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Thought for the Week: Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings. Samuel Johnson

COMING SOON

The 13th annual Holiday Walk, Festival of Trees Gingerbread Houses is coming to downtown Warren on Friday, November 22, 5 to 8

at First Christian Church of Warren featuring the Heritage Pointe Sewing Ladies, Liddy Kat, First Christian Church of Salamonie Warren and Summer Festival.

There will be a Quilt Raffle by the Heritage Pointe of Warren Sewing Ladies with tickets costing \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds go towards the expense of the Quilt. The volunteers at Heritage Pointe of Warren make projects for & Lutheran Parkview Hospitals: Cancer Hats, Port Pillows, Heart Pillows for Breast Cancer and Dolls and Bears for Pediatrics. Other projects they participate in are Show Box collection for children in under-privileged countries, Dresses, Shorts, Tote Bags, etc., Lap tops for wheelchair patients, and Mending for In House HP Residents.

Liddy Kat is on a mission to change lives by selling JUST jewelry. 10% of all jewelry donated back to sales is Including missions! Malnourished Children, Autism Research,

Disease Research and Breast Cancer Research. If you can't get to the church this weekend you can see her designs justjewelry.com/katliddy.

First Christian Church of The Marketplace will be held Warren will have Christmas crafts for kids.

> Salamonie Summer Festival try out. will have SSF Treasured Family Recipes cookbook for sale at the church also. \$10 per copy.

Owl Accessorize For You will haveT-shirts, earrings, hats, SR5 CLOSING AGAIN bows, and crocheted items including baby and children's hats at At The Corner Salon, approach work near Majenica. 202 N Wayne Street.

The Holiday Walk is sponsored by Bippus State Bank, Citizens Telephone, Ever Fresh Fruit Co., Heritage Pointe of Warren, Hy-Line North America LLS, Mandy Surfus Realtor, Smekens Education Solutions, State Insurance/HIIB Group.

Other things to do that night from 5 to 8 p.m. include Live Reindeer, Horse Dawn Wagon Rides, Soup Supper, Ice Sculpture Carving, Ice Block Treasure Hunt, Walk-through Animal Petting Trailer, S'mores Fun on the Sidewalk, Story Time at the Library, Salamonie Marketplace Singers, Shopping & Boutique Trailer, Live Muisc and Kids Crafts.

Oh and don't forget to check out all the magical Christmas Trees around town, and the

many Gingerbread creations! Indiana See you there!

PICKLEBALL AT KBC

at Warren Pickleball will begin playing in the KBC gym this Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., \$5 per household. There will be a variation of indoor balls to Check out their Warren Facebook page Pickleball for more information.

INDOT announces the closure of State Road 5 for bridge

Starting on or after Thursday, November 14, crews will close S.R. 5 between County Roads W 300 S and W 350 S to replace concrete approach pavement, resulting in a smoother ride for motorists.

During the closure, drivers should use the official detour of I-69 and U.S. 224, or seek an alternate route. Crews anticipate construction to be complete by the Thanksgiving holiday.

All work is weatherdependent and schedules are subject to change. INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RAMPING UP PATROLS **DURING THANKSGIVING** TRAVEL PERIOD

While people get their Thanksgiving travel plans ready, the Wells County Sheriff's Office is getting ready to increase patrol visibility as part of the annual Safe Family Travel campaign through the

Criminal Institute.

The campaign, which starts meals) belts. During the campaign, program. officers will perform saturation patrols designed to discourage impaired driving and promote seat belt use. high-visibility enforcement campaign funded with grants provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road. More information on the program or for safety click the link: https://www.in.gov/cji/trafficsafety/

LITTLE TOWN OF **CHRISTMAS**

Van Buren's Little Town of Christmas will be December 6 & 7, 6-8 pm each

There will be free children's activities, visits with Santa, Children's Christmas Story, Christmas Movie on Friday night, Indoor Snowball Fight, Children's crafts.

Enjoy a Live Nativity, Live Music, Sleigh Rides, Nativity Display, Raffle, and Shopping.

There will be a House decorating Contest, a Business decorating contest, Laser Tag on Saturday from 1-5pm, and Inflatables on Saturday from 1-5pm.

