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WORK IN PROGRESS — Jon Scroggs works on renovating the inside of a barn built in 1909 located on his property in Plain Township. Photo provided.

BARN RENOUATION fulfilling a dream for Scroggs couple

By TIM ASHLEY Staff Writer

Sarah Ellen Pound certainly bucked the trend. In an era when it was not typical for women to run large farming operations, she did so and also had a barn and house built.

The bank barn built in approximately 1909 on her farm, which was more than 300 acres at one time, is now a "labor of love" for Jon and Amanda Scroggs, who are having the barn renovated. It is located on CR 100E, near the intersection with CR 200N in Plain Township.

The Pound/Buhrt family had still owned the property where the house and barn are located with the exception of about one year until Jon and Amanda purchased it Feb. 4, 1998. "We could not believe that the house we admired and drove past for so many years was actually going to be our next big challenge," Jon said.

The Scroggs couple want to repurpose the barn "and offer it as a historic venue" and have been given approval by the Kosciusko County Board of Zoning Appeals. Delayed by COVID-19, "our dream was born in 1998 when we first had the opportunity and felt a responsibility to use our talents and invest in preserving the barn for future generations," Jon said, noting the goal is to start taking bookings in the summer of 2021.

Not much was done between 1998 and 2011, but then the youngest child graduated from high school and moved away to college so it became the right time to start pursuing the dream again.

Jon noted he and Amanda are both sentimental about the barn. "We both love history and the story was so compelling. We know that barns across America are being lost every year because it is so hard to find the skilled workers to take on the challenges, and often, restoration is more expensive than a tear down and new build."

He is a self-employed contractor and has already done quite a bit of work with the barn including repairing the siding, painting, replacing rotten beams, foundation repair, replacing and repairing exterior doors, a new roof (sub contracted), removing old concrete and pouring new concrete, designing and ordering architectural drawings and ordering a structural engineer report. The property has also been annexed into the city of Warsaw from the county

Originally the barn was built for raising hogs. Pound said during a newspaper interview in 1909 a secret of successful farming is to raise corn and sell it in pork. A longer pole building near the corn crib was the hog shed. The lower level of the bank barn is a concrete foundation and the upper level a hayloft.

Pound was a wise and successful farmer, and Jon said her estate from December 1917 after her death shows she owned sows, 86 hogs and 23 pigs in addition to goats, brown mare horses, chickens, spotted cows, calves, red heifers and ducks. "Her health diminished for two years

prior to passing in the home from tuberculosis, so we are sure the farm had a larger stock and even more variety when she was in her prime," Jon said.

Remaining to be done to the barn is hooking it up to city sewer and water, repairing the second story flooring, electrical wiring, plumbing for restrooms and landscaping.

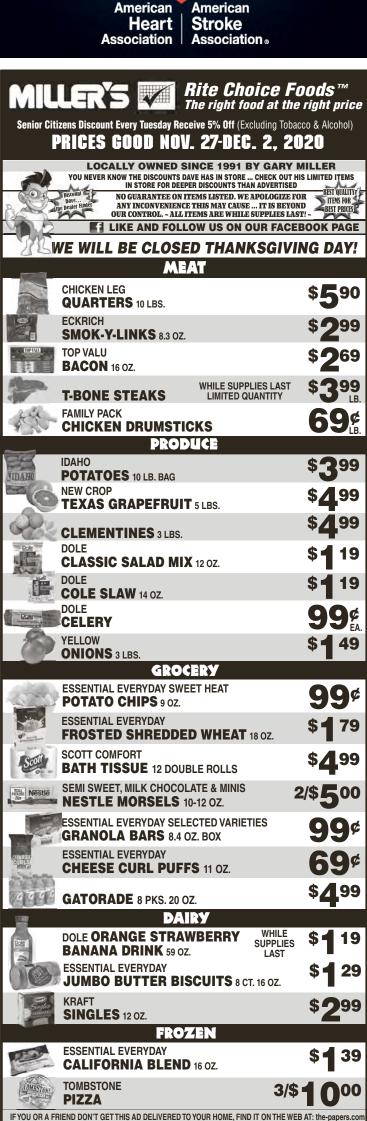
More About Sarah Pound

Sarah was in the same family that ran the Pound Store in Oswego, which is still standing and open for tours during the summer by the Kosciusko County Historical Society.

Her success was remarkable enough to catch the attention of The Indianapolis Star newspaper, and she was interviewed for an article published Nov. 7, 1909, on a Sunday. In the article it was noted Pound owned one of the largest farms in northern Indiana and did not just stumble into owning a farm. She was born and raised on a farm.

Born in 1848, she died in 1917 and is buried in Leesburg Cemetery.





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CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES — Nancy Martinez works with Hispanic families at Leesburg Elementary School to help them deal with language and other barriers they face daily. Photo by Tim Ashley.

Martinez, bridges gaps for Hispanic families

By TIM ASHLEY Staff Writer

Nancy Martinez knows what it's like to be alone and struggling to try to fit in to new surroundings. There are language, cultural and racial barriers to overcome.

At the age of 7, she came to the United States with her family from Mexico in 1999 and began attending school at Lincoln Elementary in Warsaw as a second grader. "I knew nobody," she said, adding it would be the fourth grade before she started opening up. "You need a solid foundation in your native language before you can really learn another one," she said.

Once she became comfortable enough in speaking English, Martinez helped translate for her parents. She then went on several years later to graduate from Warsaw Community High School in 2010.

For the next two years, she attended Ivy Tech and studied business administration. While in high school and also later, she worked at the Golden Corral restaurant in Warsaw for eight years up until it closed. "I made connections with families while there," she noted.

There were also jobs working at Danco Anodizing in Warsaw and Keystone RV in Goshen for about six years between the two. There was a time she was going to take some time off to be with her kids, but that all changed one day when she walked into the office at Leesburg Elementary School to pay for her daughter's lunches.

The principal asked Martinez if she was bilingual or biliterate.

She said yes, and "he offered me a joh"

Martinez, since the start of the 2019-20 school year, has been a para liaison (officially a parent liaison) with regular office hours at Leesburg Elementary who communicates in Spanish to families to help them "with whatever their needs are."

She assists the English and language arts teachers at the school for 30 to 45 minutes each day and helps struggling students to deal with the language barriers they face daily. Helping students can include, for examples, pulling groups out of class to work with them consistently, as well as teaching writing, science and social studies.

"I do guided reading, small projects and experiments with the students," Martinez said.

She originally had aspirations to be an office assistant or receptionist or something similar. She saved her tips from working at Golden Corral to pay for her tuition at Ivy Tech. For two years, she was a receptionist at Frauhiger Realty in Warsaw and learned much about how a business operates by closing the books, paying bills and doing accounts receivable.

But ... "fate led me here (to Leesburg Elementary)," Martinez said, noting she was certainly not expecting to be offered a job by showing up at the school office just to pay for a daughter's school lunches.

Martinez said she loves interacting with the Hispanic families and participating in events families do at school such as Spanish Heritage Night. This year due to COVID-19 it had to be done virtually. "I focused on getting parents involved in literacy," she said, "and also getting parents involved in their kids education."

On Heritage Night, she sent several Spanish books home with parents and then had them recorded on iPads.

Martinez lives near Leesburg and attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw. She enjoys being physically active such as by running, hiking and bicycling on local trails systems. Martinez is engaged to be married to Ruben Sanchez, and she has two children: daughter Camila Rojas, a second grader at Leesburg Elementary; and son Adrian Rojas, a kindergarten student at Leesburg; as well as stepson Ruben Sanchez, a second grader.

Veterans issue available

The Nov. 11 issue of 'the PAPER' was in high demand. The issue not only featured four pages of photographs our readers submitted to honor veterans in their lives, but also featured a front page story on a Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy project that honored veterans and a Know Your Neighbor on a veteran.

Additional copies of the issue are now available at 'the PA-PER' office at 114 W. Market St., Warsaw, while supplies last.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Callers are asked to limit their comments to 150 words. 'the PAPER' reserves the right to edit comments and make final publishing decisions.)

Pass a law

The desire some have for abortion to be made illegal reminds me of a story of a man visiting his friend in another state at his store. The friend was bemoaning receiving yet another bad check in payment.

The visitor remarked they had cured that problem where he was from, they had passed a law against it.

Appalled

While I'm happy "Amish by choice" knows of so few COVID cases in his small community, I'm appalled by his "logic," if it hasn't affected me, it's not a problem.

Watch someone being intubated. I guarantee you'll be wearing a mask afterward. Visit someone dying alone in an overextended hospital. Have some consideration for medical professionals working double and triple shifts, who still can't get sufficient PPE and are setting up field hospitals (and morgues) to deal with the overflow.

Everyone you know in a town of 7,000 may have recovered, but any or all of you may be carriers, spreading the virus to more vulnerable, like my mother in a nursing home whom I can't visit due to staff cases and a county positivity rate over 10%. Instead of throwing common sense out the door, get out of your bubble and educate yourself.

A mask isn't political. It's an

Concerned about misinformation

I am a frequent contributor to the Speak Out section. Anyone reading my thoughts knows I am not a supporter of President Trump, and contribute to point out the lies and misinformation he puts out.

