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Thought for the Week: *A wise man thinks all he says: a fool says all he thinks.* Anonymous

SANTA MAIL

It's time to get your letters to Santa ready to mail. Take them to the Warren Post Office and drop them in the special Blue mailbox on the counter in the Lobby.

Get them in soon and Santa will send you a personal note. Don't wait too long as Santa gets busier and busier as each day goes by.

Parents: please make sure your child's letter includes a return address for a response.

GOSPEL SING

A Gospel sing will be held at First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, December 10th @ 6:00 p.m. Eugene Vitatoe and the Bluegrass Gospel Quartet will be the featured guest. Bring your friends and family for a great evening of music! First Baptist is located at 727 N. Wayne St., Warren IN. Call (260) 375-2811 for any questions.

SAFE RETURN PROGRAM

Of the many programs and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association, one of the most underutilized is Safe Return. This program has been in existence since 1993 and yet only slightly more than 1% of Hoosiers with Alzheimer's disease are registered.

Safe Return registration provides a national registry which is accessible 24/7 365 days a year by a toll free number. The only prerequisite for registering is that the person has some form of dementia. A simple registration form collects information about the individual and their caregiver contact. Information such as hair and eye color, height, weight, gender and description of scars and other identifying marks is also collected. For a \$40 enrollment fee a bracelet or necklace is provided with the enrollee's first name and an identification number as well as the Safe Return toll free number. The enrollment also includes iron on clothing labels, key chain, wallet card and a sticker with the same information. The caregiver who enrolls

their loved one gets a refrigerator magnet with instructions on how to report a lost person. If you are not able to afford the cost, grant money is available and no one will be turned away.

Safe Return provides information to local law enforcement agencies to assist when a person with dementia becomes lost. Currently the local law agencies in Huntington and Wells counties are going through the education process provided by members of the Alzheimer's Association Northern Regional office. This education provides them with the necessary tools to return dementia patients safely to their families and caregivers. They also assist others who might come in contact with a lost individual and place a call to the center as a result of finding the identifying jewelry, wallet card or clothing label.

In 2005 Safe Return received 6,971 calls about people with dementia who had wandered and become lost. In Indiana the Safe Return program was 100% successful in returning the enrolled individuals to their home or caregiver. Nationally the success rate was 98.6%. For those not registered the rate of return is only 81.7%. Please contact the Alzheimer's Association at their toll free number 1-800-272-3900 for more information or to register your loved one.

MOVIES & POPCORN

The Van Buren United Methodist Church will be having Free Movie and Popcorn night, Saturday, December 9 at 6:00pm in the VBUM fellowship hall, 105 S. Second St. Now showing Disney's The Chronicles of Narnia. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LAST SHOW

This weekend (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) will be the final performance of A Christmas Carol by the Pulse Opera House cast.

This reporter attended one of the

many, many productions last weekend. In addition to the three regular performances, they also hosted four abbreviated performances for area school children. A local student, who saw both productions, stated that the first one was "cool" but the second (full show) was even better.

Without giving too much away, let me say that the production is an awesome display of talent, both by the actors and the production team. The creativeness of Ron and Cynthia shines in this production.

It is a must-see for the holiday season.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Have you been out past the McNatt church lately? Construction is still continuing on the new addition and it looks great so far. While out checking out Christmas lights, make sure to drive past and have a look.

They'll be having special services at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve and everyone is invited to attend. The Christmas Eve Service of Light will include seasonal samplings of recorded music of all varieties interspersed with bits of the Christmas Story read by Stan Morton. A gift to you – a time to sit still, look at the sparkling lights and reflect on the Ultimate Gift.

HOSTS SOUGHT

Terra Lingua, a non-profit organization, is seeking volunteer hosts for English speaking foreign exchange students from France, Germany, South Korea, Russia and Taiwan, ages 15-18, who want to experience American Culture for the upcoming five month semester program. Students have their own spending money and health insurance. Families/individuals to provide room, board and a warm loving home. Join Terra Lingua in breaking down cultural barriers and training our future world leaders. To give a student and your family the experience of a

lifetime, please visit our website www.TerraLinguaUSA.org, call toll free at 877/520-2522 or email TerraLingualInfo@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Van Buren Public Library will be closed on December 25th and 26th. Please note the library will be open on Saturday, December 23rd.

WARREN WEEKLY

CLOSING

The Warren Weekly will not publish the week of Christmas. Please keep this in mind for any advertising or news you need printed. The first issue of the New Year will be dated January 5, 2007.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Dillman U.B. Church will be presenting a dramatic musical for Christmas, entitled One Quiet Night. The program will be Sunday, December 10 at both the 8:15 and the 10:30 worship services. The Dillman Sanctuary Choir and the Drama Department will be involved in this program. In typical Dillman fashion, you will both laugh and cry at this story. It will show us that we must be still and know that He is God or we might have a "Happy Holiday" and yet miss Christmas.

