muffle noise and block unsightly views. They help conserve energy and water, prevent soil erosion, provide wildlife habitat and clean the air.

"For all trees do for us, this month we're asking you to take 10 minutes to check yours," said Megan Abraham, director of DNR Entomology & Plant Pathology.

The biggest tree threat in Indiana is the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), an invasive pest that attacks over a dozen types of trees. ALB can devastate a community's trees, so the DNR urges landowners to examine trees now.

ALB's preferred host tree is maple, so check those first. Look for round exit holes, chew marks in bark, wood dust, dead branches, and tunneling in cut wood or fallen branches. Also look for adult beetles. The beetle is about 1 inch to 1.5 inches long, with six legs and a shiny, jet-black body with white spots and two long black-and-white antennae.

Once a tree is infested, it must be removed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and partners have cut down more than 184,000 infested trees in Massachusetts, Ohio and New York. Successful eradication programs were completed in Illinois in 2008 and New Jersey in 2013.

"Early detection is the key," Abraham said.

One person can make a big difference in the battle against ALB. In 2010 in Boston, a groundskeeper noticed an exit hole in a maple tree. Fortunately, only six trees were infested with ALB. Thanks to that one person's report, Boston is now ALB-free.

If you see something suspicious, report your findings by calling 1-866-702-9938, or report online at AsianLonghornedBeetle.com.

SENIOR GOLF

Thursday August 16th Senior Golf League Results :

1st Place : Lyn Bonewitz, Clyde Smith, Charlie Forrester, Mark Laymon posted -6 score of 30

2nd place : John Morrison, Dennis Brubaker, Dave Scheib posted -4 score of 32 (4 teams tied at -4, backed up from hole #1 for tie breaker)

Closest to #3 pin winner : Jim Denman

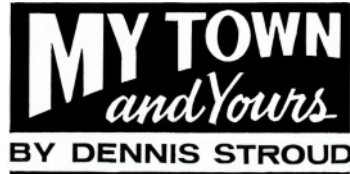
Closest to #6 pin winner : Don Bauer

Longest Drive on #7 (over 70) winner : Dave Banter

Longest Drive on #8 (under 70) winner : Mark Laymon

Thanks to "Day Never Done Farm" for sponsoring the golf ball prizes this week. Due to the impending wet weather, there were only 26 brave participants with 3 "Smiley's" available, which was won by Charlie Forrester. The League sponsored Dogwood Glen Golf shirt was won by Jim Denman.

Sign up begins @ 8:30 with tee-off @ 9:00. Everyone is welcome !



WARREN BASKETBALL

November 23, 1945 the headlines in the Warren Tribune read: "Small town beats big city basketball team." Warren traveled to Huntington on Wednesday evening, November 21, 1945 and brought home the game by a score of 32 to 29. It was a thriller all the way, finally ending in overtime. The boys fought hard for their victory and they deserved it.

The game was played at Community gym, Huntington. Warren team players were Jimmy Harold, Bob Mossburg, Harold Brauchla, Richard Bonham, Louis Shafer, Paul Bonham, Dick Stroup, Bob Pond, Rich Douglas, Dessel Beavans and Tom Laymon, manager Charles Perry and coach Pally Wright. The first quarter ended---Huntington 9 and Warren 6; second quarter ---Huntington 16 and Warren 9; third quarter---Huntington 22 and Warren 20 and the fourth quarter----Huntington 29 and Warren 29.

Harold Brauchla was high point man during the game. Richard Bonham made the basket that tied the score and also the basket that won the game. It was almost like winning the county tourney.

HP REPORT

Congratulations to Heritage Pointe Pool tourney winners for the week of August 17, 2018. Winners were Bob Slusser and Ruth Swanson. Runners-up were Wilma Lee and Norm Hiser.

Wi-Fi this week was Bud Lee with 189, Floyd Minnich 183, Dick Lintner 142 and George Pond with 136.

Good luck to all for next week.

THE CASEY, ILLINOIS STOP

On a recent trip through a neighboring state, we discovered something very unusual. This all occurred because it was approaching the noon hour and both our stomachs and gasoline gauge signaled a need for a refill to happen soon.

