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Thought for the Week: Influence is like a savings account. The less you use it, the more you've got.

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Hey Kiddies! Santa Claus will be appearing at MarkleBank of Saturday, December 22 from 9 to 11:30 for those last minute requests. There will be cookies and coffee for the adults escorting you.

Introducing

Two new agents have joined Farm Bureau Insurance in Huntington.

Joe Cassidy is a graduate of Whittemore-Prescott High

School. Since joining Farm Bureau Insurance in 2001, Joe has completed Farm Bureau Insurance's Life & Health and Property & Casualty Basic Schools.



Joe and his wife, Jami, reside in Huntington. He is a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. Call Joe at 219-356-2522.

Adam Stroup is a graduate of Huntington North High School and Manchester College where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Fi-



nance. Since joining Farm Bureau Insurance in 2001, Adam has completed Farm Bureau Insurance's Life & Health and Property & Casu-

alty Basic Schools.

Adam resides in Warren. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending athletic events, and helping out on the family farm.

Call Adam at 219-356-2522. Farm Bureau Insurance

HOLIDAY WISHES

We appreciate your patronage and loyalty. Bolinger's Propane Service and Warren Service & Supply have served Warren and the surrounding communities since 1948 and will strive to continually meet all of your plumbing, heating, and propane needs. The main office and warehouse is located in Warren at the stoplight. Our Montpelier warehouse is fully stocked for our Blackford county technicians.

In 1983, we moved to our present location. Since we have been here dire need of remodeling/improve-

ments. Eight years ago we started a budget to remodel the office and bathroom. Finally we have met our goal and are able to start the process!! Stop in and see our remodeled bathroom with the new Delta Pearl Nickel fixtures, Toto toilet with heated seat, and Jim Bolinger's awesome floor tile installation.

Watch for our new canopy. Let us know how you like it!

Our new Amana sign lit up the whole town of Warren until the Christmas lights were turned on.

Please welcome Tim Leidig to our family here at WSS & BPS. He is an Indiana Licensed Plumbing Contractor and has 9 years experience. His wife Kelly works in our propane division and they have a son, Josh.

Vicki Laux, Neil Ford, Jim, and Kelly painted the office building this summer -it looks wonderful!! Special thanks to Vicki for spearheading this project!!

Andy Bolinger attended a heating technical training class at Ross Supply. Congrats to Andy for graduating from Huntington North High School this spring!!!

Scott Canady, Mike & Andy Bolinger, Tim Leidig, and Neil Ford attended the Amana semi-annual update for technicians and installers on new innovations with Amana heating products. The training covered the highest efficient furnace on the market, the Amana 2 stage variable speed gas furnace.

Mike attended an "In Floor" radiant heating seminar in Utah this year.

Mike, Scott, Andy, and four local contractor guests attended a Wirsboro "In Floor" Radiant heating seminar. The newest in warmth from the feet up! Ooh Nice!!! Great for iceless sidewalks, driveways and many other applications.

Rick Bell is in his second year of the Indiana Plumbing Apprentice classes.

The rest of our awesome crew includes Tara Korporal, Troy Drayer, Rick Karst, Dan Perry, and JW Harris.

The heating plans for our Warren office & warehouse are to install a new Amana furnace and "in floor " radiant heat because our office has block walls and confor almost 20 years our office is in crete flooring. Soon they will be completed and you can stop in and see how both work and how we enjoy them!!

Way to go Southern Wells Raiders!! A huge Congrats to the football players and their fans!!!!!

To prevent your non-freeze hydrants from breaking - unhook your hoses. Please remember our plumbing, heating, and propane service techs are ready to help you if you have an emergency 24 hours a day. Just Call (877 toll free) 375-3010 and you will be contacted by a service tech.

Thank You! God Bless You? May Peace be brought to you and your families this Holiday Season!!!

HISTORICAL TREES

Five different periods in our nation's history are represented at the Huntington County Historical Museum by Christmas trees which are decorated with items which are representative of each era. A pioneer tree sits beside the mantel which was salvaged from the Madame Margaret LaFolia house before it was burned in 1985. It is trimmed with pine cones yarrow, a string of popcorn and other dried wild flowers. A rare and unusual small tree made of feathers was especially favored by the Pennsylvania Dutch and is on display in the Victorian Room at the museum. This room also contains a larger tree with velvet birds, many period pictures of angels and dolls as well as cornucopias and a popcorn and cranberry garland. Toys which were popular with children in the Victorian age are displayed and include a china doll and

buggy, an unusual tricycle, cast iron toys and a bank and other items. In the 1940's exhibit a red cedar tree is decorated with bubble lights which were new at that time along with tinsel and period ornaments. This exhibit also contains a floor model console radio and other mementos of the World War II years. A large traditional Christmas tree welcomes visitors at the entrance to the museum. It is completely decorated with all items made of wood.

The special exhibits will be on display until Saturday, December 29. The museum is located at 315 Court Street, one half block east of the courthouse in Huntington. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 219-356-7254.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Warren shall meet in a Special Session on Friday, December 21, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex. Agenda topics will include discussion and action related to the end of the budget year as well as any other item to come before Council.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

McNatt UM Church is a great place to come and unwind at the last minute before the Big Holiday. Everyone in the community is welcome. Come at 11 pm and bring your kids. You can listen to the real story of Christmas read by Stan Morton. Ben Morton will

back him up with a host of musical selections to enhance one's mood including Manheim Steamroller, country and classical.

