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Thought for the Week: An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. Elbert Hubbard



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DINNER

Citizens Telephone Corp, Reber's Repair, and Warren Health & Fitness; all of Warren are sponsoring The Boys & Girls Club of Warren's Steak & Burger Dinner. This fundraising event will be held at the Warren United Church of Christ's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016. The evening will start with a Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m. with the supper and the program beginning at 6:30 pm.

The evening's entertainment includes the recognition of the Club's Youth of the Year followed with a performance by Comedian David Dean. A resident of Huntington County, David Dean has been making people laugh for more than 25 years.

Twenty-five Club members will be selected by staff to attend the event. The members chosen to attend will enjoy eating a delicious baked steak dinner, and guests will eat burgers, catered by Nadine's Cakes, Cookies & Catering. This fundraiser serves as a gesture of appreciation for those that the Club and community serve.

Tickets are available for \$25 a seat, or guests may become Table Sponsors which includes 6 tickets for \$140 total. Tickets are available at Reber's Repair, East of Chicago, & Citizens Telephone Corp.

Pictured above are B&G Club members left to right: Jaziah Norman, Amiah Norman, Ahlivia Calhoun, Abigail Wright, Taylor Jordan, Reece Griffith, Keaton Jones and Audrianna Miller.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

All information for the SSF schedule need to be given to Cheryl DeWeese for printing. Cheryl is chairperson of the festival and all ideas and what you are planning need to go across her desk soon. It will be time set up the programs for printing. There are several great events planned for the festival. Get your ideas and information to Cheryl soon if you want the event in the fliers. Please remember it cannot happen if you do not give the information Cheryl.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Sigma Phi Gamma is Sponsoring the Sunday Luncheon at the KBC from 11am-1pm this coming Sunday, April 3rd. Menu includes Baked Steak, Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Desserts & a Drink. \$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 Children 6-12 and FREE for Children 5 & under. Carry Outs Available. Proceeds will go to Benefit Community Service Projects.

PAGEANT INFO

It's pageant time!! The Miss Warren pageant will be held Saturday May 7th, 2016 at the Warren Church of Christ & the winners will serve in roles throughout the year at events such as the Salomonie Summer Festival, Scarecrow Festival & the Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees.

Entry forms are available for pick up at East of Chicago

Pizza, Citizens Telephone, and Warren Health & Fitness. Deadline for entries will be Friday April 15th and the Miss Warren Pageant will be held on Saturday May 7th at 6:00pm. All contestants will be invited to a 'Get Acquainted Social' on Saturday April 23rd at 9:00am where they will receive further information & have photos taken. There will again be 3 age groups: Little Miss Warren 5-8 years old, Junior Miss Warren 9-13 years old, Miss Warren 14-18 years old. Please like our page on Facebook-- Miss Warren Pageant--to stay up to date on the latest information.

We look forward to a great turnout this year!

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast It is time for our annual spring Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the Warren Sportsman's Club. The date is Saturday, April 9th from 7:00am-10:00am. Cost is adults: \$6.00, children 5-12 is \$4.00 and kids under the age of 5 eat for free. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast before you start your day.

We will also be starting our SSF raffle during the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. This year we will be raffling off a Parker Bushwacker Cross Bow with quiver, 4 arrows, and a scope. We will also be raffling off a Longanberger 12 x12 cake basket with engraved and dated lid. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for

\$5.00. These items will be raffled off during the SSF right before the fireworks at Tower Park.

We hope to see you on Saturday, April 9th.

DEADLINE APPROACHING

It's a big election year. Are you registered to vote? If you want to have your say, you must register.

Register by April 4th to be able to vote in the May 3rd primary election.

Hoosiers can register to vote online by using the Indiana Voters app, or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office or any Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch.

The Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on their ballot, track their absentee ballot application or provisional ballot information and contact local election officials.

In order to be eligible to register to vote, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States,
- be at least 18 years old on the day of the next general, municipal, or special election,
- have lived in your precinct for at least 30 days before the next general, municipal, or special election (except for certain military voters); and

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- * Local Event Calendar * Forms
- * Archives of past Warren Weeklys
- * Antiquity Tales - a new blog
- * Classified & Subscription Forms



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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

We want to thank Rose Broyles for all her effort of arranging volunteers to help with the turn over. We also thank the church members of Solid Rock, Methodist, First United Methodist (Bluffton), Boehmer and Wesleyan. Thank you to Lisa Sabinski and her children, Jorita Banter, Jane Hamilton, Thelma Studabaker, Steve & Susie Siebold, Rochelle DeHaven, Sue Shake, Roger Irick, Marcia Jackson and Dave Spahr. Rose is a remarkable giving and loving person who helps everyone she meets.