We hoped to locate a community park to rest and enjoy our pre-packed lunch of peanut butter sandwiches. In the seclusion of a town park, we usually find peace and quiet and spend some time with past memories. It is a serene contrast in lunch plans to the noisy and busy fast food establishments.

Casey, Illinois appeared on the map at just the right time. To our unexpected amazement, this quaint little town exhibited some extremely oversized, common obstacles. The first, which was located along the sidewalk on Main Street in the

heart of town, was a very large, mounted, wood measuring ruler. It was approximately 24 feet long and 2 feet wide with all the appropriately markings. Has this town shrunk or do my eyes need a reexamination?

Around the corner, less than a block away, was a mammoth, wooden rocking chair. It was not the size that one would see sitting out front at a lawn furniture business, but 20 times larger at least! It must have stood 25-30 feet high at seat level. The huge chair included an antique back, massive seat and two large, curved rockers. But it was not rocking! This obstacle was secured to prevent damage to other community buildings in case of a wind storm. Even teenagers probable could not move it. I doubt that they could even climb it. The highly-polished, long, rounded legs looked imposing. Kids have probably tried it though! At night??

Across the street from that monstrosity was another over-developed obstacle. It was a remarkable-looking, giant wind chime. Since there was no air moving at the time, the melodious range of bell sounds was not heard. Also attempting to photograph each of the latter structures was a long-distance adventure.

The town of Casey has accumulated a moniker, "Big Things, Small Town." It definitely was appropriate for what we saw. Other advertised, but unseen giant-sized items included, world's largest wooden shoes/clogs, knitting needles, crochet hook,

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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.

- Sep 5 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon at Assembly Hall
- Sep 5 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting
- Sep 10 5:00p W - Town Council Meeting at Assembly Hall
- Sep 17 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
- Sep 19 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting
- Oct 1 5:00a Veteran's Banquet at Banquo Church
- Oct 3 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon at Assembly Hall
- Oct 3 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
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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pitch fork, mail box and golf tee.

With the help of directions from a pleasant towns person, the community park was located and the peaceful lunch was enjoyed. While leaving Casey and driving back past these three huge, extraordinary, fore-mentioned structures, I again felt particularly small in comparison! I swear that there was no liquid spirits involved in this sighting. Check for yourself sometime.

Larry Ryan

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Practice makes perfect. What have you been practicing? What are some of things you practice every day that have become habits? Do you pile papers to file later? Do you leave your cloth bags in the car when you grocery shop? Do you push snooze when you should get up but you go to bed past your bedtime so you're not rested?

A person who practices filing paperwork every day will never have piles (well the paper kind). A person who always takes cloth bags into the grocery store will never have a huge supply of plastic bags. A person who is strict about going to bed to get the rest needed doesn't need an alarm to wake up.

We're really good at routine living. When we don't like certain results then the routine isn't serving us. Unless we toss in a decision to change a habit, we'll continue to get results that don't make us happy. The good news is, WE CAN CHANGE. Being able to change behavior is a Godgiven gift. And it's really not that hard to do, if we make up our minds to it and find ways to make it fun until it becomes a habit.

Let's say you've just learned that pop (in the northwest that's what we call Coke and root beer) isn't good for you and you've read that it's addictive and you have an inkling you're addicted to it. Addiction is the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically

habit-forming, as narcotics and sugar are.

Being enslaved sounds so ominous because it infers you've lost your freedom of choice or action. The truth is, we become enslaved by our habits and that's both good and bad. Good when it's a good habit and bad when it's a bad habit.

Baby Steps to Changing a Habit

A really good baby step is one AA uses...one day at a time. So instead of saying, "I'm never going to drink Dr. Pepper again," say, "Today, I won't drink Dr. Pepper." (You could also add to that "...or buy it." If you don't buy it, you won't have it to abuse.

When you start on a plan to break a habit and you only focus on one day at a time, you'll find that each day it gets easier. That's because as the days go by you'll think less and less about its absence and more and more about the new habit you're establishing. Scientists say that 21 days is the magic number.

On January 8 of this year, Terry and I quit drinking alcohol. We didn't have a "drinking problem" so the decision didn't have a lot of momentum behind it other than curiosity. I decided to keep a notebook on my thoughts and right in line with the 21 day theory, my last note was on Monday, January 29 and I wrote: "I really don't need to write anything. I just don't have any thoughts on this right now." And I never wrote in it again.