Note to parents: The kids will usually "listen subconsciously" as they dream quietly on the pew next to you!

SPECIAL SERVICES

Warren UMC will host two services this Christmas Eve, Dec.

The first, an "early" service of "Carols and Communion," will be held at 7:00 p.m. This service will celebrate the birth of the Lord through singing of the traditional carols of Christmas and reading of the scriptures followed by a brief communion service.

A later service, hosted by the Warren UMC Youth, will be held at 11:00 p.m. This is always a special blessing as the youth use their gifts and talents in re-telling the story of the first Christmas.

Christmas starts with Christ. Come experience the warm blessing of the Christmas Season at Warren United Methodist Church this Christmas Eve. Warren UMC is located at the corner of Third and Main Streets in downtown Warren.

GARBAGE REMINDERS

Trash and recycling collection will be on Saturday, December 29th due to the Christmas holiday and January 5 due to New Years.



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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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The way to win against terrorists: Find them and destroy them, take preventative measures, and just as important, don't let them change the way you live. That's especially true of how you celebrate the December holidays.

At this time, we want to wish you a happy holiday season. Turn on the lights, light the candles, open the presents, and enjoy your loved ones and friends.

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ALLIANCE — Majenica 468-2160

Rev. Kelly Wiley Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship6:00 p.m. Worship9:30 a.m. MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST Church School10:45a.m.

219/468-2148 Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:00 a.m.

METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W

Kathie Jones, Pastor Sunday School9:00 a.m. Gary Riley, Pastor
Worship Service10:00 a.m. Sunday School9:30 a.m. WARREN UNITED METHODIST Worship 10:30 Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

Worship10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m. Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Stephan Leininger, Pastor Becky Hartley, SS Supt. Fellowship9:15 a.m.

8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor Sun - Pastor's Prayer Closet...7:30a.m. 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Adv. Club (4yr-6th).....6-7:30p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

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SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mark S. Bendes, Pastor **BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH** 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister Sandy Keplinger, Supt. Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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a.m. Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 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. Sunday School9:30 a.m. LIBERTY CENTER

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HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor Ed Kessler, Assoc. Pastor Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School9:30a.m. Sunday School9:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service...10:30a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Youth Group (Jr/Sr).....5:30p.m. Evening Worship......6:00 p.m. Sunday School9:30 a.m. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Charles Dye ,Jr., Pastor Sunday Worship...... 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Worship9:15 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month THE NEW BEGINNING

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765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship......10:30a.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor

Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt. CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Evening Worship6:00p.m. Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Thursday Bible Study7:00p.m. Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs)..7:00 p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-2031 Pastor Blake J. Neff Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Joe Kober, S.S. Supt. Sunday Worship9:30a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN

765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship......8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship......9:45 a.m. JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED Worship9:30 a.m. 3rd Worship11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth

Programs
PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH **OF CHRIST**

375-2691 Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School9:45 a.m. **LANCASTER WESLEYAN**

468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor

David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Service6:00 p.m.

HOME SUNDAY:

Morning Worship9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues. Thurs. Fri & Sat ..9:00 a.m. Chapel Services **MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN**

Wayne Wright, Pastor

Wed. Bible Study9:00a.m. Wed. Midweek Service.......7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.

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HOLIDAY HOURS

Utility/Street Departments and Clerk-Treasurer's office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26th and December 31st and January 1st in case of a utility emergency please notify the Utility Manager at 468-2595 or the police department

STORY TIME TO MOVE

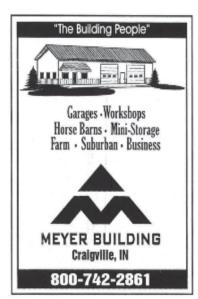
Story Time at the Warren Library is moving to a new day and a new time in January, 2002. Thursday afternoons at 2:30 will be the time to bring all the preschoolers to the library for stories, fingerplays and other activities. The same wonderful story tellers will be on board. Mrs. Joan Boyer and Mrs. Jane Ruble, retired lower elementary teachers, voluntarily give of their time to provide this wonderful opportunity for children. Don't let your children miss this opportunity.

Thursday afternoon story times replace the Friday morning sessions and will begin on January 10, 2002.

PHARMACY HOURS

Warren Pharmacy will be open normal business hours on Saturday, Dec. 22nd from 9am to 12noon. We will be open until at least 3PM on MONDAY, Dec. 24th. Christmas Eve. we will be CLOSED Christmas Day on Tuesday, Dec 25, 2001.

Pharmacist, John Decker, will be working between Christmas & New Years!! Have a blessed holiday!!!



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Your gift helps save lives and may save you taxes! call 1-800-488-CARS to donate your used vehicle. NKFI will be open on December 31st from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at our 911 East 86th Street office in Indianapolis. Make your car a Kidney Car. Cars that

save lives!

APPOINTED TO BMV

INDIANAPOLIS -Governor Frank O'Bannon appointed Adolfo "Rudy" Olivo as the newest member of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission, according to BMV Commissioner Gary A. Gibson.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have been recommended and selected to serve as a commissioner," said Olivo. "My diverse upbringing and involvement with several civic organizations can hopefully provide insight as to the needs of individuals bringing rapid demographic changes to Indiana communities."

Olivo serves as a lieutenant and cultural liaison officer for the Columbus Police Department. His experience includes providing cultural awareness, Spanish-language and diversity training for law enforcement agencies; serving as translator for criminal investigations, acting as a liaison between law enforcement agencies and various ethnic communities; and educating the Latino community about Indiana laws.