The drama will be directed by Bridget Schweikhardt and Amy Palmer and the Choir will be directed by Linda Walters.

Please come and join us at Dillman Church, 8888 S 1100W-90 Warren, IN. For more information, please call the church at 260-375-2779. Everyone will be welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Are you caught up in preparations for Christmas? The combined choirs of Warren and Jefferson Center United Methodist Churches invite you to consider the real meaning of the season as they present a Christmas cantata, "Ready for Christmas?", on De-

cember 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. The choir is under the direction of Myrna Neff. The public is invited to attend. Are you ready?

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

We will join together for the Alzheimer's Support Group on Tuesday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the 1A Activity Room of Heritage Pointe.

Our featured speaker will be psychologist, Dr. Derek Paris. Dr. Paris will discuss the potential stresses that may occur throughout the upcoming Holiday season as your family decides how best to involve your loved one in the festivities.

You may direct any questions regarding this group to the Social Service Department of Heritage Pointe at 260/375-2201 ex. 243.

NATIVITY & CANTATA

The Warren Church of Christ invites the public to come see our annual Live Nativity at the corner of 3rd and Warren Sts. in historic downtown Warren on Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM each evening. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served after viewing the scenes. You can drive by or get out and watch all the scenes unfold before your eyes. Afterwards you'll have time to go to the Pulse Opera House and take in "The Christmas Carol" at 8:00 PM.

On Sunday, December 17th, the church's 30 voice Christmas Choir will present their cantata and drama "Joyful & Triumphant" during their morning worship service at 9:30 AM. If you don't have a church home we would love to have you join in this special presentation and worship experience. Many special will be featured and it is under the direction of Betty Yoder. Gerald Moreland, minister will conclude with a challenge and message.

Troubled? Try Prayer!

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

DEAR EDITOR:

Like many Hoosiers, you probably find our state's method of property tax assessment confusing. As one of nearly 20,000 REALTORS® in Indiana, we experience the headaches it causes for our clients on a daily basis. But under the new system of trending being implemented, some of the mystery should disappear. This is because with trending, the assessed value of all residential property will be updated (or adjusted) every year.

Unless you have had major improvements to your home, you have been paying property taxes on an assessment based on January 1st, 1999 for the past four years. But later this autumn, taxpayers should receive a notice from township assessors providing the new assessed value for next year's taxes. An actual visit to your home by the assessor should not be necessary, as data from recent transactions will instead be used to "trend" assessments according to the local residential market.

The Indiana Association of REALTORS® believes that trending is long overdue, as 48 other states already have a similar process for updating assessments. And although there may be some property tax "sticker shock" as trending takes us from 1999 to more current values in one year, we believe it is in the best interest of all Hoosier property owners, including current and future homeowners. If done properly, trending can rectify the systemic inaccuracy in assessments identified by the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute in its comprehensive tax equalization study (see <http://www.indianafiscal.org>).

Trending each year will help eliminate the wild shifts in the tax burden between types of property that followed the 2002 reassessment. There could be some pain for homeowners in 2007, but a higher assessment does not mean that one's property taxes are guaranteed to increase. If your neighbors were "under-assessed" to a greater degree than you, your share of the tax burden might actually be reduced.

The property tax is not going to disappear overnight, as there are no reasonable options for immediate elimination. However, the Indiana Association of REALTORS® will continue to fight for reducing our overall reliance on this tax to fund local government and schools. We must also make certain that the property tax is grounded in transparent, accurate assessments so that taxpayers can have confidence that they are paying their fair share. If trending is done correctly, it should help us make progress toward this latter goal.

Sue Pfohl
 President, Indiana Association of REALTORS®

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Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>Come As You Are</i> Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathy Newton, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i></p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Sunday School..... 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) .. 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service ...7:00p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Dan Helm, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Clyde Gunn, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i></p> <p>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. www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. 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Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Rev. John Wallace, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>
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AREA NEWS

HOLIDAY POPS

Northeastern Indiana's most popular and beloved holiday event returns to Huntington University at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 when the Fort Wayne Philharmonic goes on tour throughout northern Indiana.

Join Associate Conductor Bradley Thachuk and guest vocalist Tony Didier as they lead the Philharmonic in a colorful presentation of holiday music.

The program, consisting of popular and classical holiday music includes traditional favorites like "Sleigh Ride," "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and other tunes including "The Skater's Waltz" and the "Concert Suite" from "Polar Express."

Guest vocalist Tony Didier returns to the stage with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic after a recent stint as a guest vocalist with the orchestra in a Pops concert featuring Boots Randolph, singing "Mack the Knife" and "Mona Lisa." More recently, Didier accompanied the orchestra in September 2006 for "Classics Rock," the first unplugged concert of the 2006-2007 season. During the day, Didier makes his living teaching ballroom dancing at American Style Ballroom.