The volunteers came in around 9:00 a.m. on Monday, they had everything packed up by 11:00 a.m. Then had the B.B. refilled by around 2:00 p.m. It is a record for any turnover we've ever had. We appreciate all their work.

We have lots of fabulous apparel, furnishings for your home, outdoor decorations and lawn chairs, even a great fertilizer spreader and a weed whacker. There is something for everyone. Planning a wedding this summer?

One special donation included four little boy's tuxedos, size 3, 4, and 5 for your ring bearer. We have a very pretty wedding gown size 7-8, 10 (??). We have a beautiful little girls dress size 3 in white and lots of glitter beads for a flower girl.

We want to thank the Salamonie Mill and Kevin Drayer for their great donation of Wrangler Jeans. You must check these out - really a great deal!!

We have a great adjustable car seat, it has several different sizes of "seats" you can change as they grow. Hard to explain - come check it out.

Come in and start your Spring and Summer needs at great prices. Bag Sale every day.

Thank you for all your support!



THE UPTOWN GARDENER
 by Ruth Herring

Well to continue about the Texas trip. I left off with another time I'll tell about the "bull riding". Many concerns came about why I rode "the bull" well, truth comes out, it wasn't really a bull. We just dubbed it that name. "The bull" I am referring to is what you call a Cushman cart. Its a 3 wheel mobile cart that has more steel plate than room to set.

So my story begins, at my Aunt and Uncle's house in Texas, they live in a very nice secluded area in the country, rolling hills, red clay dirt, and lots of trees. If anyone knows me well, they know I don't like snakes. I have heard too many stories

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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.

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
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heinger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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
 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 Soutz & Dick Case
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
 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.

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 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 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 - Pastor Heather Parsons
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-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
 The Highway (2nd Service) 11:00 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 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

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 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

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
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

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• not currently be imprisoned after being convicted of a crime.

"I urge all Hoosiers to exercise their right to vote," said Secretary Lawson. "It only takes a few minutes to register and can be done online at anytime."

Hoosiers wishing to take part in the November 8th general election must be registered by October 11th.

Voters with questions can call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 800-IN-1-VOTE.

BASEBALL BREAKFAST

Southern Wells Raider Baseball All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, April 9, 2016, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Breakfast will be served at the Montpelier American Legion. Tickets are \$7 for Adults, \$4 for children age 3-10.

The breakfast is open to the public.

ANNUAL DINNER

Warren United Church of Christ (202 East Second Street) will be having their 49th Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 23rd. Meal will be served from 4:30-7:00pm. Dine In, Carry Out, and Limited Delivery are available. This is a free will donation and all proceeds go to help fund Mission Projects.

MEETING MOVED

The Warren Public Library Board of Trustees has moved the April 2016 meeting to a different date. The regularly scheduled April 4th meeting has been moved to April 11th. The Board will meet at

7:00PM at the Warren Public Library. The public is welcome to attend.

MONDAY LEAGUE

If you are interested in playing in a golf league (handicap system) at Dogwood Glen GC or want more information, please call Larry Langdon at 375-3049 or sign up at the course. This would be for ALL golfers, men, women, young, senior, HP employees and anyone.

League membership is \$20.00. Regular green fees apply for play.

Tee times flexible. Preferred start 9 a.m. on Monday. All use green tee boxes.

Start play on Monday June 6.

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces that two overpass rehabilitation projects are scheduled to begin on Interstate 69, at C.R. E 400 S and C.R. W 1000 S in Huntington County, on Monday, April 4, weather permitting.

C.R. E 400 S and C.R. W 1000 S will be closed during the work. Drivers are encouraged to find local detours.

Drivers may also see shoulder work on I-69, between mile marker 273 to 282 to accommodate for a bridge deck overlay occurring on C.R. E 400 S and C.R. W 1000 S. Motorists are reminded to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through any construction zone. Work on the overpasses will continue

through late May, weather permitting.