Today's as good a time as any to make a decision to start a new habit and do it just for today. Get a little notebook and, as the day goes along, write your thoughts down that pertain to the change you're making. Think of ways to make your new habit fun to keep doing. In the beginning, Nelly (my inner child) wanted me to keep track of each day we didn't have alcohol by putting a pretty bead into a pill organizer and when a month of beads was collected she wanted them strung and worn on my regular appearance on a local

television to show. Whatever works do it.

Today as I write, Terry and I are on 198 days with no alcohol and I probably think about it once every two or three weeks. I haven't written in my notebook since January 29 and Nelly doesn't need to get a bead every day. I've become enslaved to my new habit of not having alcohol and in that enslavement I'm free of the old habit.

I'd love to hear what new habit you're going to do just for today. Please email me at pam@pamyong.org.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view. Pam's books are also available on Amazon.

THREE TAX SAVINGS STRATEGIES FOR A SECURE RETIREMENT TO TRY RIGHT NOW

(BPT) - Individuals who rushed to prepay property taxes after the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act may have saved some money in 2018 - but that's pennies compared to the long-term tax savings taxpayers should take advantage of before the TCJA's individual tax provisions are expected to expire in 2026, according to Robert Fishbein, vice president and corporate counsel at Prudential Financial.

Also expected to expire in 2026? According to trustees for Social Security, that's when Medicare's main trust fund

will run out of money. With the increasing likelihood that Social Security and Medicare benefits may be reduced in the future, it's more important than ever to use every technique available to maximize your retirement savings.

Three outside-the-box strategies could make an enormous difference in your retirement readiness. The sooner you start, the more you may save.

Fund an HSA for retirement health care

Estimates suggest even a healthy 65-year-old couple will need at least \$275,000 to cover retirement health care costs. A Health Savings Account, or HSA, provides a way to save that money without paying a dime in taxes. An HSA account is available to individuals enrolled in a high deductible health insurance plan.

First, these individuals can fund their HSA through a tax-deductible contribution or pre-tax payroll deduction. Second, any interest and investment gains are tax-free. Finally, the funds can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for qualified medical expenses- a triple tax advantage over a traditional savings account.

The best part? There is no requirement to use HSA funds in the year of contribution, which means funds can grow on a tax-favored basis for future health care expense needs.

For 2018, family contribution limits are \$6,900, or \$7,900 if you are 55 or older, and those amounts are indexed for inflation in future years. If you start contributing the maximum even as late as age 55, and earn 3 percent per year, you could have more than \$90,000 to pay for your retirement health care by age 65. If you start contributing the maximum as early as age 40, you could have saved almost \$270,000. These funds will continue to grow tax-free in retirement until you need them.

If you don't use HSA funds in full before you die, excess funds are subject to income tax, but will be otherwise available for your heirs.

Consider a Roth IRA conversion

The typical dogma says that converting an IRA or traditional 401(k) to a Roth IRA does not make sense if you expect your tax rate in retirement to be lower than at the time of conversion. However, lesser known benefits of a Roth IRA may make it worthwhile to have at least part of your retirement assets in Roth IRA form.

Start with no required minimum distributions. With a Roth you aren't forced to draw down your funds once you attain age 70½ and can continue to benefit from the tax-free growth, thereby maximizing the after-tax funds

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ETHERINGTON

Conrad "Stubby" Etherington, 86, a long-time resident of Mt. Etna, IN, died Aug. 15, 2018, at Tipton Place in Huntington, IN, after a short illness.



Mr. Etherington was a 59-year member of I.U.O.E Local 103. He was the proprietor of Stub's Tree Removal for many years. He was a long-time member of Lancaster Wesleyan Church and after retirement he and his wife volunteered at Hephzibah Children's Home in Macon, GA, for many years.

He was born Sept. 10, 1933, in Howard County to John M. and Vergie O. Murphy Etherington. He married Norma (Carter) Etherington on June 25, 1959, and she preceded him on death on Dec. 4, 2015.

He is survived by three sons, Benjamin Etherington, of New York, NY; Bart Etherington, of Huntington; and Carter Etherington, of San Francisco; and a sister, Sandy (Rod) Alspaugh.