Food will include benefit meals - Friday Hot Dogs, Saturday Chili; Mama Duck's Kitchen and Switch-Up will have Holiday drinks.

Stop in the Bethlehem Inn (downtown) to find locations

Justice of events. Proceeds from events (raffle and benefit will be used to November 16, focuses on purchase Christmas gifts for impaired driving, aggressive local families and to support driving, and proper use of seat the Eastbrook North Backpack

ARMY ASSIGNMENTS

by Daris Howard Merrill was much older than the other men in his basic training group. In fact, he was senior to all of them by at least ten years. The others called him "The Old Man" but did so with a lot of respect. His experience gave him wisdom the others admired. But being older, single, and having more life experiences also made him question some things they were expected to

For example, one day, the "Some sergeant said, opportunities have opened up. Would any of you like to be pilots? If you would, take one step forward."

A sizeable number of men stepped forward. sergeant had them gather in a group on one side. He then asked, "Are there any of you who would like to be truck drivers? If so, take one step forward."

Numerous men stepped forward. hadn't Merrill stepped forward for either offer. He felt there was more to these assignments than was being said, and they didn't fit the concept of the physical training that they were supposed to do that day. Merrill and the few others who were left were sent off to do their regular training routine while the others were taken off to their assignments.

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It's getting to be that time of year. Contact the Warren Weekly today to get your Christmas Greeting

ordered for the December 20 issue of the Warren Weekly!

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ONE WAY TO DECLUTTER FOR A MORE ORGANIZED **NEW YEAR**

(BPT) - The holiday season is a great time to take a look back and appreciate everything you have, while also looking forward to the upcoming new year. This also makes it the perfect opportunity to look for ways to clear out some of your kids' clutter so you can start the next year a little more organized.

Fortunately, there's an easy way you can give back to other kids throughout the country and declutter your house at the same time. If you've got kids who have outgrown some of their favorite LEGO sets, or perhaps have more bricks than they frequently play with, you'll want to check out a great program that supports sustainability, while also offering toys to children who might otherwise have little or no access to them.

Thanks to the LEGO Replay program, you can easily box up and send in your used LEGO bricks - at no cost to you - so they can be cleaned up and repackaged for community organizations, schools and nonprofits. The program makes it possible for even more kids to have fun while they explore everything LEGO bricks have to offer - powering their imaginations and developing problem-solving skills through active, hands-on play - just as your kids have enjoyed doing while growing up with these favorite toys.

New life for your LEGO bricks

Have any LEGO bricks that you'd like to donate? It's easy to declutter the kid zones in your home and share the fun at the same time. Simply fill a cardboard box of your choice with your loose, used LEGO bricks, then go online to LEGO.com/replay to print a prepaid label. Then all you have to do is mail it in! The package will go directly to a Lego Replay facility, where the bricks will be individually sorted, inspected by hand, and given a rigorous cleaning.

Your much-loved LEGO bricks will then be repackaged to be sent to educators, schools and charitable organizations. Each LEGO Replay box will include a mix of elements from all sorts of sets, allowing for endless creativity, along with an activity booklet with great building activities for kids to try.

You can be happy knowing that you're decluttering your home for a more joyful and organized new year, while your actions ensure that even more kids will be able to enjoy playing with these iconic toys for years to come.

Visit LEGO.com/replay to learn more about the program, and how you can participate.





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8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Nick Miller, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m. **BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

8924S 900W 35

Harold Smith, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Steve Nevius, 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 Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp

Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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

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

Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor Worship...... 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 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 Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &

Cindy Osgood Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m. Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.

> **WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH** 727 N Wayne St, Warren

260-375-2811 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net

Pator Rusty Strickler Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ... Sun 11:30 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

HILLCREST **CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

375-2510

Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr. Bus Service 375-2510 www.warrennaz.org

.... 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Worship 10:30 a.m. SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN

375-3873 John Boyanowski, Pastor

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

LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington

765.251.2322

Ron Forsythe, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays:

Bible Study &Prayer 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

COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Diane Samuels

Fellowship Time9:00a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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. MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages Worship Service10:00 - 11:00

> Everyone is Welcome **SALAMONIE**

CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN

375-2102

www.firstccw.net Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor

Takarra Myers, Youth Director office@firstccw.net

Sunday Worship...... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday School during Worship Service

Youth Group-Wed 6:00 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 CHURCH OF THE VINE**

765-934-1431

Pastor Brad Hensley

vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am

Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Mickey Strong, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister

Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst. Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth:

K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-618-0027

Pastor Al Soultz

Sunday Worship...... 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes9:30 am Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Merrill expected to see the as he stepped into the circle. others back at the barracks when his group finished for the day, but they weren't the camp champion. Merrill there. He and the men with him were already in bed when the others finally came in and into their beds, too front of his shocked sergeant. exhausted to change.

like today?" Merrill asked.