The overpasses are being rehabilitated in conjunction with several others over I-69. The joint contract was awarded to Primco for \$1.4 million.

BASIC CROCHET CLASSES

Purdue Extension is offering a Basic Crochet Class for youth currently in grades 3 - 12. This is FREE for current 4-H members. If you are NOT in 4-H but would like to take the class, there is a \$15 state program fee. You must sign up by April 4. Classes will be at the Extension Office from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The dates are: April 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27.

The instructor is Hosana Burgess. 4-H Youth Educator, Rae Ann O'Neill will also be assisting.

You can sign up at the Extension Office 260-358-4826; 1340 S Jefferson, Huntington, IN. Additional information about the supplies you need will be provided when you sign up.

BASEBALL DVDS

It's baseball time in Warren again! Warren Public Library has recently acquired a set of training DVDs for baseball that coaches and parents may be interested in. There are eight DVDs in the set and they may be checked out as a set or individually for a week at a time. These DVDs were made by the coaching staff at Texas

Christian University and include: Skill & Drills for Hitting, Infielders, Outfielders, Baserunning, Catchers, Pitching Mechanics, Pitching Velocity, and Team Practice. Patrons who have already checked them out have remarked that they were very well done and helpful. So, coaches and parents of the Warren Baseball League, your first stop for a great season should be your Warren Public Library!

HP SPORTS REPORT

Pool results for the week are as follows: Hey, guys and gals, it doesn't matter how old you are, you can still be in the ranking of things, first place went to Mel Dooley and Ruby Childs, second place was Phil Boxell and Dick Hinton. You'll just have to do better the next time, Phil and Dick!! There were 16 players. Congratulations to the winners and great effort to all who came out and played. Good luck to all for next week.

Now, onto the bowling: Sawdust had high series this week with 175, and Mary Dungan came in second with a series of 169. Dick Lintner had a series 158 and Larry Langdon with 157.

VANITY PLATES ARE BACK

Kent Abernathy, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced today that the Personalized License Plate

(PLP) program will return on Friday, April 1, 2016.

"I am pleased that we are able to return this very popular program to the public" said Abernathy.

"Beginning this Friday, customers who have been waiting for a new PLP will be able visit a branch or go online to apply for one."

Online applications will be available to customers who are registering a new vehicle or renewing their registration for the year. Individuals who wish to switch out their up-to-date plates for a PLP will need to visit a license branch.

Individuals who currently have a PLP will be able to continue renewing their existing PLP or may choose to apply for a new one.

More information on the PLP program and how to purchase one online can be found on myBMV.com.

JOIN A FRIENDS GROUP

Support your local Indiana state park or reservoir property by joining its Friends group.

Friends groups support DNR properties by helping with events, working on trails, fundraising and providing other financial support for projects, equipment, supplies and materials.

"It is wonderful to see these groups grow throughout our DNR properties," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for DNR Division of State Parks. "When group

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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.

Apr 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce at Assembly Hall
Apr 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Apr 7	2-6p	Blood Drive at KBC
Apr 11	5:30p	W - Town Council, Assembly Hall
Apr 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Apr 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
May 2-7		W - Town Clean up Days
May 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce at Assembly Hall
May 4	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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Sunday Lunch

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April 3rd
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At Knight Bergman Center

Menu: Baked Steak, Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Desserts & a Drink

\$8 Adults, \$4 Children 6-12
 5 & Under eat Free

Carry-outs Available
 Proceeds to Benefit Community Service Projects

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members put their passions together for the outdoors it equals amazing results for the visitor's enjoyment of that property."

Links to each friends group are at stateparks.IN.gov/2442.htm.

If you are interested in helping start a Friends group for your favorite state park or reservoir property, contact the property office. You will need a core group of people who can work hard, serve as initial officers, coordinate articles of incorporation, establish non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service, and publicize and support the group's organization the first few years.

"There is time and energy involved, but it can be a rewarding effort," Heaston said.

CAMPGROUND HOSTS NEEDED

Indiana's state parks are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.

Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at parks, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required.

Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with people and DNR staff.

Volunteers for hosts are needed at Brown County, McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, Potato Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon and Indiana Dunes state parks and Salamonie, Monroe and Patoka lakes.

A complete list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties is at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

HONOR ROLL

Salamonie School announces that the following students have attained Honor Roll status for the third quarter.