A 25-year veteran of the police department, Olivo previously served as a military police investigator in the U.S. Army.

In addition, he is a board member of the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County, the Bartholomew Consolidated School Fund, the Mayors Cultural Awareness Committee, Su Casa Columbus and PUENTES.

"We are very fortunate to add Mr. Olivo to the Commission," said Gibson. "His law enforcement background and cultural awareness experience are assets to the group and will provide valuable insight into the needs of our diverse customers."

COUNCIL NOTES

President Harold Jones conducted a short meeting of the Warren Town Council on Monday evening, Dec. 10. The meeting was held in the Town Hall Annex and opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Easement papers were expected to be signed this week in regard to the wastewater project.

It was reported they were awaiting parts for the water treatment plant. The plant was expected to be in operation on Thursday.

"Indiana Downtown" had been shown on film at a meeting of National League of Cities in Atlanta and features several shots of the downtown Warren area.

Council voted to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1.1 million for improvements in Second Street from Wayne Street to Nancy Street, replacement of sidewalks, and landscaping within the downtown area.

The Huntington County Expo has

been scheduled for March 23 and 24. The Town of Warren and Chamber of Commerce are expected to again have an exhibit.

Council voted to order dumpsters to be placed at the location of the demolition of a house on Grover Street. The house recently purchased by the Town, sets at the front of Tower Park.

Council approved a contract settlement with AEP as recommended by Greg Guerrettaz, consultant. The move extends the service contract with AEP until 2005 and protects current rates.

Harold Jones had attended a celebration at Southern Wells School in honor of their football team. He presented them with a Resolution from the Town of Warren.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the November financial report.

Notice of the 2002 Budget order had been received setting the 2002 tax rate at just under .79.

Darrel Bice reported on the Utility/Street Departments. A pole had been replaced on Jones Avenue. A tree stump had been removed at Tower Park. Trucks and equipment were reported ready for winter.

The new street sweeper had arrived and reported to work well.

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Town Marshal Steve Donnelly presented Council with his monthly report.

In the IACT report it was noted they were working on TIF monies through legislation. Senator Wheeler had been contacted in regard to assistance.

Announcements: Dec. 27, Town Council, 5 p.m.; Dec. 24, 25, 26, Holiday; Dec. 31, Holiday.

PHH Welcomes New VP

Monica Tucker, MA, APRN, BC, RN, recently joined Parkview Huntington Hospital as Vice President of Patient Care Services.

Tucker holds a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from Xavier University and a Master of Arts Degree in Nursing from the College of St. Catherine. She also completed an undergraduate nursing program at Providence Hospital School of Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Psychology programs at Edgecliff College of Xavier University.

Tucker is a certified Adult Nurse Practitioner and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Her other certifications include Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and the Fundamentals of Critical Care.

Prior to joining PHH, Tucker was employed as an Intensive Care Unit Nurse Manager and a Trauma Nurse Practitioner at Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Health System in Mankato, Minnesota. Tucker has over 28 years of experience as a nurse, nurse manager, director, and vice president in areas including surgery, emergency care, and intensive care. She has also served as a medical staff liaison responsible for quality, risk management, utilization management, medical records, credentialing, and other medical staff functions. Tucker is

member of the American College of Nurse Practitioners, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Association of Critical Care Nurses.

"I'm excited and energized about working with such a positive group of individuals as those at Parkview Huntington Hospital," Tucker says. "I've been very favorably impressed with the hospital, and I hear great things about the quality of nursing care and the physicians. I'm interested in getting to know the organization a little bet-

BEGINS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

People who wish to support the work of Pathfinder Services Inc. are being invited to renew their memberships or become members of the not-for-profit human service organization. Pathfinder Services has offices in Huntington, Plymouth and Wabash and

provides services in 14 northern Indiana counties.

"Pathfinder Services started as a membership organization in 1966, when 813 individuals and 11 organizations responded to our first membership drive," said Dr. Ruth Michael, Development Director. "That drive involved a doorto-door canvas led by the Huntington Moose lodge, but now we rely mostly on direct mail." Michael said the organization recently mailed letters and annual reports to nearly 1,800 members and potential members

Michael said anyone who did not receive the mailing and wishes to become a member may call her at (219) 356-0500 or toll-free, (800) 833-1571.

Alternatively, people may view the organization's annual report and donate via Pathfinder Services web www.pathfinderservices.org. A \$30 contribution qualifies a person for membership. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service recognizes Pathfinder Services, Inc. as a not-for-profit organization as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

In addition to providing important financial support, members of Pathfinder Services elect the organization's board of directors, Michael said. They also receive newsletters that keep them informed on the work of the organization and discounts on organization activities, such as the annual community recognition event.

Pathfinder Services, Inc. provides

* Adult Community Group Living services for people who have developmental disabilities, in which groups of four to eight people live 24-hour support.

* Supported Living services for people who have disabilities and live on their own. In these services, one to four people live with whatever support they need. Some clients receive a few hours

of support a week and others re-24-hour support. ceive

* Community Integration services to help adults who have disabilities become more involved in communities.

* Transitional Housing services for families who are homeless.

* Resource Connection employment services for people who have disabilities and people leaving Welfare.