One of the men, who had volunteered for pilot duty, spoke first. "They gave us Social Security a shovel and wheelbarrow. They took us to a mountain of dirt. Then we were told to take all that dirt and 'pile it' about a hundred yards away, where it could be used to fill in holes in the training grounds."

"We didn't fare any better," one of the truck driving group said. "They gave each of us a hand truck and then brought in shipment after shipment of food and other supplies all day. We were supposed to 'drive our hand trucks' loaded with goods in and fill the warehouse. Stupid army."

The next day, the sergeant said they wanted men who were interested in becoming boxers to take one step forward. Nobody moved. "Oh, come now," the sergeant said. "Do we have a bunch of babies that are afraid of a little boxing?" The sergeant turned to Merrill. "How about you? Wouldn't you like to do a little boxing?"

"Cardboard or wood?" Merrill asked.

"Come again?" the sergeant asked.

"Would we be boxing stuff in cardboard or wood boxes?"

The sergeant grinned. "You're pretty sharp." He then assigned some men to do just that, and they were sent to work all day filling and carrying boxes. But to Merrill he said, "I have a little surprise for you."

That evening, he informed everyone there would be a boxing match. He made Merrill prepare to face the man who was known as the camp boxing champion. Then, so all could hear it, he said, don't like assignments? It could be

The boxing match went poorly, not for Merrill, but for knocked him out in the third round. As he stepped out of the circle, Merrill stopped in

"There was a little surprise I "So, what was your training forgot to tell you. I was a semi-pro boxer, but not with cardboard or wood."

MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens Ask Rusty - Why Does the

Government Raid Social Security? Dear Rusty: The Social

Security program is funded by employees and their employers. The federal government does not contribute to the program, right? So why does the federal government feel they have the right to raid the fund? All the money sent to Ukraine unnecessary other programs could have been used to pay back what they owe to Social Security. Signed: Disgruntled Senior

Dear Disgruntled Senior: You are correct that the Social Security program is mainly funded by payroll taxes on employee earnings and by employers who match those

received from income tax on 4.125%, whereas the average reserves (about \$2.8 trillion as Social Security benefits, as well as from interest on the held in reserve was about benefits for all Social Security special bonds held in the Social Security Trust Fund. But the assertion that the Federal Government used (raided) the Social Security Trust Fund for any other purpose is a myth. All Social Security revenue received since the program began in 1937 has been accounted for, and all excess funds are contained in a special Trust Fund in the form government bonds, reserved to pay future benefits. FYI, the interest on those bonds contributed about \$67 billion to the Trust Fund reserves in

today, is not adequate to pay all benefit obligations, and the extra money needed to pay Fund reserves. Redemption of those Trust Fund bonds is how the federal government "pays back" the cash loaned to it by Social Security. The excess SS received from contributions was loaned to the Federal Treasury by the SS Trust Funds, interest-bearing bonds were issued by the government in return for the cash received, and the bonds needed by Social Security to pay benefits. FYI, the average

worse." He grinned at Merrill employee contributions. FYI, interest on the 2023 bonds in Unless investment vehicle, except the redeemable at any time Congressional Budget Office). without penalty. Said another way, all excess money ever received by Social Security is/was invested in special- fiscal issue government bonds, and Association resides in reserve to pay future benefits, as needed.

> the Trust Funds would not be a wise financial move because all money ever contributed to by is) used for one purpose (and governmental Social Security benefits to those eligible (which, by the (amacfoundation.org/progra way, does not include "illegal ms/social-security-advisory) aliens" or anyone else who is or not a legal resident of the ssadvisor@amacfoundation. United States).