5th Grade – All A's: Blaine Brown, Kimber Cobbs, Cadence Crouse, Erica Dickson, Zoe Erickson, Emma Helvie, Cassandra Imel, Summer Jackson, Joshua Justice, Keaden Justice, Gabrielle Leichty, Emily Manry, Matthew Martin, Emma Mounsey, Alexandria Raab, Lucas Trickle, Abagayle Wright, Charlie Zehner.

4th Grade – All A's: Clayton Bell, Rehryn Brooks, Jason Brown, Asher Chipchosky, Jay Clampitt, Devon Davis, Aiden DeWeese, Devin Downey, Spencer, Jillian Loftis, Tessa Maul, Riley Mautz, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scalf, Blake Sheward, Julia Spitler, Shaylyn Suchcicki, Hanna Surfus.

3rd Grade – All A's: Jackson Barlow, Evan Clabaugh, Seth Gilbert, Javin Gray, Landon Green, Hailey Imel, Marcus Linker, Caden Moore, Cameron Moore, Kayda Newman, Jonah Renkenberger, Paige Russell, Molly Schindler, Brodee Swaidner, Maleah Warpup.

2nd Grade – All A's: Emma Alford, Anna Clampitt, Lola Crawford, Olivia Crouse, Raylynn Eltzroth, Blaine Freiburger, Izabella Gareri, Taylor Jackson, James Linker, Ava Markley, Gunnar McCutcheon, Dalton Stephan, Garrett Yohe.

5th Grade – A/B: Ahlivia Calhoun, Savannah Johnson, Taylor Jordan, Cole McCarver, Hailey Rains, Kiera Searles, Brooke Swaidner.

4th Grade – A/B: Trinity Cain, Vincent Carboni, Kelsey Chaney, Dalton Davis, Izaya Dunno, Parker Ellenburg, Noah Gallegos, Delaney Huffman, Emily Livers, Kahlen Lows, Isaak McCord, Ashton Michaud, Christian Smith.

3rd Grade – A/B: Kayla Brown, Dylan Burkhart, Mia Bustos, Brenna Cady, Brayden Cantrell, Kinzie Cobbs, Emma Dickson, Cole Eltzroth, Lily Hall, Aydan Jackson, Aiden Justice, Isabella Leas, Jaziah Norman, Joseph Shively, Aiden Skidmore, Haley Smith, Lola

Smith, Anna Spitler, Allen Yohe.

3rd Grade – A/B: Lilly Ballenger, Mackenzie Brown, Donovan Cain, Lillian Ellis, Kaitlynn Gardner, Ava Green, Hannah Helms, Tristen Helvie, Keaton Jones, Kendra Killen, Isabella Maul, Abigail Michaud, Jakira Morris, Hailey Pursifull, Kirah Sheward, Hunter Snyder, Blake Stucky.

Perfect Attendance Students achieving Perfect Attendance for the 3rd quarter at Salamonie School are as follows.

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HELPING YOUR KIDS SURVIVE END OF YEAR TESTING

from the American Counseling Association Today's students are facing more tests than ever. While taking course exams, or state-mandated standardized tests, may never be fun, there are many things every student can do to minimize the stress and maximize test performance. The following advice can help any student:

- Plan ahead: Last minute cramming seldom improves test grades, but does raise test anxiety. Instead, start your studying early and spread it over a number of days.

- Anticipate: No test covers everything about a subject. Look for areas that are most important and most likely to be covered on a test as you review your notes or text book. Think about what the teacher has emphasized. If you've been given a study guide, use it. Pay attention when a teacher reviews material – those are the things most likely to be tested.

- Be rested. It's just common sense. Getting enough rest lets you feel better and will help your mind do a much better job of pulling up those obscure facts you forgot were even there.

- Eat healthy. Your brain requires good nutrition to do its job. Skipping breakfast impairs brain function. Eating a healthy breakfast improves it. Avoid junk food and foods loaded with sugar. Crashing from a sugar high during a test won't help your grades. And limit caffeine. Coffee, caffeinated soda and energy drinks may make you feel alert, but can also leave you jittery and nervous, and make concentrating more difficult.


- Stay focused. Taking a test is rarely enjoyable. Your mind wants to wander. Don't let it. Keep your eyes on your paper, ignore classroom distractions and pay attention to the test material.