His body was donated to the Indiana University Anatomical Education Program. A memorial service will be set for a later date.

Memorials are to the IU School of Medicine/Anatomical Education Program, 635 Barnhill Drive, Medical Science Building 5035, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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

WILSON

Delight A. Wilson, 91, of Montpelier, IN, and having relatives in Huntington County, IN, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. at Bridgewater Centre in Hartford City, IN.



Mr. Wilson was a 1945 graduate of Hartford City High School. He attended Hartford City Wesleyan Church. He served his country in the

United States Army. He worked at Overhead Door, Clamme Bros., and retired from Gripco in Montpelier.

He was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Blackford County to Samuel E. and Bertha McDirmit Wilson. He married Evelyn Phillips on July 9, 1948, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Ron (Billie Sue) Wilson, of Hartford City; a daughter, Donna (Gary) Verona, of Montpelier; four grandchildren, Troy M. (Tina) Wilson, of Marion; Shane (Jill) Wilson, of Columbia City; Bradley (Denise) Verona, of Indianapolis; and Lindsay (Chad) Reynolds, of Warren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Tom Parsons and Rev. Shane Wilson officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Cemetery in Eaton.

Preferred memorials are to Blackford Community Foundation, PO Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348 or the donor's choice.

MILLER

Jerry D. Miller, 74 of Huntington, IN, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller attended Warren High School, and had attended Gethsemane Ministries Baptist Church. He had worked at Majestic Corporation for more than 45 years, retiring in 2008.

He was born on July 8, 1944, in Warren to Virgil and Helen Oswalt Miller.

Survivors include a son, Jim Miller, of Huntington; a daughter-in-law, Valerie Miller; three grandchildren, Joel (Jamie) Miller, Brandon

Miller and Samantha (Daniel Zahm) Preston; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, at 11 a.m., with one hour of visitation prior to the service, at the Myers Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel. Rev. Worley Newsome will officiate. Interment will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Memorials are to Helping Paws Pet Haven, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

HUBARTT

Carl Zelotis Hubartt, 96, died Sunday morning, Aug. 19, 2018, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Mr. Hubartt spent part of his childhood in Warren. He graduated from Wolcottville High School. After working at General Electric, he enlisted in the United States Army on Oct. 25, 1943, and served in the Philippines during World War II. He was discharged as a staff sergeant in early 1946. He worked as a draftsman for IT&T in Fort Wayne and Franklin Electric in Bluffton, from where he retired. He was a charter member of Shoaff Park Baptist Church, in Fort Wayne, where he served and worshiped for many years.

He was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Mears, MI, to Orval T. and Mary Alma Buckles Hubartt. He married Phylis B. Hacker, and she survives in Warren.

Additional survivors include two sons, Dennis Hubartt, of Ketchikan, AL, and Kerry Hubartt, of Leo; seven grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan, in 1999; a daughter, Kathleen Ford, in 2013; and infant grandchild, Joshua Ford.

Calling is Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with a funeral service to follow at 11:30 a.m., at Heritage Pointe-Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren. Rev. Gene Vickery will officiate. Burial will take place in Thorn Cemetery in rural Columbia City.

VORE

Don F. Vore, 82, Bluffton, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne due to complications from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born to Fred G. Vore and Geraldine Walters Vore Nov. 24, 1935, and was a lifelong resident of Bluffton. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1953, and married Carol Redd Oct. 10, 1955. She preceded him in death Dec. 4, 2007.

Surviving are four children, Sherry (Harvey) Hilton of Geneva, Michelle (John) Fouts of Warren, Steve (Cheryl) Vore of Fairmount, and Jill (Jim) Thurman of Hartford City. He is also survived by two brothers, Dr. Vic (Jeanne) Vore of Portland, Ore., and Ron (Brenda) Vore of Xenia, Ohio; two sisters, Patricia Vore of Portland, Ore., and Marie Hatcher, Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren, Bryan (Autumn) Weeks, Jana (Karl) Schmidt, Jacob Vore, Reilly Vore, Justin Price, and Allison Price; two step-grandchildren, Ashley Thurman and Andrew Thurman; six great-

grandchildren; five nieces; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Don served in the Indiana National Guard and was a member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He retired from Dana Corporation after 42 years and enjoyed gardening and cooking. He loved to play cards daily with his friends and was an avid fan of IU basketball.