For clarity, Social Security issued are redeemable as does have a future financial issue because annual benefit obligations are now greater than annual Social Security revenue, and money from the SS Trust Fund is now used to make up the difference.

the program some additional SS revenue is the Trust Funds was about reformed soon, the Trust Fund rate of return on all bonds of 2023) will be depleted and issue government 2.387%. This transaction is the recipients will be cut by about same as for any other 23% starting in 2033 or 2034 (according to the Trustees of bonds in the Trust Funds are Social Security and the

> Congress needs to act soon to enact Social Security reform to restore the program to solvency. of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) is steadfastly lobbying Congress "Paying back" the money to enact the needed Social interest-bearing represented by bonds held in Security reform as soon as possible.

This article is intended for it would eliminate all future information purposes only interest earned by those and does not represent legal bonds (again, that interest or financial guidance. It was about \$67 billion in 2023). presents the opinions and Social Security revenue, Federal money spent for other interpretations of the AMAC purposes (e.g., Ukraine) is Foundation's staff, trained and from the general U.S. Treasury accredited by the National and not from the Social Social Security Association full SS benefits for everyone is Security Trust Fund, which is (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC obtained by redeeming Trust held totally separate from the Foundation and its staff are U.S. Treasury. Since inception, not affiliated with or endorsed the Social Social Security has been (and Administration or any other one purpose only) - to pay submit a question, visit our website

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Open Daily

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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.

Nov 18 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC Nov 20 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall Nov 22 W - Holiday Walk/Festival of Trees - downtown Warren 5-7p **THANKSGIVING** Nov 28 Dec 4 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon @ KBC V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall Dec 4 7:00p W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall Dec 9 6:00p Dec 10 6:30p W - SSF Meeting @ KBC Dec 16 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC; Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

5 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR

(StatePoint) Working with a financial advisor can help you reach your short- and long- well as discover if the term financial goals. But it's all about partnering with the right person, with the right credentials.

There are some important questions you should ask to rates determine if a potential including these five:

What are your qualifications? Did you know that almost anyone can call themselves a of their skills and experience? Rather than hope for the best, you out if they are a **CERTIFIED** FINANCIAL met rigorous educational, ethical experiential and qualifications.

What are your areas of expertise?

Depending on your goals and needs, you may prefer a planner who focuses on a particular area, such as estate planning or investing. Or, if you have circumstances, such as if you are a veteran or you are the caretaker for someone with special needs, you may want right questions. to look for someone with experience helping others in WHAT PARENTS AND similar situations.

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interests?

In the course of financial leading that you work with someone however are interests first. Ask your planner if they have a fiduciary duty to you. CFP® part of their certification.

unethical actions?

cfp.net/verify-a-cfp-

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What is your pay structure? From fixed fees and hourly to retainers and financial commissions, advisor is the right fit for you, planning pay structures vary by planner and firm. Be sure weakened immune systems you understand how you will be charged in advance of neuromuscular disorders receiving services and choose "financial planner" regardless a payment structure that fits your needs. For example, if needing anticipate frequent, ongoing services, Control and Prevention to paying a retainer may make PLANNER® professional. This the most sense. However, if qualification means they have you need one-time advice or short-term counsel, you may prefer to pay a flat fee for the specific service rendered.

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EXPECTANT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RSV

(StatePoint) Each year, as many as 80,000 children younger than 5 hospitalized due to respiratory Will you act in my best syncytial virus (RSV) in the United States. RSV is the cause planning, conflicts of interest hospitalization in all infants. can arise, making it important New medical advancements safeguarding who will always put your best infants and some toddlers at increased risk, and providing

As RSV season ramps up, the professionals commit to CFP American Lung Association is Board to act as a fiduciary as partnering with Sanofi to help parents educate Have you ever been expectant parents about the disciplined for unlawful or symptoms of RSV and the steps they can take to help

For peace of mind, visit prevent severe illness. Here is what they want you to know:

Risk factors: Virtually every you can verify whether a given child will contract RSV at some point, however those highest risk for severe illness and complications are:

- Premature newborns
- Babies up to 12 months old, breathing, old or younger
- Children younger than 2 who have a chronic lung disease or heart disease that was present at birth
- Children who have
- Children who have

