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Thought for the Week: *Men are failures not because they are stupid, but because they are not sufficiently impassioned.* Struther Burt



## LAST WEEKEND FOR

### THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

There are only three performances left of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at the Pulse Opera House. Tickets are selling fast for the classic Christmas tale. Reservations are strongly recommended for the Friday and Saturday evening performances.

Second-fifth grade students from Salamonie were among the 700 area students who attended the play last week. One student proclaimed he "didn't have the words to express how good it was." Another thought the Pulse had really outdone itself with this production.

The remaining performances are scheduled for December 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Adults can take \$2 off their ticket by bringing an item for the Food Pantry. Tickets are going fast, especially for the last weekend, so reservations are suggested. Tickets can be reserved online at [www.pulseoperahouse.org](http://www.pulseoperahouse.org) or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017.

## STORYTIMES

Story time continues at the Warren Public Library for three more weeks during the month of December. Then there will be a winter break. (Watch the papers for the start up time.) This is a great opportunity for children to interact and for parents to visit. And there is the added plus of wonderful stories and activities for the children! No registration is required. The time is 10:15 – 10:45 on Friday mornings.

## FARMERS MARKET

Mark your calendar for Saturday December 15 for the winter market. It will be at the Pulse Opera House lobby. Hours will be 9 a.m. till noon. Several of our regulars will be on hand to help with your holiday meal planning. Hope to see you there.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The combined choirs of Warren and Jefferson Center United Methodist Churches will present "Behold the Glory: a Christmas Celebration," on December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. The words and music of the cantata are by Stan Pethel. The choir is under the direction of Myrna Neff. The public is invited to attend.

## DRAMA AT DILLMAN

The Dillman Sanctuary choir and the drama team will be presenting a special program on Sunday, December 9 in both worship services. The times are 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The program is entitled "The Department Store Window." The drama is under the direction of Bridget Schweikhardt and Amy Palmer. The choir will be directed by Darlene Case and Linda Walters. Don't miss this

opportunity to get a jump start to the Christmas Season. Come laugh with us and worship with us at Dillman. For more information please call the church office at 375-2779.

## FREE SOUP SUPPER

Don't forget about the Free Soup Supper on Wednesday, December 5th. Come and enjoy hot soup on a chilly evening. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable or canned food item, so we can give to needy families in the area. We hope to see you on Wednesday. If you have any gently used or new clothing that you would like to donate we are also collecting those for our needy families. Thanks so much for that you do.

This Free Soup Supper is open to the public.

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Dogwood Glen and Kim's Katered Affair will be hosting lunch buffet on Wednesday, December 12, from 11am-1pm. Menu will include: Club Sandwiches, Chicken Salad on Croissants, Corn Chowder & French Onion Soup, Chicken Caesar Salad, Mixed Green Cranberry Salad, Christmas Jello Salad, Apple Salad, Fruit Salad, Assorted Desserts & Beverages. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for 10 & under. Interested Parties please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750. Carry-out is also available!

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 the public is invited to an evening of Christmas music played by Joe Thomas on the baby grand piano of the Warren Church of Christ. Joe is a well known and accomplished pianist that will thrill your heart with the sounds of Christmas. He currently plays at the Von Maur store in Jefferson Pointe and has performed many concerts around the area. Bring the whole family for an inspiring evening of wonderful music.

Thursday, December 14 & 15 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. drive by or stop and witness our Live Nativity at the corner of Wayne and 3rd Streets in Warren. We will have music, live characters and animals to

recapture the event that changed the world, the birth of Jesus Christ. Stop in for hot chocolate and cookies and visit with the cast and crew. Jesus is STILL the REASON for the season.

Sunday, December 16, 9:30 A.M. will be a Christmas Canata by the Warren Church of Christ Choir entitled "A Song Was Born At Christmas" by Tom Fettke directed by Betty Yoder. If you don't have a church home, please come and worship with us. Gerald Moreland & Todd Winkler are the ministers.

## WEAR A LIFE JACKET

Indiana Conservation Officers are giving a word of advice to waterfowl hunters and fall fishermen that the tragic death of a Hammond waterfowl hunter this past weekend should serve as a reminder that life jackets can save lives. The 43 year old died from a heart attack after falling into Lake Michigan while attempting to secure the boat he was in, to a water intake structure near the Bailey Generating Station.

"This tragic death should be a wake up call to all waterfowl hunters and fall fishermen that wearing a good Coast Guard approved life jacket should be considered just as important as wearing that old hunting coat or fishing hat" says Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney D. Clear.

"Whether wearing a life jacket would have made the results any different in this situation we don't know, but anytime someone ends up in the water when it's this cold, their ability to do even the smallest of tasks become greatly reduced. We know that many waterfowl hunters and fishermen are quick to say that it won't happen to me, or that I'm a good swimmer. But the fact remains...if you are wearing a good inflatable vest or float coat, your odds of surviving an unexpected plunge into 30 or 40 degree water is very good."

Clear says that there are reasonably priced inflatable life vests offered by a number of manufacturers that are comfortable and non-restricting. They are available in a variety of colors, including camouflage. Prices range from \$50-\$150. For those

who wish to have more protection from the elements, yet be afforded the capability to act as a life jacket, look no further than a float coat or jacket. These also are available in a variety of colors and sizes. Prices begin around \$150. Float coats and inflatable vests can be purchased through sporting goods stores or catalog retailers. They would also make a great, early Christmas gift!

## BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

Many of our local Salamonie School students will have a new favorite book very soon. The Way To Go and My Favorite Book, beautifully illustrated volumes expressive of moral values, are being made available in certain local schools as a gift to 1st grade through 10 year olds by local business leaders who are concerned about the future of our children.