Tickets are available by calling Huntington University's Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261. Ticket prices are \$17-\$21 for reserved seating, \$5 for Huntington University students, discounted by \$2 for students 13 and older as well as seniors, and half price for students 12 and younger. This event will be held in the Zurcher Auditorium in the Merillat Centre for the Arts.

This concert was underwritten by Myers Funeral Home, Northeast Indiana Public Radio WBOI/WBNI and Markle Bank.

The Philharmonic Holiday Pops is a concert tradition begun by the orchestra in 1985 with a single performance that still includes an audience sing-a-long and a selection of family holiday music that transcends all religions. Today, the orchestra performs this holiday masterpiece four times at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne and in nine surrounding communities.

Now performing its 62nd season, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic with Music Director Edvard Tchivzhel is a member of the American Symphony Orchestra League and a funded member of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, the Indiana Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts. For additional information, visit www.fortwaynephilharmonic.com.

FAIR DATES SET

The Wells County 4-H Association has set July 14 - 19 as the dates for the 2007 4-H Fair. Most of the 4-H Livestock shows are expected to be similar to previous years. Committees will be working in early 2007 to finalize plans for the annual event.

Dates for the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis will be August 8 - 19, 2007.

The 4-H Association and Council recently elected officers for 2007. They include:

Wells County 4-H Association - President, Larry Connett; First Vice President, Chad Captain; Second Vice President, Doug Klefeker; Secretary, Gretta Nusbaumer; Treasurer, Cathy Neu; Past President, Brian Clark; Executive Committee Members Kent Ulmer and Mike Piquine.

Wells County 4-H Council - President, Chad Captain; Vice President, Deena McClure; and Secretary, Deena McClure.

The 4-H Association coordinates the 4-H Fair and operation of the 4-H Park. The 4-H Council handles 4-H Youth Development policy and rules. Interested adults willing to volunteer are invited to contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Office located at the Wells County 4-H Park, 824-6412.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Saturday, December 9 from 2-5 pm at Christine Pinkerton's home in Jefferson Township for their "Winter Wonderland Retreat". Committee assignments will be distributed and the group will discuss upcoming activities, including a Lock-In on Thursday, January 11. The club officers are providing refreshments, games and movies for this meeting. The 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any youth in grades 7 and older. For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or email Linda Aldridge at laldridg@purdue.edu. Directions to the Pinkerton home will be provided upon request at the County Extension Office.

NEW RULES

4-H Livestock exhibitors in Indiana will see some changes in the 2007 show season. Beyond the premise identification requirement, that went into effect on Sept. 1, 2006, Hoosier livestock exhibitors will no longer have to present a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) at Indiana shows under state law.

Members of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) recently removed language from state rules that requires a CVI, signed by a veterinarian within 90

days of a show. Board members left the 30-day CVI requirement for out-of-state animals exhibiting in Indiana untouched.

"This change is really about recognizing the diligence of Hoosier producers and veterinarians, who have worked for decades to make this state free of many animal diseases, including pseudorabies, tuberculosis and brucellosis," explains Indiana State Veterinarian Bret D. Marsh, DVM. "We saw this as an opportunity to recognize those efforts and reward our industries with fewer requirements when they participate in exhibition events."

While BOAH has made this change to state rules, Dr. Marsh notes that some exhibition organizers, including some 4-H fairs, may continue to require CVIs for their participants.

"The Board included a provision in the rule to allow event organizers to customize requirements to meet their needs," he explains. "Some county fair organizers will continue the CVI requirement, in some case for specific species only."

That is why producers should always verify with the event managers what is required for a show before arriving.

Producers should not assume that eliminating the CVI requirement means BOAH is placing less emphasis on the importance of animal health.

"We see the need to shift the thinking about the use of health papers," Dr. Marsh explains. "CVIs serve a great purpose—they present an opportunity for animals to be examined by a veterinarian and they open the lines of communication between the practitioner and the client."

"But producers need to remember that a CVI loses its value over time, especially for animals that travel from place to place. We need owners to assess the general health of each of their animals

before every show—not just rely on a piece of paper as a clean bill of health when it was written by a veterinarian one, two or even three months ago."

With the new rule, BOAH is launching an educational campaign for livestock exhibitors. "Know Before You Show" is the theme for materials designed to raise awareness about the most common diseases that threaten the health of sheep, goats, cattle and hogs.

Beginning in December, BOAH will have materials online for all exhibitors to learn more about prevention and detection of disease. Agency staff will be attending trade shows and other events to raise awareness and discuss issues with producers.

Information and materials, including printable PDF fact sheets, are available on the BOAH website at www.boah.in.gov. Click on the "Know Before You Show" link on the front page.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Wells County residents are invited to Feliz Navidad: An Hispanic Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. Each Christmas, the library focuses on authentic traditions from around the world. We celebrated a lively Celtic Christmas with the Fort Wayne Scottish Cultural Society in 2004.