- Relax. In the days before a test, practice relaxing by closing your eyes, taking a deep breath and thinking positive thoughts about how well you're going to do. Do the same thing at test time. If you get nervous during the test, take a few deep breaths and actually think about that air flowing into and out of your lungs. Then focus calmly back on the test. Remind yourself it's only a test, not life or death.



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DEEMER

John E. Deemer, 82,  of Huntington, IN, died Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 12:20 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deemer graduated from Lancaster High School, Huntington County, and attended Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. He served in the United States Navy as a petty officer second class during the Suez Canal Conflict. He retired from Majestic Co., in Huntington, where he had worked in quality control and consumer relations for 46 years. He had previously worked at Pulley-Kellam, in Huntington. He was a 63-year member of Central Christian Church, in Huntington. He was also a member of Moose Lodge 318, a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge 483 F&AM and a member of American Legion Post 7. He was a former member of Starlight Dancers and the Red Cross and had been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 29 years.

He was born March 9, 1934, in Lancaster Township, Huntington County, to Herbert and Greta Tharp Deemer. He married Dorothy Gee on June 14, 1953, in Huntington, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia K. (Mark) Foust, of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard E. (Joan) Deemer, of Bradenton, FL; two sisters, Mary Lou (Rex) Larkey, of Roanoke, and Ruth Ann (Larry) Berryhill, of Warren; two grandsons, Brian A. Foust and Mathew E. Foust; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling is Monday, March 28, 2016, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Chris Hayden and Dr. Sam Young officiating. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at www.livestream.com. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

KULB

Rita Violet Walters-Kulb, 82, of Huntington, IN, died Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 12:18 a.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Mrs. Walters-Kulb graduated in 1951 from Huntington Catholic High School and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, in Huntington. She had worked at Schacht Rubber company, in Huntington, and at Dana Corporation, in Andrews. She had also owned a deli on Etna Avenue, in Huntington.

She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689 Auxiliary and a former member of the Moose Lodge and Knights of Columbus.

She was born July 20, 1933, in Huntington to Norbert and Garnet Fulton Bickel. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Paul Kulb.

Additional survivors include three sons, Michael (Melinda) Walters, of Wabash; Mark Walters, of Andrews; and Kent (Anallo) Walters, of Huntington; five daughters, Jan (Bill) Loehmer, of Huntington; Jody (Bill) Davies, of Andrews; Kelly (Scott) Bressler and Penny Long, both of Fort Wayne; and Jenny Lynch, of Roanoke; and a stepson, Tony Kulb, of Liberty Center. Also, six brothers, Dan (Myra) Bickel, Jim (Eve) Bickel, Joe (Jannie) Bickel, Pat (Martha) Bickel and Mark (Debra) Bickel, all of Huntington, and Fritz (Gay) Bickel, of Roanoke; four sisters, Annie Olinger and Sondra (Carl) Ness, both of Huntington; Nance Burnau, of Fort Wayne; and Pam (Steve) Fleck, of Andrews; 11 grandchildren, Honey Walters, Kent Walters, Kevin Walters, Kala Nogami, Melissa Hamman, Jordan Walters, Valerie Sheets, Talon Lynch, Adaira Lynch, Braxtany Lynch and Gage Bressler; and seven great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at

McElhane-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to Mass, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Gifts to the family may be made in care of McElhane-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

MAYES

Rose M. Mayes, 79, of Van Buren, IN, died Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 12:40 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Mayes retired from Scott & White Memorial Hospital, in Temple, TX, and had previously worked for JC Penney.

She was born March 29, 1936, in New York, NY, to Henry and Lucy Michelson.

Survivors include three daughters, Laurie (James) Yeager, of Van Buren, and Linda Morgan and Brenda (Kristy) Whitcomb, both of Texas; six sons, Robert (Lisa) Mayes, Danny Mayes, Hank Mayes and Thomas (Chelsea) Mayes, all of Texas; Michael (Jana) Mayes, of Bluffton; Joe (Karen) Mayes, of Arizona; two brothers, Sonny Michelson and Richard Michelson, both of Texas; a sister, Ronnie Muicer; 40 grandchildren; and 49 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Saturday, March 26, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. Burial will be in Temple, TX, at a later date.