A copy of the volume goes home with the child to become his or her very own. Printed in these books is a Parent Guide explaining the values covered in the book along with suggested topics for family discussions. With My Favorite Book extra copies of the book are given to the school along with an interactive CD-ROM incorporating the themes of the volume.

Without the support of local community leaders this program would not be possible.

Sponsors are: Citizens Telephone Corp; Evaluation Real Estate; Kevin J DeaKyne DDS PC; Heritage Pointe; East of Chicago Pizza Co; MarkleBank and Crain Ford

## RAFFLE WINNER

Thank you to the hundreds of people who signed up.

Lora Schorey, of Bluffton, (daughter of Mary Ann Holmes) is the final winner of two tickets to the Bill Gaither Christmas performance! (a \$57.00 value). Previous winners include: Joan Hunnicutt of Bluffton; Claudia Boxell, of Warren; James McCarver, of Warren; and Jean Watson, of Warren. Each winner received 2 tickets to the event.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you for the overwhelming support from many people in the Warren area. Our family appreciates all of your love and support during this difficult time. Thank you again to all of the Churches, Businesses, Organizations, and Individuals who have offered a helping hand. We wish all of you Happy Holidays!

Thanks Again,  
 Teresa Buckland and family

### LETTER TO EDITOR:

I would like to compliment the utilities in Warren. Every time I have had contact or dealt with them for any reason, they have been great to deal with. I have an alley behind my house and last spring, I had been thinking that the alley needs graded and stone. I never expressed that to the city, but about a month later low and behold, they had done it. I also like the clean up days you have.

I also want to compliment the folks at Citizen's. When I stop in and pay my bills, they are always friendly and helpful. The service techs are so helpful and knowledgeable, with anything I have had questions about. For the cost, the Cable TV is a good buy with the amount of stations you get and variety. I truly think these folks need to know they are doing a great job and are appreciated!

Sincerely,  
 Jim Klosterman

### CHILDHOOD OBESITY

With the huge issue of childhood obesity threatening our children, I would like to share a story about the quest that my brother and sister-in-law went on to help their daughter avoid a life of obesity. They spent untold hours and personal resources to find the answer and now are trying to share it with other families.

Coming from a family with a history of obesity, Lisa saw her daughter heading down this same path. Desperate to find a solution, finding nothing suitable for children, she and her husband scoured public resources to build a program. They found the solution hidden in dozens of resources scattered about the web and in print, and used it to build a weight loss program for their daughter. It worked, and their 11-year old daughter avoided the pitfalls of childhood obesity. Today Krystal is a happy, healthy 16 year old who is still in her healthy weight range.

But that's not where it ends. Friends and family encouraged Lisa to share her success with others, to take her battle for her daughter to a larger front, the battle against childhood obesity. That was the genesis of the 45Pounds program. Lisa got her certification as a Kid's Nutrition Specialist, and with the help of her husband built a program designed especially for kids.

Kids have special challenges and special needs, and the 45Pounds program addresses this through an individualized and holistic approach, educating the parent and child on the principals of healthy nutrition and exercise, and giving them the tools and encouragement needed to succeed.

If you would like more information about their program as well as photos and testimonials you can find it on their website: 45pounds.com. If you would like to speak to Lisa you may contact her at Lisa@45pounds.com or by phone: 254-725-4224.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this story.

Sincerely,  
 Suzanne Daniel

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*Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor*

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

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**8294S 900W 35**  
*Gary Riley, Pastor*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.  
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor*  
*Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.*  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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*Pastor - Interim*

*Youth Minister Lynne Payne*  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Focus Youth Group - Sun 6:30-8:30p.m.

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*Rev. Malcolm & Jackie Howell*  
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Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
**8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779**  
*Dick Case, Pastor*

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service .... 10:30a.m.  
 Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.  
 Wed - Circle of Friends

(3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
**101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726**  
*Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor*

1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
 2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**WARREN UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
*Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery*

**HILLCREST  
 CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**375-2510**

*Rev Mark Davis*  
*Bus Service 375-2510*  
 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.

**JEFFERSON CENTER  
 UNITED METHODIST**  
 Corner of 900S & 300W  
*Kathy Newton, Pastor*

Sunday School ..... 8:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
**468-2411**  
*Doug Sharrard, Pastor*  
*David Thrift, 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**  
*Pastor Dan Sommer*

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**  
*Dan Helm, Pastor*

Morning Worship ..... 9:30 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

*Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor*  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Classes ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies  
 - all Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.

**MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN**  
*Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Mid-Week (Wed) ..... 6:00 p.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.

**PLUM TREE  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**375-2691**

*Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE  
 CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
**468-2412**  
*Mel Zumbrun, Pastor*

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**375-2102**  
*Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor*

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**765/934-3321 Parsonage**  
*Jeff Wass, Pastor*

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 Blake J. Neff*

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.

Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**375-3022**

*Gerald O. Moreland, Minister*  
*Todd Winkler, Youth Minister*  
*Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.*

Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.**  
*Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of*

*Preaching and Discipleship*  
*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of*  
*Family Life*

*Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00p.m.

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
**375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren**  
*Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor*

*Wesley Welch, Supt.*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m.  
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## AREA NEWS

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This event is on Thursday, December 6th, 7PM, at the Worthen Arena on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie.

These tickets were provided courtesy of WFCV radio, 1090 AM, Fort Wayne. It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy.

### ICE CREAM AWARDS

Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream Wins Unprecedented Seven National Awards

Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, LTD. of Shelby Twp., MI has been recognized by its peers at the National Ice cream Retailers Association's 74th annual convention held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Antonio, TX November 7-10, 2007 with three awards for "Best New Flavor of the Year". Magic Cookie, a coconut ice cream with oatmeal cookies, milk chocolate swirl, and chocolate candies—competed against 25 other new ice cream flavors submitted by ice cream companies from around the nation to win the coveted first place, blue ribbon. The company's Almond Cherry Streusel won second place for best new flavor, and Last Mango in Paradise won second place in the "Best Tropical or Ethnic Fruit Flavor". All samples were tasted "blindly", meaning the judges did not know which companies submitted which flavors.