* Kids KampusSM children's services, including a licensed childcare center and First Steps early intervention for children who

have developmental delays. * Community Connections home

and auto ownership assistance. * Other services to enhance the





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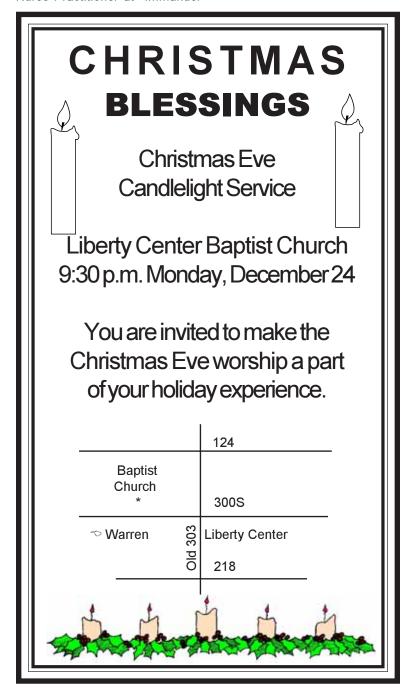
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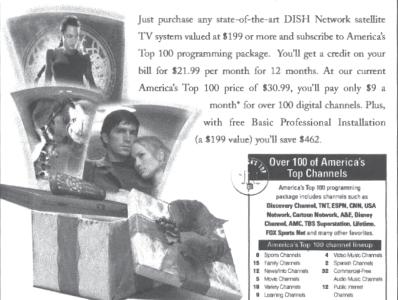
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HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ISSUES

Finding ways to provide Northeast Indiana businesses with better high-speed Internet access at lower prices will be the focus of an upcoming meeting of the Huntington County Community Network, Inc. (HCCN) board of directors. The HCCN board will hear a presentation from Regan Scruggs, recently appointed Chief Technology Officer for Fort Wayne. Scruggs will talk about his plans to help Fort Wayne area businesses improve their Internet access in ways they can afford. He will also talk about how Huntington County fits into his plans and what role the HCCN board might play in them.

"Anyone who is interested in hearing Mr. Scruggs' presentation is welcome to attend the meeting," said Jay Farlow, HCCN President. The board will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 200 West Market Street, Huntington.

"More and more businesses are finding that dial-up Internet access does not meet their needs," Farlow said. "The alternative to dial-up is dedicated, high-speed access, commonly called 'broadband,'" Farlow continued, "but broadband access is often either too expensive, or completely unavailable in many parts of Huntington county."

Scruggs was appointed Fort Wayne's Chief Technology Officer in September as part of a "Northeast Indiana Broadband Initiative" facilitated by the Fort Wayne Department of Economic Development. As Chief Technology Of-

ficer, he maintains on-going relationships with telecommunication providers and is responsible for carrying out the steps in the Northeast Indiana Broadband Initiative. He assists the Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance in developing high speed data connectivity strategies for business development projects, provides guidance to the City of Fort Wayne on its broadband economic development strategies and serves as a resource in evaluating new connectivity technologies and opportunities.

Scruggs worked for Ameritech and its predecessor companies from 1984 to 1998, when he moved to Fort Wayne to join KMC Telecom, serving most recently as its Regional Vice President. Scruggs also serves as President of Cirrus Advanced Business Solutions, a Fort Wayne e-business consulting firm.

Huntington County Community Network, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the people, organizations, businesses and governments of Huntington County make full use of the Internet to accomplish their goals. Currently, HCCN's chief activities include maintaining the most comprehensive index of web sites related to Huntington County and providing web site hosting services at no charge to Huntington County not-for-profit organizations. The web index and information about hosting services is available on the HCCN web site at www.huntingtoncounty.org.

More information about Scruggs and the Northeast Indiana Broadband Initiative is available on the HCCN web site at www.huntingtoncounty.org/

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CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Club held there Dec. meeting at the home of Karen Hunnicutt. The President opened the meeting with the reading of the collect. Twenty Two members answered roll call with there favorite "Hoosier Musician". The secretary's report was approved as read. The meeting was turned over to Reverend Howard Cress. He gave a very interesting program on the Canals Of Indiana. The next meeting will be January 4th at 2:00 PM with Carolyn Sparks as hostess. Delicious refreshments were served to Barbara Baer, Janet Beavans, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Jean Cress, Elaine Eckman, Joan Huffman, Mary Emma Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Ann Miles, Florence Mott, Roberta St. John, Lou Ann Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Avis Yates, Oma Zent, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner

GINGHAM GALS

The Gingham Gals held their Christmas party at the Corner Depot in Bluffton, IN on Wednesday, December 12, 2001.

Following a delicious meal, the group enjoyed the game of Whoopie, with several prizes given out.

Those enjoying the evening were: Joenita Keller, Evelyn Thompson, Carlene Jackson, Betty Yoder, Janice Williams, Betty Parker, Marcia Jackson, Donna Bolinger, Pat Boxell, Nancy Smyth, Joannha Grassl,

Kate King, Wanda Spahr, Lois Spahr, Roselyn Poulson, and the Committee, Martha Jennings, Ruthann Ackley, Ellen Laymon, Gail Wamsley, and Joan Boyer.