In accordance with Don's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Interment will be at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery, where a private family service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Wells County Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

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SMITH

Dean L. Smith, 82, of Huntington, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at Markle Health Care in Markle.

He was born on Monday, March 9, 1936, in Huntington County. He married Betty Watson Sunday, June 30, 1974, in Huntington. Dean was a 1954 graduate of Jefferson Township High School. He worked for many years before retiring from the Indiana Department of Transportation. He enjoyed harness horse racing, bowling, riding his antique tractor and hanging out with the guys at Warren.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Watson) Smith of Huntington; daughter, Deena Smith of Elkhart; son, Brian Smith of Huntington; and brother, Dale (Norma) Smith of Warren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Letha (Logan) Smith, and father, Ovid Smith.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St. in Warren Thursday, Aug. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate his life will be at Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17; viewing will be held one hour before the service. Rev. Paul Burris will be officiating and burial will follow in the Star of Hope Cemetery in rural Huntington.

Preferred memorials: Pathfinder Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1001, Huntington, IN 46750.

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eventually available for you or your heirs.

Another significant benefit of a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k) is tax diversification. For example, you may choose to take taxable distributions up to a certain amount and then tax-free distributions to avoid a higher income tax bracket.

If you are a high-income taxpayer, Roth IRA distributions are not considered income when determining thresholds for increased Medicare premium charges or the 3.8 percent income tax surcharge on investment gain. If your income is more modest, Roth IRA distributions are not considered income when determining whether you are subject to income tax on Social Security benefits.

If anything, a conversion is more attractive now since you have an opportunity to convert and pay income tax with marginal rates that are generally lower than under prior law. Since individual tax law changes are temporary and tax rates will revert to the former higher amounts starting in 2026, you have an eight-year window to benefit from lower rates.

Make "backdoor" Roth IRA contributions

The tax law prescribes income limits so high-income individuals may not make a direct contribution to a Roth IRA. However, there are no income limits on converting traditional IRA funds to a Roth IRA.

Any person under age 70.5 who has earned income by year-end can make an IRA contribution. While income

limits may prevent you from making a pre-tax contribution, you can make this contribution even if you have fully funded a 401(k) or another employer plan.

Once you have made your contribution to a traditional IRA, simply convert that amount to your Roth IRA. As long as this is your only traditional IRA and you have made an after-tax contribution, then an immediate conversion will have converted a tax-deferred asset into a potentially tax-free asset. If you have multiple IRAs, the IRAs are aggregated to determine how much is taxable upon conversion.

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: TIPS TO HELP CHILDREN BETTER UNDERSTAND

OUR CONNECTED WORLD

(BPT) - Technology has rapidly changed the way we live over the past 30 years. Where people once turned strictly to their televisions to watch their favorite shows or play video games, people can now access their favorite entertainment, anytime and anywhere - thanks to smart devices and a WiFi connection.

This new level of connectivity goes well beyond easier access to entertainment. For example, can you log onto a computer and get a real-time look at your energy use through your utility? If so, your home has a smart-meter - a powerful tool to help you better understand this newly connected world.

Smart meters are part of an emerging set of smart grid technologies that are transforming how electricity use is viewed and managed. Previously, an analog meter on your home measured your electricity use and, at the end of the month, a bill came in the mail. Now, smart meters communicate with the utility in real time. For you, this means easy, more immediate access to your energy-usage information, as well as the ability to take part in energy saving programs.

"Children today have the benefit of knowing that connectivity is just there whenever they want it," said Etienne Veber, president of Field Trip Factory, a firm that helps design, schedule and promote interactive learning experiences. "We can help our youth understand how this newly connected environment works for them, so that they learn to use it responsibly and have the foundational knowledge to one day lead and innovate future technology breakthroughs."

Parents can lay the foundation in their own homes, and smart meters and their connection to the smart grid make an excellent launching point for some fun science and technology lessons.