Ashby's Sterling's made-in-Michigan ice cream also received three "First Place" and one "Second Place" merit awards based on the more technical standards of ice cream—butterfat, overrun, stabilizers, taste, color, mouth feel, etc. Blue ribbons were awarded to each of their three Vanilla flavors and a red ribbon to Strawberry for having high technical scores. Samples from NICRA member companies were submitted for analysis by Dr. Johnny McGregor, chief judge from Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

These and other award-winning Ashby's Sterling ice cream flavors are available at Huggy Bear Ice Cream Stop in Warren.

Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, LTD. is owned by the Tom Davis families of the Detroit area. The award-winning, hand dipped ice cream is distributed nationally to independent ice cream retailers and distributors. New retailers and distributors are welcome.

### COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd  
The Warren Town Council met on Monday evening, Nov. 26, in Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting Nov. 12 were approved as submitted.

President Cartwright welcomed Ron Boxell, newly elected Council member who will take office in January. He also expressed his thanks to David Scheib for all his services while a member of the Council.

It was announced that Ted Hurley will meet with Council on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, to explain the communication system upgrade.

Council voted in favor of Ordinance 2007—10, water connection fee.

Council also discussed Personnel Policy amendments, which are expected to be adopted at a later meeting.

Ordinance 2007—11 pertains to credit card acceptance for light and water bills. Master Card and Visa Charge Cards will be accepted, but not debit cards. The Ordinance is being considered and if adopted will go into effect Feb. 1, 2008.

Council voted to reschedule the Dec. 24 regular meeting to Thursday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Emergency Action Plan, review update, will be on the agenda in December.

DCCD Zoning Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4. This meeting is set for consideration of a request from the Warren Nazarene Church for placement of a sign.

Council agreed to Resolution 4—2007, transfer from within Budgeted Funds.

Clerk—Treasurer Marilyn Morrison announced Keystone Software will be installed Dec. 13.

Penny Hippensteel and Janet Richardson have resigned their positions in the Clerk—Treasurer's office.

Curtis Day reported from the Utility/Street Departments. Crews have been busy picking up leaves and putting up Christmas decorations.

Fire Chief Lee Poulson reported the Firemen's Christmas dinner will be Dec. 7 at Dogwood Glen.

The Park Board will meet Dec. 1. Announcements: Dec. 10, Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, Council meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan. 1, Town Hall, Utilities closed.

### COUNCIL REPORT

The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Officer Pat Collins reported from the Police Department. There is still one junk or abandoned vehicle, but it has been covered with a tarp.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported all meters had been read in October and November. One meter had been installed.

There had been problems at the wastewater plant on Thanksgiving Day.

Leaves were also being picked up and equipment being made ready for snow.

### HONOR ROLL

Students achieving Honor Roll status at Southern Wells Elementary School for the first nine weeks are:

2nd Grade High Honor: Taylor Couch, Danielle Kratzer, Matthew Geisel, Alisha Watters

2nd Grade A/B Honor: Tristan Andrews, Malinah Dixon, Justun Gifford, Nick Huffar, Courtney Lemler, Kendall Samsel, Tessa Westfall, Dustyn Baumgartner, McKenna Elzroth, Emry Hoening, Sarah Jones, Blake Speheger, Mason Stevens, Laura Stoops, Clayton Thompson, Jessica Yencer, Parker Blevins, Alex Bowling, Austin Brown, Jada Johnson, Sarah Kline, Markie Price, Lars Van Den Brand, Erin White, Montana Zent,

3rd Grade High Honor: Chloe Elam, Braxton Gerber, Rachel Harvey, Jackson Sills, Delaney Smith, Camryn Marcus, Brooke Zoda, Brad Bothast, Ian Abney, Meadow Tucker,

3rd Grade A/B Honor: Lindsay Aker, Ashlyn Boxell, Connor Bradt, Nick Childers, Gwyneth Coleman, Blake Dollier, Caylynn Hamilton, Keesha Ivins, Steven Jones, Kammie Kress, Adam Leyman, Bryce Paxson, Chantel Smith, Ethan Westfall, Matthew Stickler, Tori Fate, Josh Durham, Kayla Culbertson, Cory Capper, Spencer Campbell, Cameron Cook, Nathan Blem, Cody Crickard, Vince Drennen, Abe Herr, Evan Huffman, Ashley Lefebvre, Mikayla Oswalt, Kennedy Rhodes, Blake Spath,

Brittney Tudor, Connor White, Jordan Wygant

4th Grade High Honor: Gavin Barcus, Sydnee Jones, Chloe Maddox, Allyson Hamilton

4th Grade A/B Honor: Zach Biddle, Bryce Bonewit, Dakota Clark, Alexis Collins, Jessica Hartley, Sadie Lee, Brant Mechling, Hunter Schreiber, Autumn Stevens, Jacob Studabaker, Damion Watters, Jackson Bartlett, Cameron Dalley, Kelsea Boughman, Savannah Ocasio, Megan Fiechter, Grant Harris, Brandt Couch, Wyatt Korporal, Rease Minniear, Anna Thompson

5th Grade High Honor: Hayley Bradin, Timber Tucker, Jordyn Sills, Meg Lefebvre, Lela Knowles, Kiara Leas