Also, there are so many pro-Trump additions, I feel it's good to see other side of the coin.

With the results of the recent elections and Trump's actions, I feel it is easy to say you will be flooded with Speak Outs about the election. We are in Trump country here. This worries me, as I feel people will try to speak about Trump saying the election is rigged and a fraud, which

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there is no evidence of. Mail-in ballots are always counted after day-of-election ballots, and there were record numbers of mail-in

This rhetoric undermines and is dangerous to our democracy so many people fought and died

I feel it is in the best interests of our community these Speak Outs not be published if they contain misinformation that can not be proved.

Glad for 'no' vote

I'd like to thank everyone who voted "no" on the referendum for the Wawasee High School. They might have to cut some of the administrators and all the chartered buses.

of \$1,000 along with a trailer full of food was delivered to the North Webster Food Pantry. Pictured from left are Nancy Wais, food pantry; Ann Darlington, food pantry; Beth Becker, food pantry; Jeremy Doerr, Remax Partners and Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club; Elaine Coblentz, food pantry; Curt Shock, food pantry; Matt Bochard, president of Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club. Photo by Susan Stump.

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Toy Drive

In the spirit of Christmas, all

Menards stores will again serve as a toy drive donation site. They're excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity to put smiles on the faces of less fortunate children in the community. They'll have a drop box near the exit door to collect new and unwrapped presents from now through the end of November.



Black Friday Every Day at Menards able prices, plus stocking stuffers, You're invited to Black Friday

DONATION TO NORTH WEBSTER FOOD PANTRY — Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club partnered with

Remax Partners of Syracuse recently for their annual "Stock the Shelves' fundraiser. Representatives from both

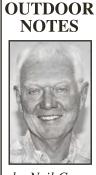
collected food and cash at the Syracuse and North Webster Neighborhood Fresh locations. Cash in the amount





Where are the snowbirds in northern Indiana?

I've been on the lookout for snowbirds. Whenever I've looked at a bird feeder outside one of my windows, I've looked for and hoped to see snow-



by Neil Case

birds.

It's November, early winter. This is the time of year for us to be visited by these birds that nest farther north. But I had not seen a snowbird, until today. Today I saw one. My older son had seen two earlier and told me about it, bragged to me he had seen birds this winter I had not.

Snowbirds, as I've written, are birds of winter to us in northern Indiana. But the weather in northern Indiana has not been very wintry. We don't have any snow nor have we had any snow, except a few flurries.

Snowbird is a colloquial name, a common name, not the prescribed name. Nor is the name I learned as a boy, the prescribed name, though it was when I was young. Then it was called the slate-colored junco. It's still called a junco, but now it's the dark-eyed junco.

What is the derivation of the word junco? In "Birds of America," it states "junco is from the Latin word juncus meaning seed."

The junco, or snowbird, is a little bird, the size and shape of a sparrow. It's a little gray bird, as the name slate-colored

prescribed, gray on the head, back, throat, wings and tail. It's white on the belly, has two narrow white bars on each wing and its outer tail feathers are white. Those white outer tail feathers make it easy to identify when it flies.

Dark-eyed juncos nest in the mountains of Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, in Ontario, central Michigan and northern Minnesota, west to the West Coast and north into Alaska. They nest in eastern Siberia.

Some dark-eyed juncos do not migrate, others are winter wanderers and may be seen anywhere in North America, I read, from the northern limit of their breeding range south to Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. They often travel in flocks and they often feed on the ground, eating seeds and insects, particularly caterpillars. Walking into a flock feeding on the ground, not seeing them until they flush, then suddenly having 20, 40, even 100 or more little birds flush all around you can be quite startling. So where are those flocks this winter. My older son, as I've already written, has seen two, juncos not flocks, and I've seen one.

With such a broad nesting range, it's not surprising juncos have several color deviations. Several of these have been given names. There's an Oregon junco, a bird of the northwest, of course, which has a black hood but a buffy brown back. There's a pink-sided junco which has a blue-gray hood and sides described as bright pinkish-cinnamon. There are white-winged and gray-headed

juncos. At times, some of these varieties have been called subspecies.

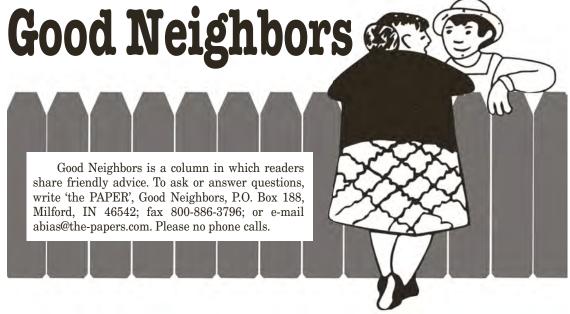
Juncos nest on the ground, usually, I've read, under a tuft of grass or weeds, sometimes in rock crevices or upturned tree roots. A nest is made of dried grass and lined with hair, fur and feathers, sometimes one and sometimes a mixture.

There are four or five white or greenish-white eggs spotted with rufous-brown.

As I've been reading and writing about juncos, and thinking about how few I've seen this winter, I've wondered, is their apparent scarcity this winter the result of climate change, of global warming? And I've thought about other

birds I've seen in winter in northern Indiana. I haven't seen a kinglet, neither rubycrowned or golden-crowned. I haven't seen a cedar waxwing. It's been several years since I've seen an evening grosbeak or a snowy owl.

Times are changing and it's not just because of the coronavirus.



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New questions

Encyclopedias — We are looking for a nice, used set of World Book encyclopedias. And also, World Book Childcraft. Call (260) 839-3072.

Tomato seeds/dishpans — Was anyone able to get extra tomato heirloom seeds from Helen Lechlightner's auction Oct. 31 on CR 3 in Elkhart? I am familiar with the names and do you have any to share? Mrs. Lechlightner saved these for years. Call (574) 264-4787. Also, does anyone have any colored Rubbermaid dishpans they no longer use?

Egg cartons — Wanted, one dozen size clean, used egg cartons. If you have some, give us a call at (574) 862-1937.

Cedar Creek clip watch — My favorite watch is on its last legs, but I have been unable to find the same kind anywhere, even online. It is a digital Cedar Creek clip watch, with the following numbers on the back: V-492, CR2016 and CE(?) U6945. It was sold at Walmart or a similar store in 2011. Does anyone know how or where I could obtain another one? Email icamenotfromgoo@yahoo.com.

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County council denies Louis Dreyfus abatement requests

By LEAH SANDER **Staff Writer**

Kosciusko County Council turned down requests by Louis Dreyfus Co. for two tax abatements totaling \$33 million. The council made the vote at its regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Kosciusko County Justice Building.

It was 5-2, with Sue Ann Mitchell, Mike Long, Kimberly Cates, Jon Garber and Ernie Wiggins voting to deny the requests and Joni Truex and Doug Heinisch being for the abatements.

Members cited various reasons for denying the requests. Mitchell pointed out Louis Dreyfus had been late on paying its taxes in 2018 and 2019 and questioned whether they could therefore be responsible with the abatements.

Wiggins said he doesn't like the fact the property and real estate the abatements would cover only allow the company to create seven more jobs.

"The way I understand abatements, if I read Indiana code correctly, is it's a tool to entice new business into your county and I think that we've gotten away from that to some extent and allowed expansions," Long said.

He said the fact the tax abatements would cover a company located in a tax increment financing district also creates a problem.

"This TIF district was formed because there were infrastructure needs, there were needs to improvements to entice Dreyfus to come to our area," Long said. "So to abate the very taxes that would help fund this TIF when we have 800S and 900S that are in need of

some attention and we have an opportunity through Community Crossroads to double those tax dollars, but in order to do that we have to have the tax dollars up front to be able to match that

Two people spoke during the public hearing for the tax abatements before the council voted.

Miechi Petro said she wasn't necessarily opposed to the abatements for Louis Dreyfus, but questioned the process of abatements in general. She said she was concerned about local schools not getting funds that would have been generated if a business paid all of its taxes without an abatement.

She also questioned what parameters the council sets for granting abatements.

Truex explained the council is currently working with legal counsel on creating a rubric or checklist by which they can judge whether to grant an abatement to a company.

Mitchell explained to Petro school districts do lose out on some funds when a company gets a tax abatement, but a company does have to pay some taxes during the course of an abatement.

Travis McConnell also spoke with a similar concern about the council having specific guidelines for whether or not it grants abatements.

In other business, the council also:

Approved a request from Health Department Administrator Bob Weaver to seek grant funds to help with COVID-19 testing in the county.

Heard from Sheriff Kyle Dukes

the sheriff's office, in conjunction with other county departments, is having a public auction soon.

Items available at the auction will include vehicles and tools among other things. The auction was to be partly in person, but with Gov. Eric Holcomb's new COVID-19 restrictions, the county has moved it all online.

Approved allowing Dukes to fund the salary for the county work release director out of commissary money.

Approved a request for Jail Commander Shane Coney to apply for a coronavirus relief grant of more than \$140,000. Funds

would be used to buy laptops, gas masks, temperature kiosk scanners and devices to put out ultraviolet light to kill germs in the jail.