Last year, it was a formal German Christmas with the Fort Wayne German Heritage Society. This year, we look at Hispanic music, culture, customs, and food with folk dancers and traditional readings with the help of: Cesar Ruiz, President of Hispanos Unidos; Sidury Christiansen, a graduate student at IPFW; and Ralph Garcia, Bluffton. The Latina ladies of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Catholic Churches will serve a special Mexican hot chocolate and bunuelos which are like mini elephant ears (special thanks to Senora Diana Guzman and Senora Susan Guzman). Feliz Navidad: An Hispanic Christmas is held open house-style and is free to the public. For more information, call the library at 260-824-1612.

Rhonda Lepper, owner of Country Squire Florist, will help library patrons create a beautiful, fresh centerpiece for the holiday table or as a gift on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. The class includes instruction and all the materials, including container, decorations,

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gift giving needs.**

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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 6	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Dec 7-9	A Christmas Carol at the Pulse Opera House
Dec 8	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 9	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 8 a.m.
Dec 11	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 12	Our Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 20	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 22	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Jan 1	New Year's Day 2007
Jan 3	Chamber of Commerce Lunch, noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 3	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 5	Warren Recycle Day
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 After School Adventure - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene Preschool Story Time - Warren Library 10:30 Fridays Walking in the Gym - at KBC 7-11a.m. Monday thru Friday.	

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candles and fresh pine. Material fee is \$15. Pre-registration is required and you must have a valid library card. Class size is limited so sign up soon. 260-824-1612.

The Southern Wells High School Spanish Club is hosting a Christmas party for the public on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Southern Wells Branch Library. Games, stories and refreshments. Everyone is invited and the party is free, but please pre-register by 12/9 so there are plenty of snacks for everyone. 765-728-8035 or 260-824-1612. The SW Branch is located in the commons area of the Southern Wells High School.

Discover there is more to Christmas music than Handel's The Messiah at the first official meeting of the new Classical Music Club on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. The discussion for the evening is Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and the book "Joy to the World" by Albert and Shirley Menendez. This is also a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the library's extensive classical music collection. Everyone is invited to attend this friendly, informational meeting. For more information, call the library at 260-824-1612.

SCAM ALERT

The IAAA Education Institute wants to warn seniors of the latest scam to separate them from their money. Reports have surfaced that someone is making collect calls to seniors claiming they are from Medicare or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Once seniors accept the charges, the caller then asks them to verify personal information (i.e., name, address, Medicare number and bank routing numbers).

Melissa Durr, CEO of the Association, said, "If individuals receive collect calls from scammers claiming to work with Medicare, they should not accept the charges. With the enrollment for Medicare Part D upon us, these types of incidences are likely to occur. People with Medicare should be on guard and protect themselves."

Durr asks anyone who suspects Medicare fraud, error or abuse, to report it to their local Area Agency on Aging by calling 1-800-986-3505. The AAA will file a complaint and forward the information to the appropriate agency for further investigation.

With the open enrollment period for Medicare's prescription drug benefit in high gear, the IAAA Education Institute wants older adults and persons with disabilities to be aware of the potential for fraud and offers some tips on how to protect themselves and their important financial and personal

information.

The open enrollment period for Medicare Part D began November 15, 2006 and ends December 31, 2006.

"If someone contacts you and pressures you to buy, hang up the telephone or close your door," said Melissa Durr, CEO of the Association. "If you have questions about the viability of the product being sold, explore it further on your own. Make sure to clarify what is covered, what the cost of the product is, how to cancel if you change your mind and that you understand what you are buying. If these questions can't be answered by the salesperson, then the product is probably not for you."

During the initial enrollment period from November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006, the most reported difficulties with the program's administration were:

- * fulfillment of medically necessary drugs,
- * confusion over enrollment issues,
- * poor or improper marketing practices including the sales of non-CMS approved plans,
- * enrollment in more than one plan, and over-billing and/or over-payment of premiums.

The following tips will also help older adults and person with disabilities detect and prevent themselves from becoming victims of fraud:

- * Never sign anything you don't understand; Have an attorney or trusted adviser review it.
- * Stay socially active. Isolation increases your risk of becoming a victim.
- * Don't give out your credit card number over the phone or Internet unless you initiate the transaction.
- * Shred or tear into small pieces all mail solicitations, bank records or any other discarded documents that contain identifying personal information.

- * Be aware of scams. If you're told you just won a prize, you probably haven't, and if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In 2004, the Federal Trade Commission received complaints showing \$152,000,000 in fraud losses by consumers age 50 and over. One in ten Americans falls victim to fraud.

Durr recommends that older adults and persons with disabilities who suspect someone trying to coerce or steal their information contact their local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505. For questions about the Prescription Drug Benefit, she urges seniors to contact Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE.

The IAAA Education Institute, a 501 (c) 3 education and research organization, provides training on issues to the aging network.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

The Huntington University Theatre Ensemble will present an abbreviated version of "The Gift of the Magi" at the Huntington University Foundation's Dec. 13 breakfast.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m., in the Habecker Dining Commons and conclude by 9 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 per person. First-time attendees to the breakfast series eat free. Breakfast meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. For more information, please contact the Huntington University Foundation at (260) 359-4066.