5th Grade A/B Honor: Brooke Penrod, Drew Rockwell, Korbin Gephart, Donovan Hastings, Jasmine Lichenberger, Jacob Roush, Jacob Stout, Meghan Yencer, Blake Zoda, Hannah Barnes, Allison Blevins, Savannah DeaKyne, Abby Gregg, Emilee Junk, Brooke Kratzer, Vanessa Drennen, Zane Herr, Kory Miller, Kyle Pinkerton, Samantha Ramseyer, Molly Stoffel

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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 cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Dec 5	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 7	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 10	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 11	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
Dec 12	Warren Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Dec 12	7:00 PM - Joe Thomas Piano Christmas Concert at Warren Church of Christ
Dec 14-15	6-8:00 PM - Live Nativity at Warren Church of Christ
Dec 16	9:30 AM - Choir Christmas Cantata at Warren Church of Christ
Dec 19	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 20	Warren Town Council, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 21	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS
Jan 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
Jan 2	Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 2	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 4	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 9	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Jan 14	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
Jan 15	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 16	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 18	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr Day
Jan 28	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m.

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus **Walking in the Gym** 7-11 a.m. Monday - Friday

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## COOKIE/CANDY SALE

The Huntington County Extension Homemakers will hold their 5th Annual Holiday Cookie and Candy Sale Friday, December 14, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or while supplies last. The sale will be located on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex at 354 N. Jefferson Street (at the senior center). Homemade candy and cookies will be available for your office parties, family gatherings or as a treat for a friend. Please join us! It is the policy of the Purdue Extension Service that if school is closed due to inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled.

## VARIETY SHOW

The annual Huntington North High School Variety Show, "Lights, Camera, Action," will be Thursday and Friday, December 6 and 7 at the HNHS Auditorium. Performance times are 7:30 P.M. Come join in the fun and see singers, dancers, a juggler, a violinist, jump ropers, and much more.

Performers include Ashley Ambriole, Lindsey Berggren, Brad Berghoff, Scott Bower, Emily Coburn, Brandon Coburn, Tanner Crawford, Will Davis, Jon Dyar, David Geders, Asha Goings, Curtis Hines and Kristina Hoover. Also performing are Austin Johnson, Kevin Kitt, Andy Lasley, Alex Rader, Allison Reed, Sarah Richison, Amy Slane, Kayla Smith, Matt Stech, Tiffany Street, Holly Wagner, and Justin Winter.

Lights and sound helpers include Seth Cook, Brad Homme, Tim Johns, Skyler Rowe, Samir Shaikh, and Tyler Shearer.

Backstage help includes Mackenzie Donnelly, Phillip Harman, Tiffany Jones, Danny Larsen, and Tyler Miller.

Variety Show steering committee members include Samantha Green, Nathan Albertson, Leigh Ann Reed, Zack McMullen, Emily Spenner, Brad Homme, Lindsay McElhaney, and Tyler Shearer.

## SILENT AUCTION

Kids Kampus Early Childhood Center, A Caring Place to Go Where Children Discover and Grow, will be hosting a silent auction beginning December 10, 2007 to close of bidding on Friday December 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the child care center located at 435 Campus Street in Huntington.

The silent auction will consist of themed baskets. The baskets contain over \$1000 worth of items including: Family Fun for infants to 3 years and 4 years to 13 years, Chocolate Madness, the Ultimate Fan, Home Décor and much more.

Silent auction items are available for preview at Kids Kampus on Friday December 7th from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Kids Kampus childcare center.

Currently there are enrollment openings in the two, three and four year old rooms as well as the Premier Preschool for three and four year olds at Kids Kampus!

For additional information about Kids Kampus please contact Kids Kampus at (260) 356-0123 or visit [www.kidskampus.org](http://www.kidskampus.org). Kids Kampus, Huntington, offers child care and preschool services to children from infancy to age 12. Kids Kampus is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and is the only licensed child care center in Huntington County. Kids Kampus is a division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington.

## GIFT IDEAS

Consider giving the gift of outdoor experiences and entertainment and save yourself holiday shopping time by ordering from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Promptness is necessary to meet Santa's deadlines because gift cards and certificates that must be delivered by mail to Indiana residents need be ordered by Tuesday, Dec. 18, to ensure timely delivery. Gift cards and certificates to be sent to out-of-state residents should be ordered by Friday, Dec. 14.

A sampling:

- The CampIN Gift Card, which can be used for camping, recreation building reservations, shelter reservations, cabins, group camps, rent-a-camps or group cottages, is on sale year-round. The card can be purchased by calling 1-866-6CampIN (1-866-622-6746) or by visiting a state park or reservoir office.

- Annual Entrance Passes, Golden Hoosier Passes, Horse Permits or Annual Lake Permits for 2008 are available at the Indiana Government Center Customer

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[www.innsgifts.com](http://www.innsgifts.com) now. Online orders include a \$4 shipping/handling fee. Passes and permits are available at local state park and reservoir offices beginning Dec. 1.

- Indiana State Park Inn Gift Certificates can be used for lodging, restaurant meals, golfing and gift shop purchases in any of the seven inn locations. Call 1-877-LODGES1 to order.

- Shop for unique gifts online at Mother Nature's Mercantile at [www.innsgifts.com](http://www.innsgifts.com).

- Donate to the C52 Raptor Fund at Patoka Lake. Gifts to this fund support the care of C52, the non-releasable bald eagle used in programming at this site. Visit [www.dnr.IN.gov/C52](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/C52) for details or call (812) 685-2447.

- Contribute to support the traveling Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, which will visit Whitewater Memorial State Park, Sept. 3-8, 2008. Call the Brookville/Whitewater Complex, (765) 647-2657 for more information.