Approved allowing Sheriff's Chief Deputy Shane Bucher to apply for various grants related to patrols.



DONATION TO SYRACUSE FOOD PANTRY - Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club partnered with Remax Partners in Syracuse to collect food and monetary donations to help stock the shelves at the Syracuse Food Pantry. Cash in the amount of \$1,000 plus a trailer full of food was donated.

Pictured in the front, from left, are Arlene Glover, director of Syracuse Food Pantry; and Matt Bochard, president of Syracuse-Wawasee Rotary Club. In the middle row are Shawna Chamblin, Millers Merry Manor, Syracuse; and Erlene Yentes, director of Syracuse-Wawasee Trails. In the back row are Jeremy Doerr, Remax Partners; Tania Olivas, Millers Merry Manor; and Kelly Kaase, administrator of Millers Merry Manor. Photo by Susan Stump.

Matthews' Painting taking nominations for 'Paint it Forward'

Matthews' Painting Company is currently taking nominations for its Paint it Forward program.

Matthews' Painting wants to Paint-it-Forward for any deserving agencies and families who need help. There are many commendable nonprofit organizations and families deserving of being honored, encouraged or just given a helping hand. Matthews' Painting Company wants to give back in anyway it can.

How To Help

If you know of a deserving nonprofit organization or family who has painting needs, send a brief description in how the program might be able to help. All nominations are kept confidential to its team, and Matthews' Painting will then narrow the nominees down to an organization and/or family who will be selected for help.

Nominate Online

To nominate a family or nonprofit organization deserving of help, fill out the online form at www.matthewspainting.com/ paint-it-forward. Application deadline is Monday, Nov. 30. The winner will be announced the second week of December.

For more information, call Matthews' Painting Company at (574) 834-3575.

Crossroads Bank hires Dane Alexander

Crossroads Bank announces hiring the of Dane Alexander. Alexander has joined Crossroads Bank as mortgage loan officer in Warsaw.



DANE ALEXANDER

He is a graduate of Lakewood Park Christian High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministries and a master's degree in business administration from Taylor University. He has 10

years of experience in bank management, sales and lending.

Alexander is a Junior Achievement volunteer. He teaches at his local church, where he is also the leader of music. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his wife, Fawn, and their three children, Kole, Clay and Kinley. He also enjoys golf, playing piano and watching football.

The Warsaw office of Crossroads Bank opened in June 2020. Crossroads Bank is celebrating 100 years of community banking this year.

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Safe holiday season volunteering ideas

(SPM Wire) The economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have created instability for many.

Looking for ways to give back? Consider these socially-distant volunteer ideas:



• By hosting a virtual fundraiser, you can support a nonprofit organization and amplify its work while connecting with friends and family during an unusual holiday season. To get people excited about the cause, go beyond simply asking for donations. For example, host a dance-a-thon to be conducted over video conference and have each participant rally to get sponsors. Or, perform a concert and live-stream it, asking friends to make a donation in order to watch.

• Spread holiday cheer by donating toys, books, games and other gifts to kids who may not otherwise receive gifts this season. Just be sure to review the policies of the organization you select. For example, some charities ask that gifts remain unwrapped. At the same time, look for drop-off sites that allow you to donate in a safe, socially-distant way.

• Older adults often lead isolated lives, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated these circumstances. Unfortunately, isolation and loneliness can lead to depression and a number of other health risks. Become a pen pal to an older adult in your community. Whether you write to each other with handwritten cards and letters or you use video conferencing, your friendship will provide much needed connection.

The benefits of shopping small this holiday season

(NewsUSA) - Small Business Saturday casts a national spotlight each year on independently-owned businesses, which includes a wide variety of shopping options, from the mom-and-pop storefronts in your local community to home-based e-commerce businesses. Since its inception in 2010, Small Business Saturday spending has reached an estimated \$103 billion, according to American Express.

Motivated by the potential for growth, small businesses across the country are taking advantage

of this movement with more enthusiasm year after year, given strong consumer response. GS1 US, an information standards organization that helps small brands identify their products for commerce, recently spoke with small business owners who have run successful Small Business Saturday campaigns. They discussed three big benefits to buying from small businesses this holiday season.

Unique Products

Consumers are hungry for a wide variety of unique products, which provides prime motivation for shoppers to support small businesses.

"People shop small because it makes them feel good. It allows people to discover interesting products, and feel like they are helping a real person, as opposed to a big corporation," says Andrew Jacobs, CEO of JAM Paper and Envelope, an e-commerce paper company.

According to a study by the NFIB and American Express last year, nearly two-thirds of online shoppers (65 percent) are likely to seek out small, independently-owned retailers. This helps unique products from small brands compete right alongside products from larger, well-known brands.

"It's so important for small businesses to be recognized in order to compete with big businesses," says Lisa Burginger, founder of Qubits Toy, Inc., a company that makes colorful building sets for kids. "For our company, it's our busiest time of the year."

Community Support

For many consumers, shopping small is driven by the desire to support their local communities. When consumers spend \$100 at a local business, roughly \$68 stays in their local economy, according to a recent Civics Economy study. The local impact, which helps benefit food, service and civic organizations within the community, could be 50 percent larger than a similar purchase from a regional or national retailer.

"I believe people want to support their communities," says Allison White, founder of Scout Cart, a unique personal utility cart company. "They often know the owners of local small businesses and these small businesses often provide employment opportunities for the young adults in our families.

True Connections

Small businesses can use the extra consumer attention to nurture brand loyalty beyond just one day. According to the 2018 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey, 96 percent of consumers who reported shopping on Small Business Saturday say the day makes them want to shop "small"; all year long, not just during the holiday season.

"Small businesses can give you special services, discounts, and one-to-one customer service that big businesses can't always offer," says Burginger.

Increasingly, shopping is about a shared experience - the small businesses that create memorable moments for consumers will likely experience growth.

"The next generation is looking for more than just a product, they want an experience," says Travis Wayne, product manager, TEK-LYNX, a barcode software company that is certified as a GS1 US Solution Partner, a program that helps small businesses find qualified partners to help them reach more consumers.

"When you walk into a hardware store, for example, or if you shop online, it's more about personalizing that experience and ensuring that the consumers get what they need. Some businesses teach instructional courses on a product, or supply some kind of educational information. It's about going above and beyond consumer expectations with the hopes of increasing the sale and maintaining a customer for life."

Taking advantage of Small Business Saturday is ultimately just one way small brands are setting themselves up for growth. Beyond the holiday season, businesses of all sizes need to think strategically to succeed in a competitive retail landscape. Visit www.gs1us.org/small-business to access research from GS1 US on the ambitions and challenges of small businesses, watch videos featuring entrepreneurs and learn more about their growth journeys.







Visiting family over the holidays? Road trip tips for seniors

(StatePoint) When thinking about road trips, you might envision college kids heading on adventures, but older adults take road trips, too, according to a recent survey by Cigna.

Travel is a top priority for 37 percent of older adult respondents in the survey. In fact, more than 30 percent said they take three or more trips annually. Many of these trips take place during the holiday season when older adults hit the road to visit loved children and grandchildren.

With automobiles topping the list of older adults' favorite ways to travel, Cigna is offering helpful tips for heading out on the highway this holiday season.

- Get shut-eye. The National Sleep Foundation recommends people 65 years and older get seven to eight hours sleep nightly. Unfortunately, 17 percent of older adults responding to the survey indicated they have trouble maintaining sleep schedules when traveling. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 91,000 crashes occurred in 2017 due to drowsy driving, resulting in 50,000 injuries and nearly 800 deaths. Repeated yawning is the first warning sign that it's time to pull over and rest.
- Stretch your legs. Some longdistance travelers are at risk of a potentially dangerous condition called deep vein thrombosis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Though you should talk to your doctor if you feel you're at risk, it's a good idea for everyone to take breaks to stretch and walk around.
- Keep eyes healthy. Good eyesight is critical to safe driving. Before long trips, make sure you've had an eve exam and your prescription is up-to-date. Many Medi-



care Advantage plans cover annual eye exams and glasses.

- Prioritize safety. Twelve percent of older adults responding to the survey said they travel alone. Solo travelers should prioritize safety. Tell friends and family your route, destination and when to expect you. Also, check in occasionally so they know your trip is progressing well.
- Eat healthfully. Twenty-six percent of traveling seniors have difficulty eating healthfully while traveling, according to the survey. Avoid stocking the car with junk food. Instead, pack nutritious snacks, like fruits and vegetables. Plan ahead, finding restaurants with healthy fare along your route. If you have to eat fast food, make healthy choices like salads. Finally, drink water instead of soda. It's healthier and will better hydrate
- Pack prescriptions. According to the Cigna survey, 96 percent of senior travelers get a large enough prescription supply to last

the entire trip. One way to do this is by getting a 90-day fill.

Write down your medication schedule and the names and numbers of your doctors and pharmacy in case you need them. If you have questions about changing time zones, talk to your pharmacist before leaving. Always carry medications in their original labeled containers to prevent anyone from mistaking them for other substanc-

• Act quickly. For health-related emergencies, time is of the essence, so go to the nearest emergency room or hospital or call 911 as quickly as possible and then notify your insurance plan as soon as you reasonably can.