HONOR ROLL

Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School academic honor roll for Cycles 1 & 2 are as follows:

HIGH HONOR ROLL (All A's) Seniors – Melissa Boxell, Rochelle Boxell, Sara King, John Stauffer, Juniors - Lyndsay Gardner, Jasmine Story Sophomores - Ben Caccamo, Sarah Oswalt, Sarah Renner, Meredythe Smith Freshman - April Fiechter, Keri Hank, Kyle Johnson, Summer Story 8th Grade - Lia Gentis, Heather Roush

HONOR ROLL (A's & B's)

Seniors - Tucker Benedict, Logan Burns, Michael Christianson, Jared Cripe, Stephanie Daugherty, Brent Davis, Amanda Drayer, Kit Gentis, Ben Herman, Jake Lewis, Molly McElhaney, Jennifer

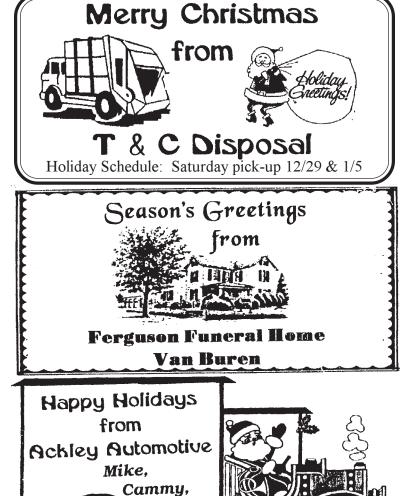
Mendenhall, Eric Mounsey, Trent Palmer, Courtney Ramseyer, Isaiah Robles, Janneke Rooyakkers, Megan Schumm, Kevin Sills, Caleb Sleppy, Travis Spangler, Rena Stanton, Amanda Studebaker, Rachel Teeple, Michael Towne, Christina Tuell, Peter Wagner

Juniors - Maggie Bailey, Brooke Bales, Tabitha Banter, Josh Cassiday, Kurt Fiechter, Yvonne Halterman, Ashley Johnson, Paige Leas, Katy Nash, Janelle Nusbaumer, Lacey Probst, Michael Reed, Tiffany Roush, Brittany Ruch, Alicia Woodward Sophomores - Brittany Bower, Nathan Campbell, Vince Fiechter, Brian Hiday, Charissa Kinser, Mandy Lloyd, Isis Miller, Brett Myers, Andrew Pursifull, April Reynolds, Jessica Reynolds, Els Rooyakkers, Cory Runkle, Josh Sleppy, Ashley Smith, Davina Swartz, Jessica Thomas

Freshman - Nikki Allred, Laci Bower, Craig M. Carroll, Laura Chandler, Daniel Chism, Kayla Daniels, Holly Fiock, Hilary Gaiser, Corbin Gentis, Carey King, Kellie Mendenhall, Megan Murray, Ross Palmer, Hannah Renner, Brandon Schumm, Ethan Smith, Amy Spaulding, Daniel Stauffer, Leah Teeple, Jalinda Tucker, Rebecca Tucker, Sarina Winterrowd

8th Grade - Adam Boxell, Craig L. Carroll, Zach Cassiday, Suzanne Drayer, Joyce Flannagan, Sam Garrett, Cherish Jenkins, Elizabeth Lewellen, Samantha Lichtsinn, Leslie Moser, Robert Warner

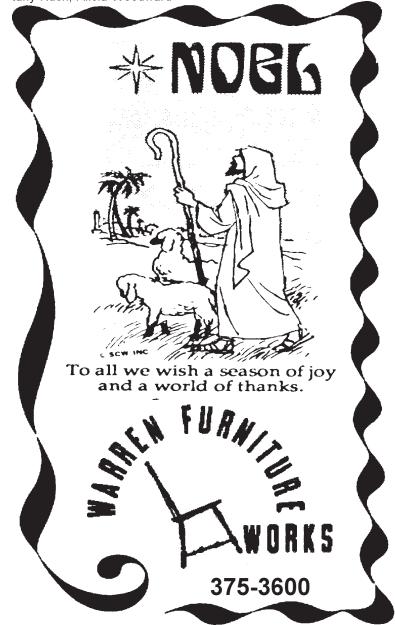
7th Grade - Jamie Bryant, Steven Cunningham, Amy Davis, Sierra Dollar, Jama Doublin, Jessica Downing, Stewart Dreis, Ashley Fear, Emily Fiock, Sara Habegger, Ashley Herman, Brandon Killingbeck, Terrence Merchant, Eva Miller, Brittany Napier, Shaya Newman, Chad Ramseyer, Brandon Reaser, Nicholas Reusser, Jennifer Robbins, Anthony Smith, Steven Smith, Elizabeth Towne



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AFTERSCHOOL STORYTIME

Eight Children attended Alter School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday, December 14th. The Boston Tea Party was the topic to discuss. As the children entered into the Children's Department of the library, they found items for a tea party. The tea was enjoyed along with pizza, chips and cheese. The children shared some of the information they already knew about the Boston Tea Party. Karen Conwell shared a paper she found called The Path To The American Revolution. We found out The Boston Tea Party took place December 16, 1773 at Boston Harbor in Boston, Massachusetts. We also found out a lot of other facts. We found out The Boston Port Act helped to bond the colonies because the Bostonians needed supplies until the port opened back up. The Intolerable acts also helped the colonies bond together. They joined together in boycotting British goods. This prepared the colonists for the Revolutionary War with the British and to declare their independence. The children were able to do a search a word on the Revolutionary War and win prizes. Those attending were Connor Pannell, Bobby Tate, Amanda Kern, Cassie Davis, Brittni-lynn Davis, Danielle Scott, David Irwin and Nathan Scott

This will be the last story time for the year 2001. There will be a Christmas Craft Day on Friday December 21st from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. A New Years Craft Day December 28th from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Please come in and sign up for these events at your Van Buren Public Library.

On Monday, December 31st there will be Harry Potter Day 10:30 am to 12 noon.