"The Gift of the Magi" tells the story of "Della" and "Jim," a young married couple with very little money who scrimp for everything. On the day before Christmas, Della counts the money she has painstakingly saved for months. She is dismayed to find she has less than \$2, hardly enough to buy anything at all. After a good cry, Della determines to find a way to buy Jim the present he deserves. As she looks into a mirror, an idea comes to her. A heart-warming story whose moral reminds us that physical possessions, however valuable they may be, are of little value in the grand scheme of things. The true unselfish love that the characters, Jim and Della, share is far greater than any of their possessions.

"The Gift of the Magi" is directed by Rebekah Posegate, a sophomore theatre education major from Lake Villa, Ill.

Cast and crew include the following:

Abigail Allwein, "Della," a sophomore theatre performance major from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Chris Betz, "Jim," a senior theatre performance major from Blissfield, Mich.

Alicia Bonham, "Della" understudy, a freshman theatre education major from Upland, Ind.

Tory Nelson, "Jim" understudy, a freshman digital media arts major from Granger, Ind.

Brad DeYoung, light designer and technical director, a junior theatre

design and technology major from Lansing, Ill.

Andrew Edmonds, sound designer, a freshman theatre design major from Beloit, Wis.

Dana Frick, accompanist, a senior music performance major from Kendallville, Ind.

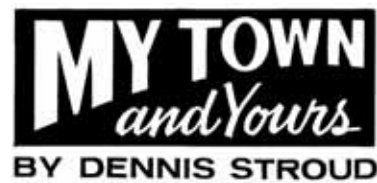
Rebekah Posegate, director and scenic designer, a sophomore theatre education major from Lake Villa, Ill.

Abigail Allwein, costume designer, a sophomore theatre performance major from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Jenn Miller, music director, a senior theatre and psychology double major from Berkeley, Ill.

Nathan Capriglione, stage manager, a freshman theatre design major from Auburn, Ind.

Huntington University is a comprehensive Christian college of the liberal arts offering graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic concentrations. U.S. News & World Report ranks Huntington among the top comprehensive colleges in the Midwest. Founded in 1897 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington University is located on a contemporary, lakeside campus in northeast Indiana. The University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).



Silas Allen Pulse was born in 1842, one half mile from Warren. His boyhood consisted of the usual things boys do growing up along the Salamonie River. After college he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits with his father. When the war broke out he joined the army as a musician and wasn't in very long. After returning home, he became a salesman for the mercantile establishment of Good and Brother of Warren. In 1863, he exchanged his job for the military life, enlisting in company A, Thirtieth Indiana Cavalry. He was

made first sergeant of his company and after some active service he was made second lieutenant. After several battles, Mr. Pulse was discharged in November 1865, with the rank of captain.

Soon after leaving the service Mr. Pulse purchased the mercantile establishment of S.L. Good in Warren, in 1866. This store was located on the southwest corner of Wayne and Second Street. It was a three story wood building that Joseph and George Good built in 1861. Mr. Pulse's inventory and business increased through the years and in 1884 he decided to build a new building.

The new building's size was 44ft x 80ft two stories high. The lower floor was divided into two rooms, but with arches in the middle walls, it practically made them one room. Each room was 19ft x 80ft and 14ft high. An elevated carpet room 15ft x 38ft was built across the rear of the rooms and was reached by a short stairway. The front was protected by a nice balustrade and from this was a good view of the rooms below. It made a nice place for displaying carpet and other things.

Located in the center arch, between the two rooms, was a large black-walnut desk where the cashier and bookkeeper were located. In the southwest corner was an elevator, running from the cellar to the carpet room, for moving goods from one floor to the other. With the 5ft x 11ft plate glass in front and the windows on the side it made the rooms almost as light as the outdoors. At night they were lighted with gas from twenty-six burners. Coal stoves were used to warm the building. The hall, upstairs, was entered by wide double doors into a 38ft x 80ft room and the stage was 16ft x 38ft. The hall was opened for fitting and appropriate entertainment. The architect and builder was Mr. Press Camp one of the

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GENEALOGY REPORT

ROHLMAN

Barbara A. Rohlman, 91, of Warren died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

Mrs. Rohlman was a homemaker and a member of Grace St. John's United Church of Christ. Originally from Fort Wayne, she moved to the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren in September 1987.

Born on Feb. 14, 1915, in Fort Wayne, she was a daughter of George and Marie (Marisak) Haber. She was married to James W. Rohlman, who preceded her in death on June 23, 1983.

Survivors include a sister, Leona Davis of Saint Cloud, Fla.; a brother, Frank Haber of Saint Cloud; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, George Haber.