"Travel is an important part of older adults' independence," says Shannon Adams, who leads the Cigna customer experience team that completed the travel survey. "With a little planning and by knowing their limits, they can reach their destinations in good

The surprising gift on parents' holiday wish list

and electronics. If you really want to please parents on your holiday gift lists, give them some help paying their kids' college costs.

Not only did a whopping 84 percent of parents surveyed say they'd "welcome" such contributions to their 529 college savings plans instead of more traditional presents, according to new data from Fidelity Investments, but 33 percent have actually already asked for such assistance.

And the other 51 percent? Maybe they're waiting for Santa to climb down their chimneys - the Tooth Fairy also makes house calls, it's said - or maybe they haven't heard about programs like the free online one at Fidelity that lets family and friends easily chip in to lessen the burden. Specifically, as the College Board reports, an average annual

(NewsUSA) - Forget the clothes total cost (including tuition, fees. out-of-state four-year public co room and board) of \$49,870 at private four-year colleges, \$38,330 at year public colleges.

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Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all thirty feet tall. - Larry Wilde







Top five holiday temptations and how to avoid them

(StatePoint) The holiday season means delicious food and parties galore. If you've been dedicated to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, there's no reason to throw away all your hard work. You just need to make adjustments to your routine so you can enjoy the season guilt-free.

According to Courtney McCormick, dietitian at Nutrisystem, these are the five biggest holiday temptations and how to manage them.

Temptation #1: Parties: To avoid temptation at holiday gatherings, never walk into one hungry. No amount of willpower will stop you from rushing the dessert table if you arrive on an empty stomach. Before you go, have a good, balanced meal that includes protein, veggies and plenty of water. Even if you do treat yourself to a Christmas cookie once there, you've done some substantial damage control.

Temptation #2: Skipping Workouts: Exercise frequency drops off dramatically once weath-

er gets cold and messy, according to a Gallup poll. If you don't have a gym membership, investing in a few key pieces of exercise equipment -- bands, kettle bells -- can help

you supplement indoor workouts and maintain an active lifestyle in cold weather.

"I always aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise a day. If I'm having a hard day, I break it up into 10-minute increments -- in the morning, afternoon and at night. It makes it much more manageable," says Marie Osmond, entertainer and Nutrisystem ambassador.

Temptation #3: Office Treats: As if your own holiday party indulgences weren't bad enough, vou also have to deal with other people's leftover treats in your workplace breakroom. To avoid temptation, make sure your meal prep is on point every week and includes snacks to keep you full throughout the day.

Temptation #4: Holiday Traditions: Turkey with all the trimmings. Gingerbread houses with the kids. Hot chocolate on Christmas Eve. As much as we look forward to these traditions, they can take a toll on a healthy life-

where it's easier to make good choices.

style. This year, try focusing less on food and more on shared experiences. Trade the annual cookie bake-off for a day of crafting or ice skating; skip your calorieladen dessert and become the life of the party by bringing board games to play after dinner.

Temptation #5: Liquid Calories: Eggnog, mulled wine, or a festive holiday martini are delicious ways to celebrate the season, but they add up quickly. Alcohol has almost the same number of calories per gram as fat, and a typical hot chocolate with whipped cream from a coffee shop is around 400 calories. If you're going to indulge, do so in moderation. Peppermint tea is a festive, tasty alternative as well.

For more great tips and tricks on how to stay healthy and happy all season long, visit leaf.nutrisys-







How to select safe toys for kids this holiday season

(StatePoint) Children look forward to opening their holiday presents all year. However, there are some things to keep in mind to make sure gifts are safe and appropriate.

To help you make savvy selections, PlaySafe.org from The Toy Association, the premier site for toy safety information, is offering the following guidance:

• Avoid shady sellers: This time of year can be especially costly, making it tempting to shop around. However, that low priced toy may not actually be "a good deal."

"U.S. toy safety laws are considered the gold standard. Before reaching your home, a toy is subjected to over 100 different safety standards and tests and must be certified compliant by an independent testing laboratory," says Joan Lawrence, The Toy Association's "Toy Safety Mom" and senior vice president of standards and regulatory affairs. "The cheap imitations and counterfeits available online from illicit sellers haven't met these same safety standards."

A recent survey commissioned by The Toy Association of U.S. parents who are their household's primary toy purchaser revealed that 71 percent of parents whose kids get holiday gifts from grandparents who shop online aren't completely confident that their elders know how to ensure that toys are from verified sellers. In the same survey, 19 percent of parents report that their child has received a knock-off toy that was bought

Parents should talk to gift purchasers about sticking with verified sellers. This includes buying directly from brand websites or by following provided links to official retailers selling a brand's products. For those who do choose to shop through lesser-known online sellers, checking out reviews and a product's legitimacy before making a purchase is essential.

• Follow age recommendations:

Playing above toys a child's age grade can lead to misuse and possible injury. However, 26 percent of parents in The Toy Association survey report that their kid has received a toy which was

meant for kids who were older. Pay special attention to age grading on product labels and encourage family members who are also toy shopping to do the same. These are not merely suggestions, they're firm recommendations made by safety experts based on childhood developmental stages. Find this information on labels and in product descriptions. If it's not available, that's a red flag and could mean the toy is illicit.

- Pay attention to toys labeled 3+: Toys labeled 3+ may contain small parts that can be a choking hazard for children under 3 or kids who still mouth toys. While these items often make great gifts for older kids, they should be stowed away after playtime to keep younger siblings safe. Not sure if a toy is small enough to be hazardous? Consider getting a Small Parts Tester to test toys and other small household objects.
- Monitor playtime: Kids find ways to play with things that are not toys, including objects that can be very dangerous if accidentally swallowed. The holiday season may introduce new curiosities to the house (e.g. batteries, highpowered magnets, decorations, medications from visiting family members). On the other hand, there is a federal law that requires batteries in toys to be kept inaccessible, thanks to the use of a locking mechanism. Keep dangerous, nontoy items out-of-reach and monitor children during playtime.

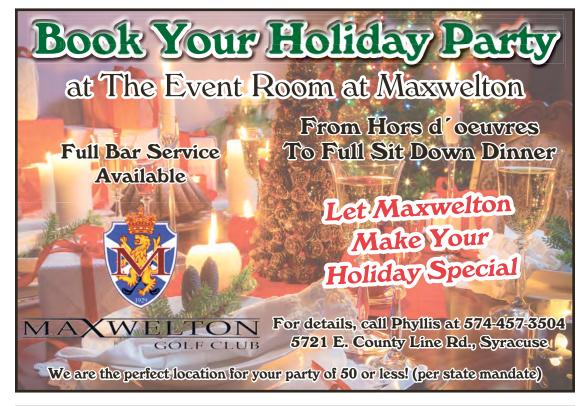


For additional toy safety information, tips and resources, visit PlaySafe.org.

"Don't let your child unwrap a potential safety hazard this holiday season," says Lawrence. "By shopping smart you can ensure safe play."









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Nov. 21	Merrillville 4A 11:00 am t	ournament	Dec. 22	at Norwell 3A	7:45 pm
Nov. 24	at Penn 4A	7:30 pm	Jan. 2	Warsaw Tournament	TBA thru Jan. 2
Nov. 28	at Fishers 4A	2:30 pm	Jan. 9	at Northridge 4A Š	7:45 pm
Dec. 1	at NorthWood 3A Š	7:30 pm	Jan. 13	at Mishawaka 4A Š	7:45 pm
Dec. 5	at Fort Wayne Snider 4A	7:30 pm	Jan. 16	Goshen 4A Š	7:45 pm
Dec. 7	Tippecanoe Valley 3A	7:45 pm	Jan. 19	at Homestead 4A	7:30 pm
Dec. 9	Carroll (Fort Wayne) 4A	7:30 pm	Jan. 23	at Concord 4A Š	7:45 pm
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Services were held Nov. 22 at North Winona Church of the Brethren, War-

saw. Private interment was held. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, War-

C. 'Jeanne' Gooding

ters, Linda Stahly, Cromwell, Becky

Smith, Fairmount, and Sandy Elofson,

Amboy; 10 grandchildren; nine great-

Cremation took place at Cremation

Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw.

A celebration of life service will be held

at a later date. Owen Family Funeral

Home, Syracuse, was in charge of ar-

Mary Hernandez

grandchildren; and her dog, Cody.

rangements.

C. "Jeanne" Gooding, 78, Syracuse,

saw, was in charge of arrangements.

died at 9:08 a.m. Nov. 15, 2020.

COUNTY REPORT

Obituaries

Roger Lee Bailey

Roger Lee Bailey, 65, Warsaw, died at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 2020.

He was born Feb. 22, 1955.

He is survived by a sister, Carolyn Rule, Warsaw; brothers, Rex Bailey, Talbott, Tenn., and Mark Bailey, Pierceton; two nieces; and a nephew.

A graveside service was held Nov. 19 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Elaine Marilyn Blocher Elaine Marilyn Blocher, 85, North Manchester, died Nov. 16, 2020.