New protection: In 2023, two preventive immunization options were recommended by the Centers for Disease protect infants from help illness: serious RSV preventive RSV antibody for infants and some young children at increased risk, and an RSV vaccine received during weeks 32-36

recommended from October through March and provides your child safe, effective protection for at least five protection from a dangerous months after immunization. RSV infection," says Juanita **RSV** vaccine is recommended from September through January spokesperson and provides protection for American Lung Association. around six months after birth. Both immunization options are effective in reducing the risk of baby being hospitalized from however most infants do not need both. Speak to your physician about the best course of action for your family.

including infants, develop only mild RSV symptoms similar to that of a common cold, such as congestion, runny nose and HOLIDAY GIFT OF ALL a cough. You should call your healthcare provider if your having child is difficulty not drinking especially if they are 6 months enough or their symptoms are getting worse.

Age-old wisdom: To prevent RSV infection, families are also encouraged to follow everyday healthy habits like:

- Avoiding close contact with sick people
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- touched surfaces
- and avoiding close contact relationship building." with others
- Avoiding sharing cups, aloud bottles or toys

To learn more about RSV and illness prevention, lung.org/rsv.

"Thanks to new preventive The RSV antibody is options, you now have multiple opportunities to offer Mora, M.D., national volunteer medical for the

Symptoms: Most people, PEDIATRICIANS SAY **SHARING BOOKS WITH CHILDREN IS THE BEST**

(StatePoint) A book can inspire joy and stir imagination, and even better this holiday season is the gift of sharing that book with your

"Turning the pages of a highquality, print book filled with colorful pictures and rich, expressive language is best," said Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a pediatrician. "While touchscreens and other electronic devices may be popular, they are typically passive or solitary experiences · Cleaning frequently- for children and do not offer same benefits the Staying home when sick interpersonal connection and

> Starting from infancy, reading helps build foundation for healthy socialemotional, cognitive, language literacy and development. Sharing books helps with language development and vocabulary, and gets them ready to listen and learn in school. And over the past decade, research has found that reading together helps foster positive interactions, strengthening the safe, stable and nurturing relationships young children must have to thrive.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

REAMER

Ryan Jason Reamer, 44, of Van On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, our Eloise B. (Clem) Mullens, age Buren, passed away at 11:36 beautiful little girl, Rose Ellen 85, of Warren, Indiana, passed a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, Marie Irwin, 8 years-old, is Community Regional Health, Kokomo.

He was born in Trenton, Reamer.

married Brandy Kay Heral.

He graduated from Marion attended Nashville Diesel College.

repair specialist for many Kokomo.

He loved spending time with Elementary his family and friends.

collecting and building LEGO hearts and lives. sets.

especially camping, hiking, going to Bible School. She fishing and canoeing.

Ryan also played disc golf the colors pink and purple. and enjoyed playing pool.

Marion; Treyton Reamer, (Cassidy Mathias) Dylan Reamer; brothers, (Debbie) Reamer, Reamer several nieces and and cousins. Reamer; nephews.

Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Chimes North Chapel, 1341 Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Memorial Park, 1606 W. 26th service. St., Marion.

officiating.

IRWIN

Howard now safely in the arms of Jesus.

Rose was born on Aug. 11, 1980, to Ricky and Gail (Keller) was a very loving, caring, and active little girl. She didn't Vernelle (Malston) Clem. On December 13, 2014, Ryan know a stranger and always

Rose attended Grace High School in 1998 and Fellowship Church in Decatur, Auto where she loved doing the Missionary March and going Ryan worked as a collision to Sunday School. She loved having Jesus in her heart. away on June 29, 2012. Eloise years with Erik's Chevrolet, Rose was currently a second grader at Bluffton-Harrison School attended Lifewise Academy In addition, Ryan loved where she touched many

She also attended New Life He enjoyed being outdoors, Christian Day Care and loved loved ice cream, her kitty and