JOHNSON

Nina J. Johnson, 92, of Markle, IN, died Friday, March 25, 2016, at 4:35 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mrs. Johnson graduated from Lancaster High School in 1941. She worked with her husband on the family farm and dairy. She was a former member of

the Order of the Eastern Star, in Bluffton; Rockford Friendship Home Economics Club; Boehmer United Methodist Church, in Liberty Center; and Emmanuel Church, in Rockford.

She was born July 1, 1923, in Wells County to James Lewis and Addie Davison Gibson. She married Paul E. Johnson on June 6, 1943, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2008.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Hunnicutt, of Warren; three sons, Gary P. (Judy) Johnson, of Markle; and Steven L. Johnson, of Berne; five grandchildren, Heath Hunnicutt, of Seattle, WA; Lisa Hunnicutt, of Indianapolis; Brian (Kerry Ann) Johnson, of Fishers; and Brad (Caryn) Johnson and Cameron Masterson, both of Bluffton; and nine great-grandchildren.

Calling is Monday, March 28, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton. A service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Barry Humble will officiate. Burial will be at Mossburg Cemetery, Liberty Center.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Boehmer United Methodist Church.

DAVIS

Waneta Irene Davis, 93, of Monroeville, IN, and having family members in Warren, IN, died Saturday, March 26, 2016, at Adams Heritage, in Monroeville.

Mrs. Davis, a long-time resident of Decatur, retired in 1984 from General Electric. She was a member of the Decatur Church of God and the General Electric Retired Women.

She was born Aug. 13, 1922, in Van Wert, OH, to Ross and Cecil Pierce McKean. She married Ivan Davis Sr. on July 30, 1942, in Decatur, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1989.

Survivors include three sons, Ivan "Sonny" (Jan) Davis, of Decatur; Jerry (Deborah) Davis, of New Haven; and

Ronald (Nancy) Davis, of Warren; two daughters-in-law, Nancy Davis and Linda Davis, both of Decatur; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, March 29, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. A service will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service, at the Decatur Church of God. Dr. Robert Brink will officiate. Interment will be at the Decatur Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Decatur Church of God Food Pantry or Adams Heritage.

KLOPFENSTEIN

Avon E. Klopfenstine, 88, of Kendallville, IN, and having family members in Warren, IN, died Sunday, March 27, 2016, at Sacred Heart Home, in Avilla.

Mr. Klopfenstine retired in 1990 from Smokercraft, where he had worked in the woodshop for five years. He had worked in real estate and was an auctioneer for more than 15 years and farmed from 1954 to 2013. He was a member of the Church of Christ, in Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Monroe to Henry and Phyllis O. Stocker Klopfenstine. He married Sally Feltner on Nov. 3, 1979, and she survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Darrell (Dawn) Klopfenstein, of Wolcottville; a daughter, Brenda (Jon) Ballard, of Daleville; a stepdaughter, Geneva (Fred) Stidham, of Kendallville; a stepson, James (Kathie) Eversole, of Avilla; two brothers, David (Iva) Klopfenstein, of Kendallville, and Gerald (Irma) Klopfenstein, of Brimfield; four grandchildren, Adam (Susie) Klopfenstein, of Kendallville; Trent (Kristin) Klopfenstein, of South Milford; Katie (Mick) Leas, of Warren; and Kyle (Lee-Anne) Ballard, of Daleville; five stepgrandchildren, Samuel Stidham and Teresa (Henry) Collins, both of Kendallville; Robert Woods, of Avilla;

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Chuck Woods, of Albion; and Bryon Woods, of Jeffersonville; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 1 p.m., with Rev. Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be at the Brushey Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

COUCH

John L. Couch, 73, of Warren, died Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at his home in Warren.



He was born June 18, 1942, in Marion. He married Charlotte (Lahr) Couch June 14, 2004, in Huntington; she survives in Warren.

Survivors include daughters, Jennifer (Carl) Cabanas of Portland and Shay (Frank) Caruso of Ohio; sons, John Adam (Lisa) Couch of Marion and Jason (Shelia) Couch of Marion; stepdaughters, Angela (Brent) Graff of Sweetser and Cindy (David) Hiatt of Fairmount; a brother, Stephen (Delilah) Couch of Marion; 23 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Edward Couch and Geraldine (Cox) Howard.

At his request, the family will have a memorial service at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

BOYER

Keith M. "Butch" Boyer, 70, of Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of Huntington County, died Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He was born May 3, 1945, in Huntington.