Tri Kappa Met

The December meeting of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa convened at Jodie Stanley's home Tuesday, Dec. 4. It was preceded by a holiday meal prepared by Judy Bradford, Jackie Huffman, Deb Ledbetter, Kristina Smekens and Julie Trout.

The monthly business meeting began with a review of the Cross Keys publication by Recording Secretary Jane Jones. She noted the current state President's theme for her two-year term is "Women of Vision - The Journey Ahead." The quarterly publication also listed all scholarship winners and individual chapter letters.

Cheer and care baskets were delivered last month. Deb Furnish reported that the committee created generous baskets for several individuals and families within the community. Unexpected donations from local groceries and Kraft Foods were appreciated.

Karen Hunnicutt announced that Tri Kappa would be selling nuts at the United Methodist Home Dec 14 from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Community members can still order from a Tri Kappa sister or purchase varieties from town merchants.

Seven members attended the Huntington chapter event last month at the Lafontaine Center. They complimented the food catered by Nick's Kitchen and the musical entertainment provided by Huntington Tri Kappa member

Anne Betterly.

The Corresponding Secretary's report included a letter from Knight Civic Center Board President Marilyn Morrison. She requested a donation to help the center purchase new folding tables and chairs. Members voted to send moneys enough to purchase a table.

After dinner and the business meeting, there was a Christmas ornament exchange among the ladies. The next meting will be hostessed by Rita Bolinger at 7p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Those in attendance were-Nancy Bonham, Judy Bradford, Karen Campbell, Deb Furnish, Jackie Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Jane Jones, Debbie Ledbetter, Jane Lieurance, Karen McCoy, Stacia Perry, Nancy Richison, Kristina Smekens, Jodie Stanley, Jane Trickle, Julie Trout, Lynette Walter.

CHRISTMAS STORYTIME

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas at the Warren Library as Jane Ruble read Corduroy's Christmas, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Rudolph Shines Again, Christmas Makes Me Think and Sally's Christmas Miracle at story time at the Warren Library on December 14. The children also made puppets. Those attending were Sam VanHaften, Katelyn Kline, Sarah Leininger, Gavin Eckardt and Bryce Eckardt. Beginning January 10, story time

will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2:30.

Story time schedule Friday, December 21 10:00 a.m. No Story time weeks of December 24 and December 31. Thursday, January 10, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

BETTER LIVING

Better Living Extension Club met Tuesday, December 11 at the home of Marjorie Gard, who served a delicious hot meal with salads and desserts furnished by the other members.

The afternoon meeting was opened by the president leading the group in giving the Club Creed and Pledge to the Flag. Roll call was answered by 10 members.

Some items from Coffee Break were brought up for our attention. One was the coming of the Exchange Homemaker from Greece. Some years ago Laura Lahr from our Better Living Club was an Exchange Homemaker going overseas

The meeting was closed following the singing of Christmas carols.

IDLE **H**OUR

Idle Hour Club met for lunch at the United Methodist Memorial Home on Monday, December 3, 2001 with Wilodene Berkey and Marie Wood as hostesses.

The afternoon meeting was opened with Marie Wood giving readings for her birthday.

Roll call was answered by who

you thought your Secret Pal is. Then Christmas Cards were passed out revealing who was. Secret Pals for 2002 were passed out.

Treasurer report and minutes of last meeting were read.

A letter from Violet Yoars in Florida was read.

It was voted to have each one bring a reading or poem to share for their birthday again this next

7-Up was played with Mildred Gilbert receiving high and Evelyn Schweikhardt low.

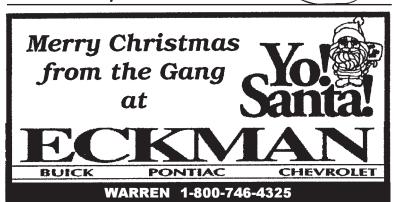
Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Devonna Leas, Clara Mossburg, Marjorie Rupright, Evelyn Schweikhadt, Helen Trout, Mildred Gilbert, Freda Finley, Jean Boxell, Georgia Poulson and the hostesses.

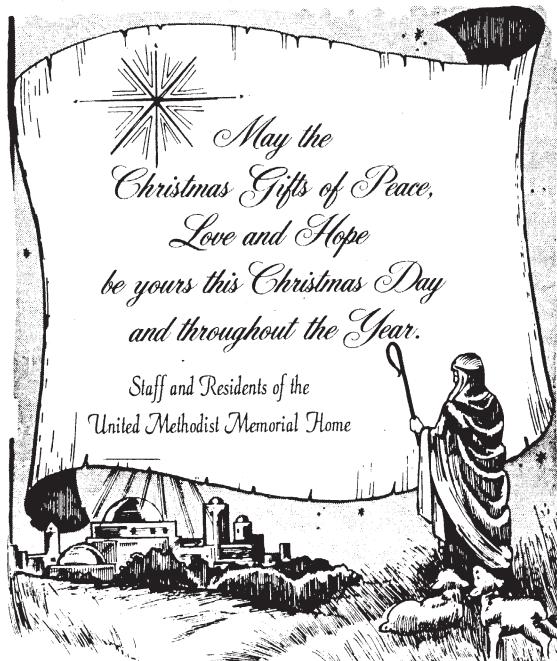
HAHE BASKETBALL

On Friday (12/14) the H.A.H.E. Eagles (Huntington Area Home Educators Basketball team) played Prime Time. The Boys Junior Varsity Eagles were devastated 15-62.