Services were held at the home, with Rev. John Wallace officiating. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

ROBINSON

Glenn Rowland Robinson, 82, of Warren, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mr. Robinson was a lifetime farmer near Sunman, Ind., located close to Cincinnati. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was a member of the Sunman Community Church, where he had served as a deacon, trustee and usher.

Born April 18, 1924, in Sunman to Rowland M. and Theresa (Beer) Robinson, his marriage in August 1950 in Louisville, Ky., was to Martha Heck, who survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Byron Robinson of Zionsville, and David Robinson of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Rosalie Walter of Warren; a sister, Marilee Hunter of Sunman; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Pohlmeier.

Services were held at Sunman Community Church with Dan Steffen officiating.

Burial was at St. Paul Cemetery in Ripley County. American Legion Post 337 was in charge of military graveside rites.

Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren handled funeral arrangements.

Preferred memorials to Sunman Community Church, PO Box 126, Sunman, IN 47041 or donor's choice.

STORMS

Elizabeth E. Storms, 88, formerly of Hartford City, died at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at her residence at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born August 6, 1918 in Marion to John and Venita (Melton) Stinnett, and they preceded her in death. She married Elmer L. Storms on September 22, 1940, and he preceded her in death on May 25, 2006.

She was a former employee of Bell Fibre Products of Marion for 10 years and was also a homemaker. Elizabeth was a former resident of Hartford City, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Wyoming Mich., and lived most of her life in Marion, Indiana. She was a member of the Grant County Chapter of the Good Sam's Club. She loved her home and cooking. She especially enjoyed baking chocolate chip cookies for her family. She was an avid gardener.

Survivors include son, Gary (Joan) Storms, Sandy Hook, Conn.; brother, John (Helen) Stinnett, Ind., Merrill Stinnett, Marion; sister, Venita Blake, Fort Wayne; and grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Daniel and Michelle.

Elizabeth was also preceded in death by daughter, Ann E. Storms who died in 2001; brothers, Delbert Stinnett, and Bernard Stinnett; sisters, Ermadell Strausbaugh and Nellie Mae McKevitt.

Services were held at Twin City Bible Baptist Church, 7252 S. Meridian Street, Jonesboro, with Pastor Dale Schuiteman officiating. Burial was in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Visitation hours were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 East Main St., Gas City.

Memorials may be made to Twin City We Care in care of Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main, Gas City, Ind. 46933.



ELLIG

Maxine D. Ellig, 86, died Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. in Colonial Oaks Health Care Center.

She was born on Saturday, October 30, 1920 in Indianapolis. She is the daughter to the later Charles Morein and the late Roxie (Grandstaff) McNew. She married her husband, Albert Ellig in 1947. He died in 1993.

Mrs. Ellig had lived in Indianapolis most of her life. She came to Marion 10 years ago to be closer to her family. She had been employed by the National Bank of Detroit, Indianapolis, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by two cousins, Joan Dunply, Indianapolis; Mel (Dan) Dollar, Marion; half brother, Oris McNew, Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Ellig; half brother, Clinton Morein, and her father and mother.

Services were held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 West Main Street, Van Buren, Indiana, with Rev. Al Soultz officiating. Interment followed in the Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.

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KELLOGG

Rosemary M. Kellogg, 79, of Van Buren, died Tuesday, November 28, 2006 in Lutheran Hospital of Indiana., Fort Wayne.

She was born Friday, April 1, 1927, in Detroit, Mich. Daughter of the late Chester Mills and the late Ruth (Doyle) Mills. She married her husband, Jim Kellogg in 1945, he survives.

Rosemary graduated from Van Buren High School Class of 1945. She worked as a Beauty Operator in her home for many years. She was a member of Van Buren American Legion Post 368 Aux., also for many years a member of the Pythian Sisters.

Surviving are her husband, Jim Kellogg of Van Buren; daughter, Becky (John) Robinson of Atlanta, Ga.; and grandson, Brian (Abby) Robinson of Charleston, S.C.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, and brother, Chester (Bud) Mills.

Services were held at the Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with Dr. Blake Neff officiating. Interment followed in the Van Buren Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240-5650.

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I have a chance to buy a buggy that has a plate on it that indicates that it was bought at E.P. Millers in Warren, Indiana. E.P. Miller ran a hardware store, were the old Gold Seal Drug store was located, in the late 1800s. As you know we do not charge admission or receive money from the Civic Center or the town to operate the museum so I am asking for help to secure this item for the museum. If you can help please let me know.

R.E.D. HATTER REPORT

This is the season for traditions and we celebrated our most treasured one today; our annual Christmas Tea. Since we organized four years ago, Dee Pattison has hosted this special event each year. Her co-host this year was Mary Palmer and what an elegant tea it was! Dee's reading was on Christmas traditions, followed by each guests fond remembrances of past Christmases. How delightful to listen to each one, with a muted background of music. The tea table reflected the gifts of our talented hostess...dainty, tasty sandwiches (had never had a strawberry sandwich before), an appealing assortment of cookies that would put Martha Stewart to shame, and accompanied by steaming, delicious tea. Enjoying all this were Fritz Boxell, Martha Buzzard, Jo Chatham, Shirley Combs, Willadean Hethcote, Lilly Nutter, Helen Stokes, Helen Jo Strassner, Maro Wall and guests Anna Belle Friend and Kay Woods and of course, our hostess and co-hostess, Dee and Mary. What a grand celebration of this blessed Christmas season.