He is survived by four daughters, Andrea (Rick) Hahn of Wilshire, Ohio, Michelle "Tiger" (John) Seadler of Louisville, Ky., Nicolle (Steve

Beer of Bluffton, and Stephanie (Kendra) Vickrey of Greenfield; a sister, Shirley Taylor of Marion; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Keith Sr. and Betty (Thompson) Pressler; and step-parents Vern Pressler and Mildred Boyer.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. A graveside memorial service will follow at Star of Hope Cemetery in rural Huntington at 5 p.m.

Calling hours are at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, Saturday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Burial will follow at a later date in Temple, Texas.

WORKINGER

Jerry A. Workinger, 73, of Marion, passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Jerry was born Dec. 1, 1942, in Geneva to Lester A. and Mildred Nevil Workinger. He married Nina M. McAhren March 23, 1962, in Decatur; she survives in Marion.

Jerry was a member of the Estill Springs Church of the Nazarene in Estill Springs, Tenn.; a former co-director of Compassionate Friends of Tullahoma in Tullahoma, Tenn.; and a member of the Big Brothers in Decatur. Jerry enjoyed woodworking and collecting toy semi trucks. Jerry loved to make people laugh and pull pranks.

Jerry retired in 2005 from Fuji Color Processing after eight years; retired in 1997 as custodian at South Adams Schools for 18 years; had worked at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico for 11 years; and International Harvester – Fort Wayne for two years.

Survivors include a son, Scott A. (Todd Arehart) Workinger of Palm Springs, Calif.; a daughter, Annette (Brett) Krick of Convoy, Ohio; a grandson, Jace R. (Jacinda) Noe of Warren; two great-granddaughters, Brielle and Briley Noe of Warren; three sisters, Shelby (Rex) Meyers of

Ohio City, Ohio, Barbara Clark of Monroe, and Sara (Mike) Eyanson of Berne; and four stepgrandsons, Trey, Jarret, and Colten Krick and Ryley Baker.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ray E. Workinger, in 1986.

A service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Pastor Steven Lester officiating. Calling hours are from 10 a.m. until time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Decatur Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Cancer Services of Grant County, Indiana.

HOFFACKER

Von H. Hoffacker died at home Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

He was born in Bluffton Oct. 23, 1936, and graduated from Liberty Center High School, class of 1954. He joined the United States Army shortly after high school graduation and was stationed in Germany, serving two years with the 84th Field Artillery Rocket Battery as a Chief Radar Specialist. After an honorable discharge, he started working at Farnsworth Electronics; there he met the "love of his life," Johanna. They married Aug. 27, 1960, and celebrated their 50th anniversary with a celebration for family and friends in August 2010 at the Hoagland Hayloft.

He worked at ITT Federal Laboratories for eight years and then started his employment with Franklin Electric in Bluffton, where he enjoyed his fellow co-workers. Von retired in 1998 after 34 years of service. He traveled the world as their International Service Engineer. They enjoyed vacationing in Mexico, taking cruises, and were winter "snowbirds" in Florida.

Von enjoyed fishing, mushroom and deer hunting with his brothers and friends. Von enjoyed watching John Wayne western movies, the military and history channels, and NASCAR racing with Tony

Stewart at the wheel. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Monroeville American Legion #420, the Hoagland Area Advancement Association and attended Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Von is survived by his wife, Johanna; their son, Shen (Michelle) Hoffacker of Fort Wayne; their daughter, Kerrie (BJ) Barnes of Terre Haute; four precious grandchildren, Madison Hoffacker, Mason Barnes, Alex Hoffacker, and Pierson Barnes; brother, Stanley (Carol) Hoffacker of Uniondale; and their Shih Tzu friend, Jazzy.

He was preceded in death by Earland Hoffacker, Charlotte Hoffacker, Marcy Hoffacker, Carolyn Hoffacker and grandbabies Branson Barnes, Kerslynn Barnes and Jaxon Barnes.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian,

with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation will also be on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

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by Pam Young

**4 REASONS YOU'RE STILL
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1. You are denying disorganization is affecting your life in a negative way.

2. You are comparing your organizational skills to reality show hoarders.

3. You are blaming your family for the mess you're in.

4. You are minimizing the problem and the gifts you possess to solve them.

In Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) it speaks of the four defenses an alcoholic uses while he/she continues to drink. In Get Your Act Together, I wrote how SHEs (Sidetracked Home Executives)

use the same defenses to remain in a mess.