The Boys Varsity Eagles led for 3 quarters, but were overcome in the final quarter 74-76. HAHE guard Blake Hitzfield led the scoring with 28 points, Josh Rich contributed 19, and Paul Meehan 14. Prime Time's Marcus Thomas had 20 points, Walter Lipscomb 16, Taracus Williams 15, and Zeb Veazey 11.







MEMORIAL Bows 2001

Bows were placed on the community Christmas Tree next to Town Hall. White bows for the deceased and red bows for the living.

This year, in honor of September 11, 25 red/white & blue bows were also added. The red for those who lost their lives, the white for those currently serving in the military and government and the blue for all Americans.

Bows were placed in memory of

the following: Earl Boxell Bonnie Boxell Martha Morrison Jackie Ruble Clyde Fiock Leander Morrison Elsie Morrison Paul Ruble Ada Ruble George Huffman Claude Jones Frances Jones Laurie Tudor Cindy Jackson

Burton Gebhart Elizabeth Gebhart Glen Falk

Walter Taylor Virginia Taylor Ralph Poling

Evelyn Poling Isabel Snow - Red Gracie Snow - Red Fred Hippensteel

Joan Perry White Virginia Lieurance Ralph & Opal Highley

Elwood & Lula Miller Cathy Kay Miller Richard O McIntire

John & Annis Kariger Charles & Edna McIntire Ruskin Laymon

Bruce Laymon Hassie Brown

Carl (Jake) Douglas

Cecil Schwob Edith Schwob Roy Clayborn

Daisy Clayborn Dixie Keigley

Harlan Moriarity Berlie Banter

Russ Moriarity

Nanny

Roger Meese Daniel Clayborn

Arthur & Ruth Limmerlee Earl & Delilah Watson

Ruth Yount Ivan Decker Elizabeth Decker Madaline Long - Red Oscar Long

Roscoe Slusher Steve Banter Doris Carroll

Frank Simons Bertha Simons

Wesley Lloyd Son Morgan Tracie Joe Todd

Coy Brown Bill Morgan Tadpole Semon

Junebug Gross Beverly Kessler

Mike Kessler Bob Hemmick

Ernest Boxell Irene Boxell Grandma Harrau

Oliver & Dorothy Williams Merritt & Grace Shideler Charley Douglas

Katherine Douglas Ruth Ann Douglas Dorothy Kay Douglas Mary Evelyn Douglas Lillie Good

Ted Good - Red Service Men/Women - Red Mary Madge Hudson Jesse J. Brown

Lenora Freck Pam Bryant - Red Philip Souder

Devon Brown Brady Brown - Red Jerry Eichhorn William Haley

Joseph Wilkerson Helen Eubank - Red

Tom Applegate -Red/white/blue Grandpa Benninghoff Dad Benninghoff

Lloyd Benninghoff Michael Eugene Moreland Delbert Glasgow

Tom Butler Paul Gilmer Mike Gilmer

Dale & Zada Bonewitz Leonard & Dora Wearly Grover & Edna Poulson Ruth Ann Bailey

Wade Bailey Garl Daugherty

Gwen & Henry Cunningham Madonna Smith

Gertrude Laymon Leslie Laymon Elijah Bonham Larry Campbell John & Jack Neff

Bud & Wilma Zoda Harold Yates Don Jones Richard Douglas Roger Douglas

Florence Brown President Bush - Red Jim Schwob Mary A. Brown Donald Jervis Amos Vanness - Red

Marciel Rybolt Gertrude Rybolt Joyce Michael Georgana Michael Dwight Boyer

Edith Boyer Pauline Renbarger Baby Charles

Vernon Rettig Norene Blair Harry Sumwalt

Myretta Sumwalt Chester Myers Cleresia (Ellen) Myers Boyd Schweikhardt

Lindsey Nolan Emily Pressler - Red John Bill Buzzard

Mary Anders Mr and Mrs Garl Apt Gerald Morgan Harold Veach

Bernard Rennaker Donald (Butch) Boxell Emma Spurgeon Jackie Craig Murray

Loren Craig Zelpa & Harold Dungan **Dutch Clemetns** Vera Alfeld

Barbara Brown Norval Herring Francis Fuller

Dude Booher Charles & Cora Schweikhardt

Donnie Brill Fred & Lela Zimmerman 9-11 - Red/white/blue

9-11 - Red/white/blue - Sheryl

Grandma & Grandpa Preston -Red

Grandma & Grandpa "G" - Red Grandma Shirley Brady Lloyd Clifford & Rosia Ruble Robert & Peg Ruble Ira & Bertha Pond

Pauline & Ralph Blair Lois & Jess Langston Maymie McClain Wilburn Long

Alice Pond Ferol DeWeese Glen Perry Dan Perry

Shirley Ann Shultz Walter Kem Sarah Laudig

Ben Bradford Margaret Ann Boxell Bill Wood

Paul Blair Joseph Wilkerson Jack Ramseyer

Vic Sell Mary Shuttleworth - Red

Austin Miller - Red Noreen Ann Blair Roy Bailey

Kenneth Moore Ruth Gebhart May Smyth

Mildred L. Thompson Dorothea L. Thompson Philip W. Thompson Jane Atha Thompson

Bud Furnish Orville Lee **Bert Forst**

Donald Eugene Buzzard Edwain (Biggie) Brown EJ & Anne Ellerman George & Helen Bentley