She was born Jan. 15, 1935. On Aug. 5, 1956, she married Lynn Blocher; he survives.

Also surviving are sons, Kent Blocher, New York, N.Y., and Neal Blocher, Royal Oak, Mich.; a daughter, Brenda Davis, Fort Wayne; a brother, Howard Royer, Longboat Key, Fla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, that can be viewed via Manchester Church of the Brethren YouTube channel. Burial will be in Greenville Union Cemetery, Greenville, Ohio, at a later date. McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is in charge of arrangements.

Nena Mack Bryan

Nena Mack Bryan, 89, Winona Lake, died at 4:38 p.m. Nov. 18, 2020.

She was born July 19, 1931. On Aug. 1, 1953, she married Foster Mizell Bryan, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Garry Bryan, Etna Green; and a daughter, Karen Shock, Atlanta, Ga.

Visitation was held Nov. 23 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial will be in Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, Snellville, Ga., next to her husband.

Melvin Cameron

Melvin "Mel" Cameron, 85, Pierceton, formerly of Rochester, died at 11:10 a.m. Nov. 18, 2020.

He was born Jan. 15, 1935.

He is survived by a daughter, Audrev Montague, Pierceton; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Sand Creek Cemetery, Windsor, Ill. Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

Shawn E. Carter

Shawn E. Carter, 56, died Nov. 17,

He was born March 25, 1964. In 1987. he married Tina K. Thompson. In 2010, he married Michelle Holt, who survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Niqole Carter; a grandson; sisters, Stephanie Penwell, Peterstown, W.Va., and Kimberly Johnson, Columbia City; brothers, Scott A. Carter, Syracuse, and Kevin Carter, Kendallville; a stepbrother-in-law, Larry Shively; a stepsister-inlaw, Cathy Hartman; numerous nieces and nephews, step-nieces and nephews,

21 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Dora Ellen Coulter

died at 8:48 a.m. Nov. 14, 2020.

She was born June 30, 1943. In March 1967, she married David Allen Coulter, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children, Kim Jewell, Columbia City, and Jeff Coulter,

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home, Columbia City, was in charge of arrangements.

Jason Matthew Engle

Jason Matthew Engle, 42, died Nov. 13, 2020.

He was born Sept. 17, 1978.

Surviving are his parents, Harold and Sally Engle; his wife, Jennifer Engle; a stepdaughter, Serena; siblings, Craig, Carv. Christine and Catherine: a brother-in-law, John; aunts and uncles; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a dog, Daisy May; and a cat, Newman.

A virtual memorial service will be held at noon CST Sunday, Nov. 29. Email carymclean@comcast.net if you would like to be included. Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

James Lewis Folk

James Lewis Folk, 89, Largo, Fla., formerly of Warsaw, died Nov. 5, 2020.

He was born Aug. 15, 1931. On Dec. 19, 1954, he married Muriel "Joan" Overmyer, who died Nov. 14, 2020.

Surviving are daughters, Cathy Folk, Warsaw, and Anita George, Largo, Fla.; a grandson; two great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Eliza Folk, Den-

Services were held Nov. 22 at North Winona Church of the Brethren, Warsaw. Private interment was held. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Muriel Folk

Muriel "Joan" Folk, 89, Largo, Fla., formerly of Warsaw, died Nov. 14, 2020. She was born April 2, 1931. On Dec. 19, 1954, she married James Lewis Folk, who preceded her in death Nov. 5,

Surviving are daughters, Cathy Folk, Warsaw, and Anita George, Largo, Fla.; a grandson; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Eddie Lynn Overmyer, Marion;

and a daughter-in-law, Eliza Folk, Den-

She was born Feb. 21, 1942. On Jan. 21, 1983, she married Edwin L. "Ed" cousins, aunts and friends. A memorial service was held Nov. Gooding; he survives. She is also survived by a daughter, Mindy Bowman, Westfield; stepdaugh-

Dora Ellen Coulter, 77, Wolcottville,

Warsaw; two grandsons; three granddogs; siblings, Jim Hillman, LaGrange, Jean Flint and Kip Hillman, both of Murrels Inlet, S.C.; and her faithful cat.

Mary Hernandez, 69, Warsaw, died Nov. 15, 2020. She was born Sept. 23, 1951. On

Sept. 12, 1969, she married Martin Hernandez Sr.; he survives Also surviving are daughters, Ann

Yates, Mentone, Tina Hernandez and Linda Hernandez, both of Warsaw; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 11 siblings.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

James E. Keirn

James E. Keirn, 75, Mentone, died at 1 p.m. Nov. 15, 2020.

He was born May 23, 1945. On Aug. 31, 1984, he married Linda C. Pyles; she

He is also survived by a son, Jamie D. Wallace, Mentone; a daughter, Jennifer Robinson, Nicholasville, Ky.; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; sisters, Becky Montel, Beaver Dam, and Nancy Dodge, Las Cruces, N.M.; a brother, Rex Keirn, North Manchester; and his stepmother, Alice Keirn, War-

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Lucy Bachman Kern

Lucy Bachman Kern, 100, Romeoville, Ill., a native of Syracuse, died Nov. 15, 2020.

She was born Aug. 8, 1920. On June 14, 1953, she married Keith Kern, who preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, Charles,

Naperville, Ill.; two grandsons; three great-grandchildren; and son-in-law, Thomas Craig.

At Dr. Kern's request, there will be no services held.

Esther M. Kintzel

Esther M. Kintzel, 98, Nappanee, died at 4:15 a.m. Nov. 17, 2020. She was born May 30, 1922.

She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Boals, Nappanee; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 22 at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Private family burial will take place at a later date in Bremen

Dale H. Klein Sr.

Nov. 14, 2020.

He was born March 6, 1946. On June 19, 1965, he married Karen Weina; she

He is also survived by a son, Dale Klein, Whitefish Bay, Wis.; a daughter, Tina McDorman, Indianapolis; three granddaughters; and a sister, Bernice Mason, Manitowoc, Wis.

Visitation was held Nov. 19 at East-

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Bonnie Louise Kreider

Jan. 23, 1926-Nov. 14, 2020

Bonnie Louise Kreider, 94, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on November 14, 2020 at Parkview Hospital in Wabash, Indiana. She was born in Servia, Indiana, on January 23, 1926, to Floyd and Vallie (Partridge) Ulrey. She was a lifelong Wabash County resi-

She is preceded in death by her parents, her four brothers, Milo, Wallace, Gerald, and Dewayne Ulrey, her sister, Virginia Lee, and a son-in-law, Joe Simmons.



BONNIE LOUISE KREIDER

Bonnie graduated from Chester High School and married Robert Franklin Kreider after he returned from serving in World War II. On November 27, they would have celebrated their seventy-fourth wedding anniversary

Surviving is her husband, Bob and her two daughters, Sue Simmons, Westfield, Indiana and Kay (Steve) Klotz, Logansport, Indiana. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren, Heather (Nick) Gault, Anderson, Indiana, Abbie (Russ) Mann, Carmel, Indiana, Molly (Ben) Hasser, Zionsville, Indiana, and Brad (Whitney) Simmons, Westfield, Indiana. She was also blessed with eight great-grandchildren, ages eighteen months to thirteen years old.

Bonnie and Bob were married in the Servia United Church of Christ, where Bonnie was a member for over eighty years. She served as librarian at Servia and at Bippus New Hope United Church of Christ, for over fifty years. She served as librarian at the Junior High School in the Manchester Community Schools for over twenty years. Bonnie loved gardening, flower arranging, exercising, cooking, and collecting antique hat pins. Bonnie was an avid reader and crossword and jigsaw puzzle solver. However, her most favorite past time was spending time with her family.

A celebration of Bonnie's life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the New Hope Bippus United Church of Christ, c/o McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester,

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

lund Funeral Home, Syracuse. A funeral mass was held Nov. 23 at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish in Manitowoc, Wis. Interment was at the Calvary Chapel Mausoleum.

Bobby Del Konkle

Bobby Del Konkle, 60, Claypool, died at 9:45 p.m. Nov. 15, 2020.

He was born Oct. 26, 1960.

He is survived by a daughter, Sara Severns, Claypool; brothers, Cameron Wyman, Ozark, Mo., and Rodney Wyman; a sister, Kim Wyman, Nashville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 23 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Barbara Ann Lilly

Barbara Ann "Barb" Lilly, 66, Syracuse, died at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 17, 2020.

She was born Oct. 31, 1954. On Jan. 10, 1976, he married Francis D. Lilly. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 2018.

Surviving are daughters, Alison Powell and Amy Lilly, both of Syracuse; four grandchildren; sisters, Penny Slone, Kimmel, Sandy Caskey, Albion, and Paula Kehr-Wicker, Lexington, Ky.; and a brother, Tony Mawhorter, Albion.

Visitation was held Nov. 21 at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse. Cremation followed at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw.

Douglas R. Long

Douglas Raymond "Doug" Long, 72, North Webster, died at 8:50 p.m. Nov. 17, 2020.