There is really no difference except for the outcome... drunk or disorderly.

Like an alcoholic, once a SHE stops using the four defenses, she is then able to change. Could one of these defenses be holding you back from the life you want to live?

1. Denial - You probably don't deny you're in a mess, but I know when I was living in chaos, I acted like it didn't bother me. Haven't you heard the classic messy person's excuse for a messy desk say, "I know where everything is on my desk!" Yeah right! Denial! I also remember a constant desire to get out of the house and go play. My three kids and I spent much of our time outside where I didn't have to face the mess in the house. While at the park it was easy to deny I had a problem, but I always had to come home to the truth.

2. Rationalization - If you find yourself making excuses by comparing yourself to someone you know who is more disorganized than you, it probably makes you feel better, but it won't help you change. Don't watch those reality shows featuring hoarders and extremely messed up people. You are not like that. (If you are, my writing will not help you very much. The hoarders I've seen in my career helping SHEs, have severe mental disorders and I'm not a psychiatrist so I have no business trying to help those people.) I think you just want to be organized just enough to have a neat, cozy, peaceful home to play in with your family.

3. Projection - Blame is a great defense. "I didn't do it, he did it!" Blame the mess on the kids. Blame it on your husband. Blame it on your mom because she didn't teach you. Blame will give you years of status quo.

4. Minimization - I'm guilty of minimizing disorganization, but mainly because I've learned that most of us SHEs make such a big deal about it, we can afford a little of this defense as long as we seek to be organized just enough to please us.

On the same subject, we SHEs tend to minimize our talents and God-given gifts of creativity, and fun-loving spirits. I knew in the depths of my pigpen days that if I used my creativity, I could get out of the mess I was in and have enough money to hire a person to help with the housework part of running a home.

If you've made the decision to get organized (I hope it's going to be just enough to please you) and you drop your defenses, take on the project with joy. Decide to have fun on this project.

Treat it like a hobby. Ask for help from BOs (Born Organized) who come by it naturally. Don't allow anyone to cause you to doubt your ability to succeed. Change for selfish reasons...to be free to play, and enjoy the liberation of knowing you are on top of the game, not floundering somewhere underneath it.

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.

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about those critters at their house, so every time I go there I am on high alert. One time when we were down there, I made my sister check my bed (we were staying in the 5th wheel trailer) under it, over it, and the in between.

At our family get together my cousin decides we need a bon fire, so he is building up this fire. He tries and tries to get me out there to enjoy the fire, with "no thanks" as my response for fear of meeting up with one of Texas' finer critters. So he gets the bright idea of bringing me out to the fire on the Cushman cart.

He walks in the kitchen (where I belong) and says "come here" so I go to the garage to see what he needs help with. He hops on the cart, unplugs it and says "get on" so dumb me, I get on. Now, let me remind you this seat on this cart is not very wide and thank god he was skinny.

From this point on, I learned some very valuable lessons. 1. Never trust someone who's been drinking. 2. Learn that when you about get dumped just getting out of the garage, that should tell you something. 3. That I am pretty stupid and will leave it at that. 4. Never under any circumstances do you ever try to share a seat, when your wider than the seat!! This is a must. 5. Never, ever, ever, no matter how much you do, tell them you like to go off roading. And yes we did.

Next thing I know we are off, the pedal to the metal and cross country we go, me hanging on for dear life, ramping the Cushman cart off the edge of the driveway, bouncing and getting tossed around like a cowboy on a bull. Well, let's just say I didn't stay on for the full 8 seconds. Here I am on the ground, in snake pit heaven, laughing so hard that I probably scared any snakes away in the 20 mile radius.

My good cousin realizes he lost me and bless his heart he does come back and helps me up. He offered to give me a ride the rest of the way, but I declined, "I think I'll walk."

We do have pictures of this event, but I would just as soon keep them, but if you think you need a good laugh you will find them on my Facebook page. Type in my name and you will see the show. Until next time. stay safe, I know I am, I'm back in Indiana!!

Mom and I hope all had a wonderful Easter and spring is here!! The flowers are blooming along with the trees and our fine feathered friends are back for the summer. Have a great one. Treva

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