She is survived by her father, Survivors include his wife, Tim Irwin, and mother, Sue a helping hand to anyone in Bluffton, and Gina (Shawn) Brandy Reamer, of Van Buren; Crum of Bluffton, along with mother, Gail A. Reamer, of her grandmothers, Barbara sons, Ryan Skyler Irwin and Audrey Daniels, Xavier both of Bluffton. She is also Reamer, survived by her siblings: Joey (Kember Irwin of Liberty Center, Jordan Henderson) Heral and Preston Irwin of Bluffton, Missy Reamer; grandsons, (Shawn) Velasquez, Annessa J. sixteen Braxton Reamer and Zaydrian Scheibelhut of Bluffton, Alisha eight Ricky E. Grogg of Fort Wayne, grandchildren; sister, Judy Elm (Peggy) Reamer Jr., Rodney Telisha E. Jensen of Peoria, Wright; sisters-in-law, Mary Falisha Russell Arizonia, and (Ann) Reamer, Robert (Caitlyn) (Duane) Biberstein of Bluffton, brother-in-law, Arthur Grubb; and Rex (Taelor) along with many aunts, uncles as well as many nieces and

Funeral services will take by his father, Ricky J. Reamer Sr. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at the The family will receive Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral husband, follow in the Garden of and Loretta Grubb. at Elm Grove N. Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to 1:00 PM. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be help the family and directed follow to the funeral home.

MULLENS

away on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, with her loving family by her side.

her parents, Jesse Purl & Mae Wayne.

love of her life, Robert James Mullens on August 18, 1956. They spent 56 wonderful years School in 1955. She worked at together gathering a lifetime of memories before he passed retired from U-Tech Huntington, Indiana.

Eloise enjoyed putting puzzles together, growing a beautiful flower garden, and with her grandchildren. They were the light of her life! She She had a very generous heart that was always willing to lend

legacy of love are her children, and seven great-great nieces Melinda (David) Parks, Connie and nephews. (Donnie) Treadway, Roxana (Grant) Watkins, Robin (Jeff) Terhark; nine grandchildren, S. (Vannie) Clem, Ruth Bowers; nephews.

Eloise was welcomed into Ryan was preceded in death place at 10:30 a.m. on Heaven by her parents, Jesse Purl & Mae Vernelle Clem; Robert Mullens; visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Home in Bluffton with Rev. siblings, Sharon Clem, Phyllis on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at Dan York officiating. Burial will Fletcher, Jesse Junior Clem,

A funeral service celebrating Eloise's life will be held on Visitation will take place Friday, November 8, 2024, at Following the visitation, a from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1:00 PM at Taylor & Cowan graveside service will take 11, 2024, at the funeral home Funeral Home located at 314 place at 2:30 p.m. at Grant and for one hour prior to the N. Main Street in Tipton. Visitation will be 11:00 AM -Committal will the service Brookside Cemetery.

> In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Eloises's honor can be made to The Alzheimer's Association or

Warren Bread of Life food SMITH pantry.

MEEKS

Jeanne Meeks, 87, of Bluffton passed away on Wednesday Eloise was born in Windfall, morning, Nov. 6, 2024, at

Eloise attended Windfall 1937 in Liberty Township, Martha (Strohl) Grover. She graduated from Bluffton High Caylor-Nickel Clinic JCPenney, along with helping on the farm.

> On Sept. 6, 1958, Jeanne and Community Schools. Wayne E. Meeks were married in Bluffton. They shared 66 years of marriage together.

most of all, spending time husband, Wayne of Bluffton, had a great sense of humor, She will be remembered by always quick with a comeback. her sister, Virginia Cully of Shirley (Tom) Surbaugh of Those left to carry on Eloise's four great nieces & nephews Rose

her parents.

great-grandchildren, take place at the New Castle Bluffton.

Carolyn Sue (Careins) Smith, 88, of Florida, passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at a hospice facility in Auburndale,

She was born on May 18, Mich., on Sunday, June 15, 2016, in Whitley County. She Indiana on April 2, 1939, to Lutheran Hospital in Fort 1936, in Hartford City to Dane and Esther (Lindsay) Careins. Jeanne was born on July 31, They preceded her in death.

> Carolyn married Richard had a huge smile for everyone! High School. She married the Wells County, to Kenneth and "Dick" Smith on August 29, 1954, in Matthews.

> > She grew up in Matthews.

Carolyn graduated from and Jefferson Township High School, Upland, in 1954.

She had taught at Eastbrook

Carolyn and Dick had resided in Upland and Hartford City as well as Wisconsin and Arizona Survivors include her before moving to Florida.