He was born Sept. 5, 1948. On Sept. 24, 1972, he married Delores J. "Dee" Northrup; she survives.

Also surviving are daughters, Sonia Hunziker, Warsaw, Samantha Adams, Leesburg, Tracy Benjamin, New Carlisle, Lisa Williams, Warsaw, and Heather Gallo, Kailua, Hawaii; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Suzie Mendenhall, Ocean View, Hawaii, Darlene Hill, Muncie, Carolyn Long, North Webster, Becky Jefferies, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Rosalyn Hodge, Denver, Colo.

Visitation was held Nov. 22 at Owen Family Funeral Home, North Webster. A military service followed Sunday at the funeral home. Cremation took place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw.

Karen Sue Moon

Karen Sue (Randall) Moon, 74, rural Claypool, died Nov. 18, 2020.

She was born Sept. 20, 1946. On May 18, 1985, she married Jack Moon; he survives.

Also surviving are her children, Tina Kingston, Rick Shepherd, Danny Moon, Dawn Baldridge and Kelly Moon; 11 grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; and siblings, Janice Moore, Wendell Randall, Dianne Noel, Linda Wideman, Michael Randall, Martin Randall, Ricky Sitts, Doris Thompson and Eileen Isley.

A memorial is being planned for family and friends in the summer of

2021. A private family service will be held at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery.

James C. Shepherd

James "Jim" C. Shepherd, 58, died Nov. 18, 2020.

He was born Feb. 26, 1962.

He is survived by his mother, Jackelene Shepherd; a son, Dylan Shepherd; stepsons, James Tinder, Travis Bays and Ayden Gaerte; a stepdaughter, Jessica Chandadai; a brother, John Shepherd; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Graveside services were held Nov. 24 at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Lynn Strand

Robert Lynn Strand, 63, Warsaw, died at 8:35 p.m. Nov. 17, 2020.

He was born Feb. 18, 1957. On Dec. 21, 2013, he married Kelley J. Brubaker; she survives.

Also surviving are his children, Ashley Strand, Bourbon, Michelle Beezley, Columbia City, Tad Edwards, Wasaw, and Tyler Edwards, Hartsville, Tenn.; his father, Robert Earl Strand, Paris, Ark.; siblings, Brian E. Strand, Auburndale, Fla., and Stuart A. Strand, Miami, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Calling was held Nov. 20 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Interment services were private.

Stephen L. Walters

Stephen L. Walters, 75, rural Mentone, died at 7:10 p.m. Nov. 15,

He was born April 26, 1945. He married Ginger Thomas; they divorced. On April 26, 2003, he married Rhonda Hughes, who preceded him in death April 17, 2006. Surviving are daughters, Stepha-

nie Olson and Gina Slone, both of Warsaw; a son, Rodney Walters, Mishawaka; and four grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held at Mentone Cemetery. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is in charge of arrangements.

Josephine Wells

Josephine "Jo" Wells, 98, Warsaw, died at 2:34 a.m. Nov. 17, 2020.

She was born Aug. 7, 1922. On Oct. 5, 1937, she married Robert Royce Galbreath, who preceded her in death Dec. 28, 1944. On Sept. 12, 1946, she married Robert S. Wells, who preceded her in death in 1999.

Surviving are sons, Marvin L. Galbreath, Syracuse, and Richard A. Wells, Pierceton; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Samuel Reiff, Warsaw.

Graveside services were held Nov. 21 at Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. Owen Family Funeral Home, North Webster, was in charge of arrange-

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Akron minister retires from active duty service

By KEITH KNEPP Staff Writer

Akron United Methodist Church Pastor David Eaton isn't your typical clergyman. Rather, CH (Maj.) Eaton is a National Guard veteran who has seen two tours of duty in the Middle East, serving as chaplain to troops overseas.

Eaton, who began his military service in 2003, retired Oct. 1, and has returned to his adopted hometown of Akron to resume his duties as a small-town pastor, a role which he relishes and appreciates.

"This church has been a great match," said Eaton, who was first appointed to the Akron church in 2013. "There are a lot of former military members in the church or who have children and grandchildren who have served. They understood when I had weekend drills and when I had to leave for active duty."

Originally from Arkansas, Eaton met a Hoosier girl while they were both in seminary at the Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. One of her passions at the time was country western dancing, and his marriage proposal was done on one knee "in front of god and everyone there" in the middle of the dance floor.

When Eaton was deployed for the first time in 2006, his wife, JoNell, and their two young sons, James and Jeremiah, moved to Indiana to live with her parents in Munster. When he returned from his duty in Kuwait the family stayed in Indiana. Eaton was a chaplain recruiter for three years and also spent three years at Camp Atterbury south of Indianapolis.

During his first tour, Eaton served as chaplain to the Second Battalion of the 142nd Field Artillery Regiment at the Mohammed Al-Ahmad Kuwait Naval Base. The battalion also had units in Iraq and Eaton made frequent trips into that country. On one trip that was taking



OVERSEAS SERVICE "Pictured preaching at a Protestant chapel service at Erbil, Iraq in 2018 is CH (Maj.) David Eaton. He serves as the pastor at Akron United Methodist Church. Photo provided.

place on the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, Eaton was riding with a unit running convoy security north of Baghdad when an IED exploded next to an 18-wheeler that was directly in front of the Hummer in which he was riding. Multiple RPGs were fired at the convoy, including at Eaton's vehicle. The unit returned fire and while the entire battle lasted only a few minutes, Eaton confessed it seemed much longer.

During the tour, Eaton said he was able to baptize people in the Persian Gulf, with the permission of his Kuwaiti hosts. He noted building a good relationship with the Kuwaitis opened many doors.

Eaton's second deployment to Kuwait in 2018 found him in Camp Arifjan, which was a completely different experience as the camp was a city unto itself, unlike the small compound in which he was stationed his first time in the country.

"It was like Disney World," Eaton said. "There was a pool, movie theater, four weight rooms and the PX was like a Walmart."

Eaton was assigned to the 38th Sustainment Brigade. The mission provided logistics and support to 18-20 locations, in seven countries. He was part of a rotation that included more than 20 chaplains which made his official responsibilities much different than during his first tour. However, Eaton said the real impact he was able to make among the soldiers was much the same.

"Many of the men I counseled were having family issues back home," he said. "They felt helpless being so far away. I met many soldiers walking around the camp and stopping to chat with them during whatever it was they were doing. A lot of ministering took place outside, building connections with the men. If they had a good experience they would often recommend me to others who were struggling. It was a ministry of presence."

Now that he's back stateside, Eaton said he has a great appreciation for the freedoms and resources af-



SOLEMN CEREMONY — CH (Maj.) David Eaton leads a "Dignifled Transfer' of a fallen soldier returning home to an airport nearest his home of record. Eaton served two deployments in Kuwait. Photo provided.

forded to Americans. He's also had to make adjustments on a personal level.

"On the bases in Kuwait, there are palates of water all around," Eaton recalled "You can just grab a case and take it back to your quarters whenever you want. When I got back home, I was in a convenience store and grabbed a water from the cooler." He said he was almost out

the door before remembering he had to pay for it.

Eaton added his service allowed each of his two sons two years of college under the GI Bill. James is currently in medical school, while Jeremiah is an undergraduate at Wabash College.

Meanwhile, Eaton has resumed his permanent residence and job in Akron alongside JoNell.

Thanksgiving Day service planned

On Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m., the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Warsaw, will hold a service to which the community is invited.

Giving thanks is gratitude in action, and the Bible lesson-sermon on "Thanksgiving" will be read from several books of the Bible. Also, correlative passages will be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science. The readers are Bill Nichols and Faith Ogden.

A vocal solo and hymn sing-

ing by the congregation are included. Time is set aside for the sharing of gratitude and blessings during the one-hour service. The Thanksgiving proclamation by the president of the United States will be read.

The church is at the corner of 1011 Mariners Drive and Husky Trail and is handicapped accessible. Visitors are welcome at this free service of gratitude and praise.

The Bible-based church has been a part of the community for more than 100 years.

COUNTY REPORT

Continued from page 12 Richard Wroughton

Richard "Rich" Wroughton, 64, Warsaw, died at 11:51 a.m. Nov. 14, 2020

He was born Dec. 30, 1955. On Aug. 22, 1977, he married Cynthia "Cindy" Jane Stewart; she survives.

Also surviving are five children, Laura Wroughton, Jenny Wroughton and Rachel Brown, all of Warsaw, Ryan Wroughton, Keokuk, Iowa, and Carrie Castillo, Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; brothers, Frank Wroughton, Crete, Ill., and Jon Wroughton, Schererville; and a sister, Jane Pepin, Waukesha, Wis.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Yoder

Richard "Dick" Yoder, 81, **Warsaw**, died Nov. 15, 2020.

He was born Nov. 1, 1939. On Oct. 29, 1961, he married Dardanella Himes. She preceded him in death July 15, 2017.

Surviving are daughters, Laura Engle, Warsaw, and Tina Embry, Sierra Vista, Ariz.; sons, David Julian, Columbia City, Brian Yoder, Warsaw, and Chris Yoder, Mentone; fur-son, Tucker; 19 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 20 at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery with graveside honors by members of the U.S. Army and American Legion.