Make the connection: For decades, parents reminded children to turn off the lights and shut the front door to save energy. Children possibly

ignored those reminders, perhaps because it was too difficult to prove these things made a difference. With a smart meter and a smart thermostat installed in your home, you have an unprecedented opportunity to show the cause and effect almost instantly. With a simple login, children can now see how much energy your house uses and discover what happens when the lights are turned off and the door is closed.

Take a spin with renewable energy: One neat benefit of the smart grid is how it makes it easier for utilities to use those renewable energy options, like solar and wind, and help them become increasingly available to customers. Help children understand how sun and wind can make renewable energy with backyard experiments that are safe, easy and practically free. For example, a cardboard box, aluminum foil and sunny day are all you need to create a solar oven that cooks a pizza right in your backyard.


Get a behind-the-scenes peek: Talk to your child's teacher or scout leader and volunteer to help organize a field trip to your local utility or have a utility representative speak in your child's classroom. Some utilities have developed engaging teaching tools that help children understand where their electricity comes from.

One prime example is ComEd's Smart Energy Hub Program in Northern Illinois. Thanks to a partnership with Field Trip Factory, the electricity provider has designed and developed an engaging, interactive program for students - one that cannot be duplicated in the classroom - that explains how the new smart grid system works, and how it helps everyone save energy almost effortlessly. So far, the Smart Energy Hub program has reached 6,000 families and students.


Many of the youth return from the Smart Energy Hub feeling inspired and motivated

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3 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CHOCOLATE - AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

(BPT) - As you stand in the chocolate aisle of the grocery store, have you ever stopped to think about the story behind each bar?

Knowing that your choice of chocolate has a positive impact on the farmers who cultivated the cocoa beans can sweeten the entire experience. When choosing your favorite treat,

make sure it is one that combines pleasure with purpose. Here are three things you might not know about chocolate, and how each one could impact your decision in the candy aisle:

1. The cocoa industry affects over 5 million small holder cocoa farmers around the world. The majority of cocoa is grown on small farms operated by independent farmers in developing countries in West Africa, Southeast Asia and the Americas. Your choice in the chocolate aisle can go a long way toward supporting these households: DOVE Chocolate partners with CARE, an organization dedicated to fighting global poverty. This partnership powers the development of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs): savings-led, community-based programs that allow members, such as cocoa farmers and their families, to support each other

with low-interest loans and savings plans. The loans help cocoa farming households access capital to improve their farming practices, expand and diversify their businesses, and invest in education and health for their families and enrich their local community.

2. Fifty percent of cocoa farming activities are completed by women, yet women rarely benefit from cocoa-related income. While women play a key role in cocoa farming, many of them do not receive the income benefits they deserve. The VSLA initiative provides women with ways to save money and access small loans. In turn, women in cocoa farming communities can increase productivity on their cocoa farms and even achieve greater equality with their male counterparts. Within the past year, female representation in VSLAs has risen to 80 percent, and many members have

increased their initial investments by 58 percent since joining a VSLA.

3. Cocoa is produced by farming households in developing African countries who often lack affordable financial services, according to CARE. Rural Africans have been forced to use whatever high-cost lenders are available in their area. By choosing chocolate that supports VSLA programs, you're helping women in cocoa growing communities find a safe and community-supported way to access loans and put their money into savings. What's more, these programs have further evolved with the linkage of many VSLAs and their members to formal Micro-Finance Institutions (MFI). This linkage gives VSLA members opportunities to access more modern financial tools that can increase profitability.

"Today's consumers are savvy in that they are increasingly conscientious about their

impact on the world based on their purchase decisions," says Leslie Philipsen, Brand Director, DOVE Chocolate. "For example, we are finding that people appreciate knowing that their favorite brands stand behind real commitments to the people who create the products they know and love, and are doing what they can to help them succeed. That's why we continue to partner with CARE to positively impact thousands of women in the cocoa growing communities of Cote d'Ivoire through the VSLA program."

"We know when a woman joins a VSLA, her involvement creates ripples of positive change that extend past herself to include the people in her community," says Marcela Hahn, Executive Director of CARE's Strategic Partnerships team. "VSLAs are about more than giving women financial opportunities. They are about transformation. We are honored to stand in partnership with DOVE Chocolate, changing the lives of thousands of women and their families in Cote d'Ivoire."

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