She is survived by her and their daughter Melissa A. husband of 70 years, Dick (Brian T.) Marsh of Muncie. Smith, of Florida; children, Brian Smith, Scott Smith and Lisa (Jeff) Jones; grandchildren, Bluffton, along with her nieces, Nicole (Matt) Wheatley, Emily (Nick) Moore, (Rachel) Walter, Dane (Nicole) Cully-Girard of Detroit, MI., Regnier, Clayton Regnier and Jones; greatgrandchildren, Charlotte Wheatley, Lennon Wheatley, She is preceded in death by MaKenzie Walter and Brianna Walter; sister, Kathi (Robert A private family service will "Bob") Plummer, of Florida.

In addition to her parents, great-great- Community Columbarium at Carolyn was preceded in Grove Cemetery in death by a daughter-in-law, Cindy Smith, and an infant daughter.





Obituaries, Birth Announcements, Wedding & Anniversary Announcements are always FREE in the Warren Weekly!

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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Pediatrics (AAP) recommends experienced or witnessed reading with your child every cruelty," Dr. Navsaria said. "It day, even if only for a few might be a book on expressing minutes, and making it part of emotions after your child saw the bedtime routine. Each or heard scary news coverage, evening, set aside 20 to 30 or minutes with screens off for understanding sharing books.

experience should be fun. You they expected." don't have to finish a story if your child loses interest. Let Read have compiled a list of your child choose the book, books—organized by age and even if it means reading the topic—to help you raise same book over and over. You children who are curious, can invite your child to "read" brave, kind, thoughtful and to you from a familiar book aware of the world around that they have memorized. Dr. them. You can find the list at Navsaria suggests about the illustrations or what your child thinks will happen conversation can fly." Point out colors, particularly shapes, numbers and letters holidays comments.

and nursery rhymes, as well as is." non-fiction books on subjects children love, such as the **DOCTORS' TIPS FOR A** ocean or dogs. Follow your child's interests in choosing books. Children's librarians can help you with high-quality book selections on a wide range of topics. And during the holidays, consider building home library and reinforcing the value of great books by giving them as gifts.

By age 4, a child can typically tell you which books they want to share with you; pretend to read a favorite book aloud to you; and tell you how a story is like things they have seen or done. They may ask you questions about books you are enjoying together or "correct" you if you skip a word or page in a favorite book. As children grow older, reading can help taking these steps during the develop character and values holidays: that are important to your family. In fact, a really great book has the power to counterbalance negative outside influences and teach children important lessons as they grow.

"It might be a book on The American Academy of kindness after your child book on maybe a differences after your child saw someone Remember that the who looked different than

> The AAP and Reach Out and asking healthychildren.org.

"Books are great starters," next. You can say: "Can you Navsaria said. "They're also find all the blue things?" or just a lot of fun and can help "Show me all the things that create wonderful memories, during when you're and respond with enthusiasm spending extra time together. holiday fare. to your child's questions and A shared reading experience, as a tender, magical and Local libraries offer a wide loving time spent with your variety of children's literature, child, is truly a gift. It speaks including fairy tales, poetry to the heart of what parenting

HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

holiday (StatePoint) The season is a joyous time of year, but it can also throw your wellness routines out of alignment. Doctors advise prioritizing healthy choices during this period, so you can start 2025 on the right foot.

"Everyone's holiday wish is to be happy, healthy and safe, but the season is often a time for overindulgence in food and drink, increased stress and exposure to respiratory illness," says Bruce A. Scott, M.D., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

AMA recommends

1. Vaccines are a safe and remarkably effective defense from a number of serious respiratory viruses that circulate in the fall and winter. To protect yourself and your family, get up to date on your vaccines, including the annual

flu shot, as well as the updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. Vaccines are also available to protect older adults from severe RSV. Tools to protect infants during RSV season include maternal vaccination as well as the monoclonal antibody immunization. If you have questions, speak with your physician and review trusted resources, including getvaccineanswers.org.