Court News

Small Claims

The following small claims have been awarded in Kosciusko Superior Court III, Judge Joe V. Sutton presiding:

South Morton LLC v. Nicole Leanna Sauer, \$2,637.41

Snow and Sauerteig LLP v. Ruby Beard, \$1,950.74; v. Maribel Juarez, \$2,129.74; v. Julie Littlejohn, \$4,055.73; v. Andrew McKinley, \$2,542.98; v. Kathy Palacios, \$665.54

Suburban Acres MHP v. Larry Blevins and Penny Hurd, \$3,210.09; v. Lesa Jefferson, \$1,361.05; v. Travis Riley, \$3,278

Partners 1st Federal Credit Union v. Jaidyn Bolen, \$2,621.95; v. Kali Kay Bryant, \$5,890.35; v. Stephanie L. Dickey, \$3,812.97

Aegis Dental Group Warsaw P.C. v. Katrina Byrer, \$1,274.27; v. Amanda Schaeffner, \$810; v. Aaron West, \$180

Ron and Alden Stuckman v. Amy and Robert Flores, \$6,778

Beacon Credit Union v. Lauren Hall, \$2.216.24

Warsaw Health System LLC c/o Komyatte and Casbon PC v. Tim Jarrell, \$3,443.87; v. Mellisa Kidd, \$1,395.18; v. Robert LaFollette, \$1,257.57; v. Ricky Sherow, \$2,380.65; v. Cayla Slone, \$3,793.73; v. Timothy Tjernagel, \$1,056.57

Parrot Enterprises, dba Mid-Lakes MHP v. Dennis Staner, \$1,900

Civil Collections

The following civil collections have been awarded in Kosciusko Superior Court IV, Judge Chris Kehler presiding:

Warsaw Health System LLC v. Brandon Alfano, \$12,608; v. Joel L. Beer, \$9,007.43

SAC Finance Inc. v. Nathan G. Arnold, \$7,651.66

Gateway Financial Solutions v. Nathan G. Arnold and Jill Ruse, \$20.631.60

IOM Health System L.P. v. Michael Combs, \$54,317.59; v. Wendy Hines, \$21,634.18

Second Round Sub LLC v. Kevin Cooksey, \$805.68

Snow & Sauerteig LLP v. Ernest Farmer, \$21,841.88

OneMain Financial Group LLC v. Anthony Pitzpatrick, \$3,736.16; v. Kerry Hughes, \$4,635.79

Midland Funding LLC v. Jeffrey Stevens \$585.06

Bank of America N.A. v. Daniel Sumwalt Jr., \$2,781.73 Heritage Acceptance Corp. v. Allie

Thompson, \$11,682.03 Credit Corp. Solutions Inc. v. Chan-

dra Whittenberger, \$4,604.79 Midland Credit Management Inc. v. Christine Williams, \$763.40

Superior Court II

The following infractions have been filed in Kosciusko Superior Court II, Judge Torrey Bauer presiding:

Speeding —John Simpson, Leesburg, \$160.50; Kipp Arnold, Wabash, \$160.50; Steven Secrist, Warsaw, \$160.50; Nicole Wisenbaugh, Warsaw, \$160.50; Brooks Sumpter, Leesburg, \$160.50; Jennifer Craft, Warsaw, \$160.50; Joyce Detwiler, Cromwell, \$160.50; Lora Kuhaneck, Syracuse,

\$160.50; Dominick Moore, Winona Lake, \$160.50

Failure to register — Bobbi Garcia, Warsaw, \$160.50; Jose Perez, Warsaw, \$160.50; Zachariah Terry, Winona Lake, \$160.50

Failure to possess hunting license while hunting — Tayler Johnson, Huntington, \$160

No operator's license in possession and speeding — Kenneth Graff, Syracuse, \$185.50

Owner allows dog to stray beyond owner's premises — Nikolai Eppelmann, Warsaw, \$25; Rhonda Wallace, Warsaw, \$25

Speeding and no valid driver's license — Robert Fuson, Winona Lake, \$185.50

Disregarding stop sign — Tammy Miller, North Manchester, \$160.50
Unlawful possession of tobacco
— Nevaeh Schlundt, Syracuse, \$160

Passing in a no passing zone — Jordan Moore, Winona Lake, \$160.50 Driving while suspended — Kyan Ramsey, Warsaw, \$185.50

Passing a stopped school bus — Lawrence Delli, Rochester, \$160.50

Marriage Licenses

The following couples have applied for marriage licenses in the office of Kosciusko County Clerk of the Courtnn Torpy:

Greer-Avalos

Buddy A. Greer, 42, Warsaw, and Sandy A. Avalos, 46, Milford

Germonprez-James

Mason J. Germonprez, 23, Milford, and Lynnsey N. James, 23, Milford

Hinds-Hale

Marvin W. Hinds, 27, Mentone, and Ashley R. Hale, 26, Mentone **Sumner-Alvord**

Mason L. Sumner, 25, Warsaw, and

Caitlyn L. Alvord, 25, Columbia City Schaefer-Jackson Austin E. Schaefer, 28, Syracuse,

and Lakin Lexie Jackson, 27, Syracuse

McKibben-McKibben Robin McKibben 54, Syracuse, and Rick A. McKibben, 61, Syracuse

Abalos-Wilhite

Christopher D. Wilhite, 21, Rochester, and Cassandra L. Abalos, 22, Mentone

Marriage Dissolutions

The following couples have filed for marriage dissolutions in the Koscius-ko Superior and Circuit Courts:

Velasquez/Contreras-Nieto — Lucy Velasquez, Pierceton, and Jesus Contreras-Nieto, Wisconsin. Married: July 3, 2014. Separated: July 10,

2020. There are two minor children.
Escoto — Jo Ann Escoto, Syracuse, and Marlin W. Escoto, Indiana.
No dates provided for marriage or separation. There is one child.

Rash — Brenda Rash, Syracuse, and David Rash, Syracuse. Married: April 8, 2003. No date of separation. There are no minor children.

Public Auctions

In light of precautions due to the COVID-19 virus, we encourage our readers to check auctioneers' websites for sale status updates. At press time, the following were scheduled:

Susan Stahly, Owner

6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Nelson's Banquet Hall, 607 Nelson's Parkway,



Wakarusa (½ mile south of stoplight on SR 19 to Nelson's Parkway stoplight; then west). Hahn Auctioneers

Real Estate Auction

7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Matchett Event Center, 805 H. Harris St., Bourbon. Home and outbuilding on 35¼ acres in three parcels, located at 828 20th Road, Tippecanoe (from SR 25-SR 331 intersection between Talma and Mentone, continue east 3 miles on SR 25 to Apple Road; north one mile to 20th Road; then west ¼ mile). Robert and Doris Ross farm; Doris Ross Living Trust, owner. Ball Auction & Realty

Prairie Township Real Estate

6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Atwood Community Building, 213 E.

Hovey St. Wooded 48 acres of hunting/recreational land in one tract, located in Clunette area (from Warsaw, west on US 30 4½ miles to CR 500W; then north 3 miles; property is on east side of road). Wildlife Farms 2 LLC, owner. Schrader Real Estate And Auction Co., auction manager Gary Bailey

Beaver Dam Lake Home

Open house: 5:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 9313 S. Amanda Drive, Claypool (from SR 15 in Silver Lake, just south of railroad overpass, east on CR 700S for 3½ miles to CR 700W; south 2 miles to end of road at CR 900S; west 1 mile to Amanda Drive; then south ½ mile). Auction online only, closing 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at metzgerauc-

tion.com. Three-bedroom home with lake access. Metzger Property Svcs.

Russell And Judy Steele, Owners

10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at 2612 B Road, Bremen (two miles east of town on US 6 to Dogwood Road; north 1¾ miles to B Road; then east ½ mile). Hahn Auctioneers

Real Estate And Personal Property

10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5920 W. Crystal Lake Road, Warsaw (5½ miles west of town: from Winona Avenue-Detroit Street intersection, west on Winona Avenue; becomes Crystal Lake Road) Three-bedroom home and outbuilding on 5¾ acres. Real estate sells first; personal property thereafter. Metzger Property Svcs.

Six new providers join Lutheran Health Physicians

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Lutheran Health Physicians recently welcomed six new providers, who specialize in the areas of neurointerventional surgery, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and family medicine.

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Michelle Garl, FNP-C, is a certified family nurse practitioner providing preventive care services and treating patients with various chronic and acute illnesses at LHP's Syracuse Walk-in Clinic. Garl earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from IUPUI and a master's degree through the family nurse practitioner program at Ball State University in Muncie. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society and the Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana.

Garl's clinic is located at 107 W. Pickwick Drive, Suite A, Syracuse.

Located in North Manchester, Shelly Prichard, FNP, is a primary care provider who cares for men, women and children of all ages. She provides preventive and chronic care and also treats various acute illnesses. Prichard earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Ball State University, her master's degree in nursing education from the University of Phoenix and her

family nurse practitioner certificate from Graceland University.