- Donate to your favorite state park or reservoir to honor of a friend or family member at a property near you, call Ginger Murphy, assistant director for stewardship in the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, (317) 232-4143, or write State Parks and Reservoirs, 402 W. Washington St., Room W298, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

- Friends Group Memberships are available at McCormick's Creek, Spring Mill, Lincoln, Falls of the Ohio, Indiana Dunes, Mounds, Turkey Run/Shades and Brown County state parks, and at Hardy Lake. Contact the assistant director for stewardship at the phone number or address above.

- Support the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center at Hardy Lake, where injured hawks and owls receive care and are released when possible. Permanently injured birds are used in programming for schools and families. The center has an adopt-a-bird program. Call Terry Davis, (812) 794-3800.

- Contribute to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation. Funds are used to support land acquisition and a variety of other projects throughout the DNR. For more information, contact (317) 233-1002, [nheinzelman@dnr.in.gov](mailto:nheinzelman@dnr.in.gov), or write to: The Indiana Heritage Trust,

402 W. Washington, W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204

- Give your child or grandchild the gift of time for a winter hike, a hunting trip or a nature center visit at a state park, reservoir or state forest trail in January.

Written acknowledgments for donations can be provided, but may not be available until after the holiday season. For up-to-date information about happenings in the DNR, visit [www.dnr.IN.gov](http://www.dnr.IN.gov).

## BIRD WATCHING

The Salamonie Bird Club will hold a 12:30 p.m. meeting, Dec. 16, at the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The public is invited to attend the meeting to meet the birders, then partake in the holiday open house in the same building. Club members will have cookies to share for the open house celebration.

"We are excited to provide a meeting place for this club," said Marvin McNew, director of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. "The club fits our mission of managing for our natural resources by keeping track of species of birds that use the Upper Wabash Reservoirs as a home or as a resting place as they migrate through the State of Indiana."

The club wants to help educate families about the many different types of birds that pass through Indiana during migration and the resident birds that stay in the area.

Bird club members will participate in the Christmas Bird Count this year at their own chosen locations over New Year's weekend. Please call (260) 468-2127 for information on how to participate.

The club meets regularly on a quarterly basis with more frequent field trips. The next field trip is an Eagle Watch field trip, Jan. 19. The next meeting is at the Silence of a Winter's Night workshop at J. Edward Roush Lake, Jan. 26.

The Interpretive Center is at Salamonie Reservoir in the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

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## FACES OF FLU

Health experts recommend annual influenza vaccinations, better known as the flu shot, for more than 220 million people in the U.S. Despite this recommendation, influenza immunization rates fall far short every year. In Indiana, between 315,000 and 1.26 million Hoosiers will suffer from influenza in an average year.

The American Lung Association of Indiana has partnered with other health organizations to bring Faces of Influenza, a national educational campaign, to Indiana. This multi-year public awareness initiative helps Americans put a "face" on this serious disease and recognize annual influenza immunization as an important preventive measure to protect themselves and their loved ones every year.

"Influenza is not the common cold. It's a serious respiratory illness that is easily spread and can lead to serious complications and even death. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent influenza and its complications," reminds Nancy Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Lung Association of Indiana. Celebrities, public health officials, and everyday people have joined the Faces of Influenza campaign sharing personal stories about their experiences with the disease and encouraging influenza vaccination among recommended groups. These faces include people who fall into one or more of the high-risk groups recommended for annual immunization by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Despite serious health risks associated with influenza, many people, including people with chronic health problems, young children, and those 50 years of age and older, are not getting immunized," says Norman Edelman, MD, Chief Medical Officer of the American Lung Association. "More than 2 out of 3 Americans should be vaccinated every year, which means it's likely each one of us knows someone whose well-being, good health, or life depends on getting an influenza immunization each and every year."

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## NUSS

Byron Erle (Pappy) Nuss, Sr., 78, of Warren, died at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Nuss was employed at Essex Wire in Marion, John Deere in Warren, Pinkerton Farms in Warren and also a door greeter at Wal-Mart in Marion. He served in the U.S. Army from Oct. 1, 1951, to Sept. 10, 1953, during the Korean Conflict. He attended Warren Church of Christ.

Born Dec. 26, 1928, in Wabash County to Carl and Georgia (Miller) Nuss, his marriage in Gas City on June 25, 1966, was to Maud Hicks, who survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Byron Erle Nuss, Jr., and Barry Scott (Sabrina) Nuss, Sr., both of Warren; two daughters, Debra (Rick) Vogleman and Lori (Mike) Bowling, both of Warren; three sisters, Marie West, Kay (Ray) Hartley, and June (Bob) Craig, of Marion; 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Ray Nuss, and a sister, Bonita Clester.

Funeral services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with chaplain Annette Baker officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory in Marion. Military graveside honors were performed by the U.S. Army.

Preferred memorials to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

## FRANCIS

Hazel E. Francis, 96, Warren, died at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, where she had been a resident for the past 10 years.

Born on Feb. 11, 1911 in Illinois to Ambrose and Susan (Alcorn) Winkler, she married Russell Francis on Nov. 9, 1939; he is deceased.

Mrs. Francis was a homemaker, a member of the PEO Chapter CY for more than 50 years and had volunteered at hospitals. She is survived by close friend Edith Miller of Huntington, who was her caretaker for 35 years. She is also survived by a brother, Forrest Winkler of Illinois.

Services were held prior to her burial at Sunset Memory Garden in Kokomo. Arrangements were handled by Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimers Association.

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## MARTIN

A former resident of Wells County, Orlu Martin, 104, Westland, Mich., died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Mich.

Born in Wells County on June 28, 1903 to William and Leona (Brod) Lambert, she married Guy Martin on May 20, 1928 in Wells County; he died in 1968.