EAGLES EARN

1ST, 2ND & 3RD

The Eagles, Lady Eagles & Jr. High Eagle traveled to Indianapolis to play in the Holiday Classic Home School Basketball Tournament at the Indy Indoor Sports Park. 27 teams in 4 divisions participated.

The Jr. High Huntington Eagles (14 & Under as of 9/1/06) won their Championship!

In their First Game, they overcame the Living Water Marlins of Plainfield 38-29. Caleb Featherston 12, Matt Weaver 12, Brice Hitzfield 5, Samuel Daniels 5, Chris Gib-

bons 4.

In the Second Round, they beat the Northwest Warriors of Indy 49-38. Matt Weaver 26, Caleb Featherston 10, Brock Hitzfield 7, Brice Hitzfield 6.

For the Championship, they held off the Fort Wayne Guard 50-40. Matt Weaver 21, Caleb Featherston 16, Brice Hitzfield 9, Jonathon Yarde 2, Chris Gibbons 2.

The Jr. High Eagles are 5-1 and coached by Blake Hitzfield & Neil Kissell.

The Varsity Huntington Eagles earned 2nd place!

They won their First Game with the Northwest Warriors 59-57. Joe Weaver 14, Colin Featherston 14, Andrew Daniels 13, Taylor Frank 11, Kolby Shultz 3, Vincent Burnworth 2, Austin Abbott 2.

In the Second Round, they overcame the Living Water Marlins 69-54. Andrew Daniels 21, Joe Weaver 20, Taylor Frank 17, Colin Featherston 9, Kolby Shultz 2.

The Championship Game was lost to the Benton Bucks 61-76. Tied after 8 minutes, and at the half, the Eagles started the 4thQ down by 3, and could not overcome a 26 point final quarter by the Bucks (12 of 16 at the line). Colin Featherston 16, Joe Weaver 15, Andrew Daniels 12, Kolby Shultz 9, Taylor Frank 9.

The Varsity Eagles are now 9-2, and are coached by Mark Featherston & Jeff Humbarger.

The Varsity Huntington Lady Eagles took 3rd place!

The Lady Eagles experienced their first loss of the season in their First Game against the Travers City Lady Bulldogs 44-51. This team had already completed their season in Michigan, and had won the State Home School Varsity Championship. They came into this contest 23-1. With only 5 games before this, the Lady Eagles took the lead in the 1stQ and continued to hold a 35-33 advantage to start the 4thQ, when the experienced Bulldogs poured on

an 18-9 run to end the game. The Bulldogs went on to easily win the Championship.

In their Second Game, the Lady Eagles held on to their lead over the Laurel Warriors to win 41-40. Rebecca Daniels 18, Becca Weaver 9, Samantha Kelsey 8, Sarah Finley 4, Jordan Caudle 2.

They won their Third Game 27-23 over the Western Indiana Lady Warriors for Third Place. Becca Weaver 12, Megan Gibbons 6, Rebecca Daniels 4, Samantha Kelsey 3, Jordan Caudle 2.

The Lady Eagles are now 7-1, and are coached by Mark Shultz, Mary Ehinger & Nan Yarde.

NEW AT WPL

New books at the Warren Public Library include:

Fiction – Blue Christmas by Andrews; Christmas Secret by Perry; The Nativity Story by Hunt; Mission Song by LeCarre; Whence Came a Prince by Higgs; Cross by Patterson; Rumpole and the Reign of Terror by Martimer; Next by Crichton; The Shape Shifter by Hillerman; Capital Crimes by Kellerman; Murder at the Opera by Truman; Santa Cruise by Clark.

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THE CHEAPEST REMODEL OF ALL

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
We can get so stuck in a rut when our homes are in bad shape. The best remodel of all is to get rid of the clutter and start to really see your home.

Did you know that when I got my home in order with all the clutter gone that I started to love it? I mean I really liked my home even with the 70's green shag carpet. It is amazing what you can see when your eyes aren't glued to the clutter everywhere.

When clutter is on every surface you can't feel comfortable in the space. We need clear areas to feel peace. Clutter causes us to have that closed in feeling and we have to get out of our homes to feel better. Wouldn't you like to enjoy being home? Get rid of your clutter and you will find that you don't have to move to find the "perfect" house; you are already living in it.