Prichard's practice is located at 605 N. Walnut St., North Manchester

Thanksgiving is celebrating faith, family and freedom

By MELISSA CHAPMAN WCPL Cataloging Supervisor

Our national observance of Thanksgiving is a time for celebrating faith, family and freedom. Traditionally it's spent with family and friends the fourth Thursday of November.

The Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. The feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims.

Thanksgiving may look a bit different this year, new traditions might have to be created, like sharing what we are grateful for as we gather round Zoom. From home-cooked desserts to virtual toasts. There are many ways to preserve the holiday spirit.

A great idea to get you into the mood of the holiday is to curl up with a stack of excellent fall reads. Below are a few Thanksgiving themed books that are at the Warsaw Community Public Library.

The Macy's Day Parade will look different in 2020 than it did in prior years. The iconic celebration, watched around the country, will be "reinvented" with a virtual ceremony. Keep the spirit of the in-person parade alive with this children's book, "Balloons over Broadway: the true story of the puppeteer of Macy's Parade," by

Melissa Sweet, which highlights the incredible effort it takes to get those larger-than-life balloons onto the streets of New York.

Opposites attract in Anne Tyler's 1985 "The Accidental tourist." When protagonist Macon Leary, a grief-stricken travel writer who hates travel, meets Muriel, a dog trainer, his life of solitude is turned upside down. Complete with a slow-roasted turkey this is one kooky love story that will make one smile through the tears.

Spend Thanksgiving giving thanks to the most important person in your life: You. One way to live your best life is to get in touch with your inner purpose. Oprah Winfrey's latest book, "The Path made clear," will help you find it. Oprah shares personal stories and lessons while mapping out a route to finding not just success, but significance.

The bird isn't the only thing getting killed in the murder mystery "Turkey day murder," by Leslie Meier. This is the seventh book in the Lucy Stone series. Stone's become a pro at keeping calm while solving mysteries in her town of Tinker's Cove.

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Grace College standout awarded doctoral studies scholarship

At age 23, Grace College alumna Karly Poyner received the prestigious doctoral studies scholarship at the University of Memphis to pursue her Ph.D. in communication studies. The scholarship was added to Poyner's assistantship tuition coverage and stipend, making her Ph.D. cost free.

Poyner earned her bachelor's degree in communication at Grace College in 2018 and a Master in Communication Studies at Ball State University in May. While at Ball State, she received the BSU Graduate Student Recognition Award, was named the three-minute thesis runner-up and scored a top student paper in the Central States Communication Association

According to Grace College associate professor of communication, Dr. Pat Loebs, Poyner demonstrated great potential from day one.

"Karly always brought her whole self to the classroom. She's a critical thinker, an effective communicator, and a hard worker. When we started talking about graduate school as the next step for her, I had no doubts that she would thrive," said Loebs.

Poyner, a Winona Lake native, came to Grace after being enrolled in its jump start program in high school. While she began as a declared elementary education major, it was her introduction to public speaking class that shed light on her love of communication.

"Grace College was where I found myself. I found a department that fit my area of academic curiosity. I found friends who motivated me. I loved feeling seen by my professors and classmates and being challenged to think deeper and harder," stated Poyner.

During Poyner's senior year, she received a number of acceptance letters for master's programs with full assistantships around the nation. After she committed to Ball State, Poyner remembers her last advising meeting in Loebs' office when he said, "Don't lose touch, Karly. Rely on us. We will always have your back."

"And I've stayed in touch," she exclaimed. "I still email and meet with Pat regularly. Pat and many of my peers at Grace have been curious about my research, my teaching, my classes and most of all, my spiritual journey through the hard, lonely and frustrating moments of grad school," said Poyner.

While Poyner's time at Ball State was a challenge, it was instrumental to her academic growth. She gained experience teaching undergraduate courses. She presented research at numerous regional and national conferences, including the National Communication Association. Perhaps most notably, Poyner successfully defended her thesis, "Jesus Made a Feminist Out of Me: Communication of Dual Evangelical and Feminist Identities," which is now published work. This spring, Poyner's second publication, "Coats of Fire: Rhetorical Identity Negotiations of Feminist Evangelical Christians," will be printed in volume 19 of "Kaleidoscope: A Graduate Journal of Qualitative Communication Research."

Even at state schools, Poyner has continued to integrate her faith and scholarship.

"I remember telling my thesis adviser that working on my M.A. thesis brought me closer to God. I felt empowered. I longed for my research to honor God's creation," she added.

When it came time to apply for Ph.D. programs, once again Poyner was accepted into some of the nation's top doctoral programs. After she received the doctoral studies scholarship at Memphis, Poyner made her decision and began her first semester there this fall



PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP " Grace College alumna Karly Poyner received the prestigious doctoral studies scholarship at the University of Memphis to pursue her Ph.D. in communication studies. Photo provided.

Looking forward, Poyner hopes to continue to write, research and teach in a way that promotes transformative education. For more information about a bachelor's degree in communication, visit www.grace.edu/major/communications.

Steps to safely celebrate the holidays

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Thanksgiving is less than a week away, and while smart travel, cooking, decorating and heating practices are always important to remember this time of year, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic means even more safety measures should be taken this holiday season.

"The safest option for celebrating Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "As COVID-19 continues to spread, staying home is the best way

to save lives. If you need to leave your home, remember to wear your mask and maintain six feet of distance between you and others."

Keep in mind these additional tips to keep your holidays as safe as possible:

• Consider alternative celebrations. While the holidays are tra-

ditionally a time to gather with friends and loved ones, consider "virtual" alternatives that allow everyone to remain safely at home. CDC has some helpful suggestions on its Thanksgiving page at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

• Be a prepared traveler. If you must travel, check travel restrictions and get your flu shot before you go. Always wear a mask in public settings and wash your hands often. If you plan to leave the state, understand the requirements for isolating or quarantining when you arrive and/or return, then plan accordingly. If you're driving to your destination, ensure you have an emergency supply kit in your car, and if you're packing for a flight or train ride, consider a small kit in case of emergency: flashlight, batteries and a spare USB power bank.

• Protect against home fire risks. Put working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas. Change the batteries in these alarms twice per year, or per manufacturer's guidelines.

• Practice smart cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying,

grilling, broiling, or boiling food and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped. Clean cooking equipment after each use — crumbs in a toaster or grease on the stove can catch on fire.

Heat your home safely. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, portable heaters and radiators. When you leave a room or go to bed, turn heaters off or unplug them.

• Decorate with care. Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Think about using battery-operated flameless candles this season. If that isn't an option, place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns and ensure they cannot be reached by children or pets. Inspect holiday lights before you put them up and throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. If you're putting up a tree inside your home, water it every day.

For more readiness tips, visit www.ready.gov, www.cdc.gov, www.usfa.fema.gov or download FEMA's free app, available for your Android, Apple or Blackberry device.

Kosciusko Community YMCA begins its giving tree

This year there are many challenges, individually and as a community. The pandemic has left many cooped up in homes, isolated and struggling mentally, physically and financially.

Closing in on a new year, people

should work together to lift spirits and make the season bright.

This holiday season, individuals and businesses have the chance to partner with YMCA and pay it forward to those hardest hit by a difficult year by purchasing an ornament. Ornaments will be available on Christmas trees in the Parkview Warsaw YMCA lobby beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1, during the "Giving Tuesday" kick-off event through Thursday, Dec. 24. Start giving now by visiting kcymca. givingfuel.com/holiday-fundraiser or by texting a donation amount to (574) 319-9622.

Each ornament on the tree will allow someone to:

- Learn how to be safe and have fun in the water.
- Increase self esteem by mastering new skills.
- Learn, play, and be cared for in a safe, family setting.
- Build a healthier mind, body, and spirit in a Christian environment.

People may purchase one ornament or several. A gift will have an immediate impact as families move indoors for recreation and exercise during the upcoming winter months. A gift can't be broken, is guaranteed to fit, and even better, requires no batteries.

Pass it on and consider forwarding and sharing this message with co-workers, friends and family. The more the merrier. If everyone helps a little, a lot can be done.

Beginning at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, the YMCA will be celebrating the start of the giving season with the kick-off event. Stop by and enjoy giveaways and buy an ornament for the YMCA or Combined Community Services.

TVHS reverting to remote learning

Tippecanoe Valley High School and Burket Education Center reverted to virtual instruction (remote learning) starting Tuesday, Nov. 17, and will return to in-person instruction Monday, Nov. 30.

This affects Tippecanoe Valley High School and Burket Education Center only. All other schools (Akron Elementary, Mentone Elementary, and Tippecanoe Valley Middle School) will continue in-person instruction. TVHS and Burket students will return to school Monday, Nov. 30.

TVHS Building Trades, Warsaw Area Career Center and in-

terning students are to report to these programs.

TVHS and Burket students may order lunches at Akron Elementary School or Mentone Elementary School for pickup between 11-11:15 a.m. during these days. Students or parents are to call in the order by 8:30 a.m.

To order and pick up at Akron Elementary School, contact Julie Kruger at (574) 598-2321. To order and pick up at Mentone Elementary School, contact Nikki Rutherford at (574) 598-2537. Call the school office with any other questions.





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