A graduate of Blaker's Primary and Kindergarten School in Indianapolis and Ball State, she taught at Chester Center, Liberty Center and Poplar Grove Schools. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Mich., the Sarah Caswell Angell Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star Cresent Chapter 48 in Bluffton, Wells County Historical Society, Wells County Retired Teachers Assoc., the Cardinal Chapter Audubon Society in Berne and the Women's Club of Ann Arbor. While living in Wells County she was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

She is survived by a son, Robert A. Martin of Ann Arbor, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathryn Renner and Lucille Henley.

Services were held at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Scott Meier officiating.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the Audubon Society.

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## UPDIKE

Jane Updike, 74, North Manchester, died at 4:13 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 29, 2007) at the Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester.

Mrs. Updike, a 1951 graduate of Wabash High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from St. Francis College. She was the office manager in the testing department of Fort Wayne Community Schools for 14 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was born July 2, 1933, in Wabash, a daughter of Lew and Florence Stouffer Keller. She married Max G. Updike Aug. 14, 1955, at Friends Church in Wabash. Her husband survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Christopher Updike of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Amy Jane Dauss of Anderson; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the Wolcottville United Methodist Church. Pastor Jack Thomas and Chaplain Barry Belknap officiated. Burial was at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren, handled arrangements.

## BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an Open House for Emma Williams who will be celebrating her 100th birthday.

The Open House will be held December 16, 2007 in the Fultz Recreation Room at Heritage Pointe from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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On a national level, actress and mother Jennifer Garner is the spokesperson for the Faces of Influenza campaign. Other celebrities' "faces" featured are: actor Dean Cain, who played Superman on ABC's *Lois and Clark*; Olympic Gold Medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi; Dr. Joyce Brothers, well-known psychologist and advice columnist; Joy Behar, comedian and co-host of ABC's *The View*; Olympic Gold Medalist Vonetta Flowers; and actor Peter Gallagher, star of Fox's *The OC*.

The Lung Association is also working with everyday Americans from across the country, including two families who lost their young children to influenza — one a 6-month-old twin boy; the other a 4-year-old girl. Others in the program have asthma, diabetes, or other chronic medical conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). One individual is pregnant, and participates to help emphasize the importance of immunization for women who will be pregnant during influenza season.

#### About Influenza

Influenza, along with its complications, is a serious respiratory illness. On average, 36,000 Americans die and about 226,000 people are hospitalized each year. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent influenza and its complications. Adults and children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, COPD, heart disease, weakened immune system, diabetes, and others, are at increased risk for complications from influenza and should be immunized every year. People 50 years of age and older, pregnant women, and children 6-59 months of age, as well as their household contacts should also be vaccinated to help prevent influenza-related complications and the spread of this dangerous disease. Vaccination typically begins in October and can continue through March. In most seasons, influenza virus activity peaks in February or March, so vaccination throughout the entire influenza season is beneficial and recommended.

#### Faces of Influenza Awareness Activities

The initiative also includes educational materials for consumers and health-care providers, as well as the national distribution of news television and radio public service announcements featuring Jennifer Garner and the high-risk groups recommended for influenza immunization. The Lung Association has developed a Web site, [www.facesofinfluenza.org](http://www.facesofinfluenza.org), where consumers and health-care providers can find more information about influenza and the importance of immunization. Visitors to the site can also view the photographs and stories featured in the Faces of Influenza Portrait Gallery, view the public service campaign, and utilize the Lung Association's Flu Clinic Locator, [www.flucliniclocator.org](http://www.flucliniclocator.org), the

largest on-line directory of public influenza clinics.

About the Flu Clinic Locator In addition to this new campaign, the Lung Association continues to offer its Flu Clinic Locator as a public service. By typing in their 5-digit ZIP code, site visitors can receive a list of immunization clinics in their area. Site visitors may also schedule appointment reminders and sign up to receive seasonal influenza news. The Flu Clinic Locator remains active as long as public influenza immunization clinics are offered.

#### About the American Lung Association

Beginning our second century, the American Lung Association is the leading organization working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Lung disease death rates continue to increase while other leading causes of death have declined. The American Lung Association funds vital research on the causes of and treatments for lung disease. With the generous support of the public, the American Lung Association is "Improving life, one breath at a time."

### INDIANA/POLAND EXCHANGE

Applications are now being accepted from 4-H members in Northeast Indiana for the 2008 Indiana-Poland Exchange Program.

Approximately fourteen youth and six adults will travel to south central Poland for two weeks in late June to share and learn about 4-H and their culture. The youth will stay with host families, participate in 4-H activities, visit some historic sites and learn about daily living in Poland.

The adults may also stay with host families and will focus on Polish culture and history.

Northeast Indiana 4-H hosted youth from Poland in 2007 and 2005. In 2006 a delegation traveled to Poland from Indiana where they participated in a wide variety of 4-H and Polish cultural activities along with making many new friends.

Anticipated cost of the exchange is \$1500 - \$1700. Application and the first payment of \$500 is due December 31, 2007.

Applications are available from the Purdue Extension Service Offices in Northeast Indiana.

For more information about the exchange program, contact Roger Sherer, 260-824-6412, [rsherer@purdue.edu](mailto:rsherer@purdue.edu)

### FEBRUARY GOOSE SEASON

The Indiana DNR has passed a temporary rule establishing an experimental 2008 February Canada goose hunting season in selected areas in an attempt to control the population of breeding Canada geese in and around urban areas of the state.

Counties where geese can be hunted during that season, which runs Feb. 1-15, include Steuben, LaGrange, Elkhart, St. Joseph, La Porte, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko,

Noble, De Kalb, Allen, Whitley, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Vermillion, Parke, Vigo, Clay, Sullivan, and Greene.