- 2. Watch what you eat. Pay particular attention to labels and avoid processed foods as much as you can, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Consider having a healthy snack before the big meal or offer to bring a healthier dish for the holiday spread. Drink water instead of beverages, sugar-sweetened and eat nutritious, whole foods like fresh fruits and vegetables alongside richer
- 3. Stick to your exercise prioritize schedule and physical activity during this busy time of year. A good rule of thumb for adults is at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or minutes a week of vigorous-intensity Brisk walks, bike rides, hikes family-friendly and even sports like basketball and touch football are good for heart health.
- 4. Use time with relatives to find out whether your family has a history of type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular disease, and whether other family members have been told they have prediabetes. With this information, you can better understand your risk and take charge of your health.
- 5. Prioritize your mental health. Factors like holiday spending and navigating time with extended family can bring on extra seasonal stress. You can help manage stress by sufficient sleep, getting exercising and seeking help from a mental health professional when you need it.
- 6. Make smart choices and plan ahead if you're driving. In December 2021 alone, 1,013 Americans died in alcohol impaired-driving crashes. Do drive under any

circumstances if you intend to drink. And if you are the designated driver, make a 100% commitment to sobriety.

- 7. Be prepared when traveling. Whether you're flying or taking a road trip, you might be tempted to grab convenient, unhealthy food for the journey. Consider packing your own snacks, such as fresh fruits and vegetables or small portions of dried fruits and nuts.
- 8. Get New Year's resolutions started early. Speak with your doctor or health care professional about quitting tobacco and nicotine use, and declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

"The holiday season is a wonderful time to reconnect with family and friends - it's also a chance to reconnect with your physical and mental health," says Dr. Scott.

THEY'LL THAT **GIFTS** ACTUALLY USE THIS WINTER

(StatePoint) Staying warm during the cold winter months is a top priority for many, which is why holiday gifts that activity. help in this endeavor are always a surefire hit!

> Here are some head-to-toe gift ideas that will add comfort to the season and show your loved ones you care.

1. Functional Gloves for the Fashionista. From navigating with GPS to queuing up a playlist, your loved one relies on her devices all the time outdoors. That's why her gloves should offer touchscreen-capable

fingertips so that even in frigid temperatures, she can stay cozy and connected. Enter the Women's Mya Faux Fur Cuff Gloves from Isotoner, where style meets practicality. With SmarTouch technology for touchscreen superior capability and SmartDri waterrepellent features that make rain and snow roll right off, elevating winter weather ensembles has never been easier!

2. On-the-Go Coziness for the Fashion Forward. Staying warm and stylish with this

must-have beanie and scarf set is easy. Featuring a waffle knit beanie with Levi's iconic red tab and a soft buffalo plaid scarf, this duo is perfect for on-the-go coziness and will keep your loved one comfortable during favorite all their winter activities. Designed for the fashion-forward, it's an ideal gift for anyone looking to blend warmth with timeless style.

- 3. For the Best Dressed Friend. Ultimate comfort and style go hand in hand with these Women's Shortie Stretch Microsuede Gloves. Made from soft and stretchy microsuede fabric, these slimfitting contoured gloves feature a velour interior and plenty of stretch, providing warmth and flexibility with none of the bulk. touchscreen-enabled fingertips and a water-repellent exterior designed with beautiful stitching detail, your loved one will stay warm, dry and stylish all winter.
- 4. For the Multitasking Guy. For the type who tackles winter head on-whether it's shoveling snow or scraping icv windshields- you'll want the Men's Neoprene Gloves from With a Isotoner. durable exterior, sleek tech detailing and an adjustable zip closure, they're designed to handle the cold. Plus, a non-slip palm offers extra grip and SmartDri water-repellent technology, to keep hands warm and dry in all kinds of weather, so that he can find comfort in any moment.
- 5. For the On-the-Go Guy Who Wants to Be Comfortable. The Isotoner Men's Carter Microsuede Water Repellent Boat Moccasin is made with durable microsuede. Not just a slipper, this versatile indoor/outdoor footwear doubles as a shoe. The moisture-wicking lining and cooling gel-infused memory foam with super supportive enhanced heel cushion offer ultimate comfort, rain or shine.
- 6. For the Cozy Homebody. Make winter movie marathons and sleep sessions toastier and more restful with a weighted blanket. After all, it's also important to stay warm inside. Research has found that weighted blankets may improve sleep quality, making this a great choice for those in need of some extra shut-eye.

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