I know you don't believe me, but the cheapest way to remodel your home to eliminate the clutter so you can actually see what needs to be done to spruce up your living areas. A little paint or soap and water can drastically change your outlook. With the clutter gone you can see and enjoy the forest without all the trees getting in your way. We have had members that no longer needed to move, because all of a sudden their home got bigger without wall-to-wall clutter taking up every corner and flat surface in their home. Try this little experiment; go clear off all the clutter from your refrigerator. That one clutter clearing exercise will make your kitchen feel larger.

Look around your home and see if you can open up some space by cleaning out a hotspot.

Some of you have complained that you don't want to clean when you have such yucky furniture. Well decorators like to call this eclectic. We have seen those TV decorators take out half the furniture and add a pillow or two and change a whole room. Did you know that you can do this too, but not until the clutter has left the building. Less is more!

We get to feeling sorry for ourselves because we can't afford this or that, when all we really need is to be happy with what we have and clean it up a bit. Don't get stuck in a rut of "ole poor me"! Count your blessings by blessing your home with a little TLC: Tender Loving Care. You have neglected it for long enough, just like you have neglected yourself.

Each day we continue to do the same things over again; Washing clothes, doing dishes, folding clothes, dusting and sweeping floors. It is a never-ending procession of things that need done. When you look up these chores as

work, you start to dread doing them. Change your attitude from work to blessing. When you do things for your family and to your home to help your family, you are giving them tender loving care. I like to call this blessing our home. As you pick up a dish to wash it, be thankful that you have had food to feed your growing babies and nourish your bodies. As you fold that unending pile of laundry, your hand loves each and every member of your family. Let go of the martyred attitude and nurture your family with love and kindness. Now I am not saying that you are to do all the work. It is up to you to set the example in love and they will follow. It is all about your attitude toward your home, family and your life.

I want you to FLY. It is hard to do if you are stuck in the muck of a pity party about the way your home looks and ultimately feels. You can change this by letting go of your victim way of thinking and put a new happy spin on your life. Blessing your home is much more fun than cleaning house!

Making it fun, will get it the job done!

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PANTRY PERK UP

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
The holidays are upon us! Before you know it, you'll be roasting turkey and mashing potatoes.

As we get busy with our holiday preparations, I've noticed that things can start to fall apart. It looks okay from the outside, but the insides are a mess. Open the door to my pantry and you'll see what I mean. I am going to have set my timer for 15 minutes more than once to get it straightened out.

How's your pantry looking? Do you have 5 cans of tuna scattered about the cupboard instead of all stacked up together. Can you find cereal boxes here, there and everywhere? How about your staples, like flour, sugar, baking powder, cornstarch, etc.? Are they grouped together into a baking center or do you have to go on a pantry scavenger hunt to find them all?

Let's do a little pantry perk-up, shall we? Set your timer for 15 minutes and start getting your dry goods in logical order. Like goes with like. You'll want a shelf for the canned goods (and put the same thing all together, too). A big basket to hold your bags of dried beans, a smaller basket to hold envelopes of spice blends, mixes, etc. (look around the house, I bet

you have what you need), and if you haven't done it already, big containers (I like big glass jars) for your flour, sugars, oatmeal, etc.

Getting your pantry together will help you get your meal planning in order, too. Don't forget to do a 27 fling boogie on your pantry if necessary. Get rid of the stuff you don't use (donate it to a food bank if it's good, usable food) and watch your pantry "spring" to new life, blossoming with all sorts of possibilities!

Here's a wonderful dinner recipe to get you in the mood for a good pantry routing:

Chicken Nicoise

Serves 4

1 cup dry white wine, or use low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

2 cloves garlic, pressed

1/3 cup frozen pearl onions

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1 small red bell pepper, deribbed, deseeded and sliced into strips
4 each olives, use what you like (I prefer Kalamatas)

Heat 1/4 cup of the wine (or chicken broth) to boiling in a non-stick skillet. Cook chicken in wine, turning once, until brown. Remove chicken and keep warm.

Add garlic, onions, olive oil, Italian seasoning, bell peppers, olives and remaining wine (or broth) to skillet and heat till boiling. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Add chicken back to the skillet, reducing heat to medium low. Cook 10 to 15 minutes until chicken is cooked thoroughly.

Per Serving: 330 Calories; 6g Fat; 55g Protein; 4g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 137mg Cholesterol; 196mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 7 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 1/2 Fat.

LC SERVING SUGGESTION: Serve over cauli-rice alongside sautéed green beans. (To make cauli-rice trim cauliflower and cut into piece small enough to feed through food processor tube. Process cauliflower till it is grainy and resembles rice. Steam 'rice' on stove top or cook in microwave. Microwave on high for about 10-12 minutes in microwave safe bowl. Add 3 tablespoons water and stir every 4 minutes while cooking.)

SERVING SUGGESTION: Add some brown rice.

VEGETARIANS: Skip the chicken and opt for a Boca Chikin patty or another veggie patty. Cooking time will be less.

KOSHER: None needed.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her *Saving Dinner Book* series published by Ballantine and her new book *Body Clutter*. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.