According to Adam Phelps, Indiana DNR waterfowl biologist, populations of breeding Canada geese in Indiana appear to have leveled off during the past few years at about 125,000. The DNR's target population for reducing human-geese conflicts in urban areas is 80,000.

"We chose February because it's when geese are most likely to leave cities and towns," Phelps said. "Urban ponds are most likely to be frozen in February, and grass is most likely to be covered with snow."

"These two conditions may force urban geese into agricultural fields outside of town to feed, where it is usually safe and legal — in season — to hunt them."

Indiana has used a September season on locally breeding geese for many years. The new "late" season gives wildlife managers another tool to manage local goose populations, and gives waterfowl hunters more days afield.

The bag limit for the experimental season is five Canada geese per day, with a possession limit of 10, same as for the September season. Shooting hours are from a half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

The same regulations and restrictions that apply during the

September season apply during the February season. In addition to a valid hunting license, signed Indiana waterfowl stamp (unless exempt), a federal duck stamp, and an HIP (Harvest Information Program) number, a free permit is also required. Free permits are available at (812) 334-3795, [goosehuntingpermit@dnr.in.gov](mailto:goosehuntingpermit@dnr.in.gov), or any state Fish and Wildlife Area, field office, or reservoir during regular January hours.

Hunters must check all geese harvested at a check station. Geese must have the head, a fully feathered wing, and reproductive parts still attached when the bird is checked. Check station staff will age and sex each bird, and will remove and keep the head of all adult birds checked. These heads are measured to determine whether each bird is a Canadian migrant or a local breeder.

This process is required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether more locally breeding geese are being harvested than Canadian-breeding ("migrant") geese.

Data collected during the season will be used to determine whether the late season will continue to occur in future years. Even if Indiana's season meets federal guidelines, the season may be closed in future years if local Canada goose populations are sufficiently reduced.

This temporary rule also establishes a one-year Feb. 1 to March 31 season for the lesser

snow goose and Ross's goose. The HIP number and federal duck stamp are not required to take a lesser snow goose or a Ross's goose.

The DNR director has exclusive authority to adopt temporary rules regarding such issues. Such rules are valid for a maximum of one year and can be renewed by the director for an additional period not to exceed one year.

### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Ring in the holiday season with the folks at Salamonie Interpretive Center during their open house, Dec. 16, 1 to 5 p.m.

Attractions include music, a live reindeer and talk about reindeer, Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides, and refreshments. Visitors are invited to bring a gift for the Interpretive Center wildlife or operation. The first 50 families to drop by will receive a gift.

"Volunteers from our seniors and bird-watching groups will make holiday treats and we'll have live holiday music," said Marvin McNew, director of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. "The center will be decorated inside and out,"

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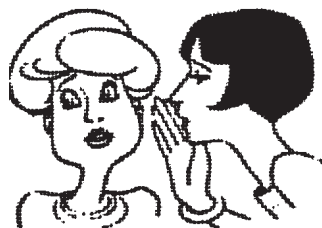
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and visitors often bring cleaning or office supplies, bird food and suet cakes as gifts for the center."

Visitors may want to pick up gifts for others while at the center's Otter Run Tradin' Post's 10 percent-off sale. From 2 to 4 p.m. during that event, kids can make and take "magic reindeer food," get their picture printed with Santa and his reindeer, and enjoy the live music. The "All about Reindeer" program is at 3 p.m.

The center is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor-to-ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit [www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis) for more information about this and other UWIS activities.

### BATTLE OF THE BULGE

A commemorative World War II exhibit on the Battle of the Bulge opens Dec. 15, at Fort Harrison State Park, just in time to mark the 63rd anniversary of the epic World War II battle the following day.

The exhibit at the park's Nature History Center will feature battle veterans, weekend programs, photos, scale models, artifacts, and reenactors of the famous battle that nearly ended with a disastrous defeat for the allies. The exhibit runs each Saturday, Dec. 15 through Jan. 26.

The battle started Dec. 16, 1944. The German army launched a counteroffensive through Belgium at the center of the American lines in mid-winter, catching most of the United States' commanders off-guard and the ground troops ill-prepared. The Battle of the Bulge story is a compelling tale of this crucial struggle. Hoosiers from across the state took part in this historic event.

Seven scheduled programs will be held on each weekend that the Battle of the Bulge exhibit is at Fort Harrison. Each program will be 45 minutes long and begin at 1 p.m. The scheduled events are: Dec. 15 110th Infantry Regiment; 22 First German Breakthrough; 29 St. Vith; Jan. 5 Noville; 12 Infantry in the Ardenne; 19 Paratroopers in the Ardenne; 26 Armor in the Ardenne. There is no cost to view the Battle of the Bulge exhibit; however, the usual IDNR \$5 weekend gate fee per in-state vehicle (\$7 for out of state) applies.

The Nature History Center is open in the winter months Wednesday-

Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please call (317) 591-0122.

### UNCLAIMED REFUNDS

Senator Evan Bayh announced today that more than 1,600 Hoosiers have undelivered tax refunds checks from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) totaling more than \$1.2 million. The IRS released the list last week. Taxpayers can receive their refund by updating their address with the agency.

According to the IRS, nearly \$110 million in tax refund checks have not been cashed by taxpayers because they were returned to the agency as undeliverable. A refund check is normally returned as undeliverable when a taxpayer moves without updating his or her address with either the U.S. Postal Service or the IRS. More than 115,000 taxpayers across the country are due refunds averaging \$953. In Indiana alone, 1,628 Hoosiers have undelivered refunds, averaging \$764 per taxpayer.

Bayh also announced that his office is helping get the word out to those Hoosiers who have undelivered checks by posting the list on his website at: <http://bayh.senate.gov>.

"Hoosier taxpayers who are owed money by the IRS deserve to get it without further delay," Senator Bayh said. "By taking a quick look at the list, you could discover a refund you didn't know about. That's good news, especially with the holiday season at hand and far too many families feeling the financial pinch this year."

Taxpayers can also find out if they are on the list of unclaimed IRS refunds by visiting the IRS website at: <http://www.irs.gov> and clicking on "Where's my refund?" under "Online Tools." Those without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund check can call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1954.

A taxpayer can ensure the IRS has his or her correct address by filing a change of address form also made available on Senator Bayh's website. Taxpayers who do not have Internet access can request the form by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

### FAMILY FIGHTS - BAD

(SPM Wire) Fighting with family members can cause you a whole lot of pain... literally.

New research indicates that fighting with family members can increase your risk of heart disease

and such coronary events as heart attacks or chest pain.

Individuals whose close relationships have negative aspects, such as conflict and adverse exchanges, appear to have an increased risk of heart disease than those with more positive close relationships, according to a new report in the journal "Archives of Internal Medicine."

Researchers from University College London found that those who experienced a high level of negativity in their close relationships were a third more likely to experience a coronary heart disease event than those who didn't fight with people close to them.

"An extensive body of research shows that social relations are associated with better health and reduced risks of cardiovascular disease," wrote lead researcher, Roberto De Vogli and his colleagues, as background for the journal article.

Bickering with your spouse and other close family members or fiends may cause strong negative emotions, such as stress and worrying, that might lead to negative physical effects. Of course, this should come as no surprise to anyone who's felt anger or sadness after a family fight.

"When one considers emotional factors and their biological translation into the body, research shows that negative marital interactions are associated with depression, often in combination with reduced self-esteem and/or higher levels of anger," they added.

The study monitored 9,011 men and women and their relationships with up to four family members. It also adjusted for other factors that influence heart disease risk — such as smoking or psychological problems such as depression.

The researchers paid the most attention to each subject's primary close relationship, most often with his or her spouse. The participants were followed for an average of 12.2 years to see if they experienced fatal or non-fatal coronary events, including heart attacks or chest pain.

### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring



This year has really gone fast, got your shopping done? Mine is going to be slim this year. Just don't get excited about shopping. I have the tree up and decorating done. I need some snow to get me in the holiday mood.

One thing I try to get done is clean out the book cases as I store some of the holiday things in there such as the village and my Snow Buddies collection. This year the village is at the Opera House lobby with the other trees on display. The children in the show have enjoyed it being there. Another thing I keep in the bookcase is a hand carved wooden crochet hook my grandpa made for grandma. It is quite delicate, made of oak and you can see the little limb it came from was not perfectly straight. Written on it in pencil he put Xmas 1923. I can hardly make it out anymore. It was no doubt a gift to her that year. It may not seem like much, but no doubt it was special to her. Grandma crocheted many rag rugs to help furnish her sparsely decorated home on Brownlee Street in Marion. You can tell this gift had been used.

My grandparents were rather poor as many others were but were rich with love for all of us. Grandpa was a handy man carpenter and a very good one. One summer he came to stay with us for a few days to help dad build a chicken house. It was so wonderful to have him there for a while. I really don't know how he got any work done with all the tea parties he had to stop for that I furnished.

I had my grandpa for only 6 short years and grandma for 11. There is a lot of good memories in those short years, but growing up without grandparents can leave an empty spot in your young life.

Here is a sinfully rich candy recipe I sometimes make at holiday time. It is rather expensive to make but worth it.

Christmas Fudge

2 cups pecan halves, 1 1/2 cup brazil nuts, 1/2 cup English walnuts, 1 cup candied pineapple cut in small pieces, 1 cup candied cherries cut in fourths, 3 cups sugar, 1 1/2 cup cream, 1 1/2 cup corn syrup, 2 teaspoon vanilla.

Grease 2 9 inch pans and in large pan, about 6 quart size add the sugar, cream and corn syrup. Cook slow until sugar is dissolved, cover the pan and bring to rolling boil for 1 minute (this is to dissolve the crystals on the side of the pan. Remove the lid and cook on medium heat stirring constantly to the soft boil stage or 250 degrees. Remove from heat and add vanilla stir until creamy and begins to hold shape. Add the fruit and nuts, press into pans, chill till firm and cut into squares. Wrap each piece in wax paper and store in a cool place. Happy Holidays



### ACADEMY GRADUATE

On October 12, 2007, Randolph P. Witkamp of Jackson Township graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, successfully finishing a 5-month training program in Plainfield, Indiana. Randy placed 2nd in the pistol shooting event and, most importantly, fulfilled his lifelong dream to follow in his father's footsteps, who is a decorated Los Angeles retired police officer.

Randy has shown great discipline and success after serving in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1999 to 2005, participating in various missions around the world—from taking part in clearing a channel in the Polar Sea in Antarctica to flying in support of the U.S. Marines' rescue missions in Florida during hurricane season. His experience is varied and will surely prove beneficial in his new career. Randy is now serving with the Indiana State Capital Division in Indianapolis and looks forward to one day serving the community closer to his home in Warren.

Not only were Randy's parents, Charles and Cindy Witkamp in attendance, but so was his brother, Bert Witkamp, and his aunt, Prairie Witkamp, of Santa Monica, CA. His father was most gratified that his old friend and police academy classmate, Bill Violente, of Los Angeles, CA also attended this important event in his son's life. Mr. Violente has had a distinguished career in law enforcement followed by eight years as Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles under the term of Mayor Riordan, from 1993 to 2001. He also has a successful security consulting business in Los Angeles that helps corporations protect themselves in the wake of the September 11, 2001 tragedy in New York.

Pictured above are (l-r) Cindy Witkamp, Charles Witkamp, Randolph Witkamp and Bert Witkamp.



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