Rex Kline Robert Preston Kenneth Holmes Linda Holmes Alspach Ramona Diane Poulson

Susan Marie Koontz Elmer & Julia Koontz Hope Marie Griffith Danny Ellis

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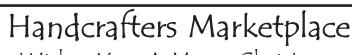
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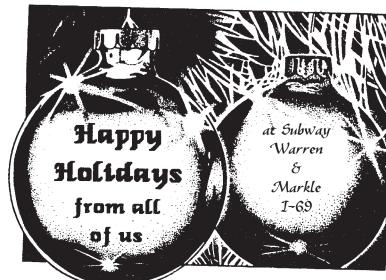
Wishes You A Merry Christmas











GENEALOGY REPORT

HALLMAN

Vera Irene Hallman, 76, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday (Dec. 17, 2001) at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, where she had been a resident since October. She was formerly of Charlevoix, Mich

Mrs. Hallman retired as secretary with the Consumer Power Company in Charlevoix. She was a member of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church in Horton Bay, Mich. She lived her early years in Jackson Township, Wells County, before moving to Michigan. She returned to Indiana in October of 2001 due to her health.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Indiana to Elisha and Irene Murlin Losh. She graduated from Jackson Township High School in Wells County and married Frank Hallman in Michigan on Jan. 1, 1981. Her husband preceded her in death.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothea Hensley, Muncie; and five stepchildren. She is also survived locally by a niece, Jane Michaud and her family. There are also several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Belle Losh Williams, and three brothers, Charles, Robert & John Losh.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at the Lake Forrest Cemetery, Grand Haven, Mich.

Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

ALLEN

R. Marceil Allen, 80, of Van Buren, died at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 12, 2001) at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Allen retired from Eastbrook Community Schools in 1988 after serving 14 years as a cook. She had also worked for Moon's Catering Service of Van Buren. She was a member of the Central Christian Church, Van Buren; the Christian Women's Fellowship Evening Circle; the Theta Club, of which she was president this year; the Van Buren Lioness Club; the Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary; and the Northside Home Demonstration Club.

She was born July 6, 1921, in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, to Homer and Nola M. Hoover Harvey. She graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1939. She married Dorrell Allen in Huntington in 1942. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jerry Allen, Centerville, Jene Allen, Matthews, Jan Allen, Gas City, and Joe Allen, Upland; two daughters, Janet M. Sheetz, Van Buren, and Mrs. Gary (Joyce) Frederick, Marion; two brothers, Marvin Harvey and Max Harvey, both of Van Buren; a sister, Mrs. Charles (Martha) Robinson, Wabash; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, James Allen and Jerald Allen; a sister, Maxine Grover; and a grandson.

Calling hours were held at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main, Van Buren.

Funeral services were held at Central Christian Church, Van Buren. Rev. Pat Mullin officiated.

Buren. Rev. Pat Mullin officiated.
Burial was at the Van Buren
Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Central Christian Church, Van

Buren, in care of the Ferguson

Funeral Home, 201 W. Main, Van Buren, IN 46991-0376.

HITE

Wayne D. Hite, 84, 6666S-1000W-90, Warren, died at 9:06 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 11, 2001) at his home

Mr. Hite had been a farmer in Rock Creek Township in Huntington County and in Jackson Township in Wells County. He was a tool maker, retiring from Corning Glass in Bluffton. A 1935 graduate of Rock Creek Township High School, Mr. Hite was a member of Barnes Chapel Methodist Church until it closed and a member of Dillman United Church of the Brethren.

He was born April 12, 1917, the son of Samuel V. and Ella L. Broyles Hite, who preceded him in death. On Jan. 3, 1987 in Jackson Township in Wells County he married Adriana D. Meyers, who survives. His first wife, Donnella Trout, died in 1962, and his second wife, Betty J. Miller, died in 1985.

Survivors also include two sons, Ronald B. (Jane) Hite and Jerry W. (Amanda) Hite of Huntington; a daughter, Mrs. Jon (Vicki) McIntire of Warren; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Robert (Joni) Meade of Lake City, Fla. and Mrs. Richard (Connie) Miller of Churubusco; three stepsons, David E. (Bonnie) Meyers of Tampa, Fla., Larry (Diane) Meyers of Conway Ark., and James (Cindy) Miller of Griffith; 20 grand-children and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harry B. Hite and John L. Hite; and three sisters, Margaret Sills, Hazel Felton and Augusta Burns.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with Pastor Lynn Mefferd officiating.

Burial was at Star of Hope in Huntington.

Preferred memorial is to Dillman United Church of the Brethren, 8888S-1100W-90, Warren, IN 46792.

DIMOND

Joanna J. Dimond, 81, Huntington, died Monday morning (Dec. 10, 2001) at her residence.

Mrs. Dimond was born on Oct. 15, 1920, in Huntington to Raymond and Manda (Trout) Souers. She married John William Dimond on April 5, 1942, in Huntington. He died July 8, 1993. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Peter's First United Church of Christ and a 1939 graduate of Huntington Township High School.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Dimond, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mrs. Steve (Pam) Summers, Greenwood, Mrs. John (Jill) Hoffman, Danville, Pa., and Jodie McDaniel, Warren; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and four step great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Billie Jo Dimond, a brother, Forest Souers, and two sisters, Gertrude Brewer and Maralene Trainer, preceded her in death.

Services were held at the Hart Funeral Home with Rev. Jonathon Heaslet officiating.

Burial was in St. Peter's First United Church of Christ cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association, St.

Peter's First United Church of

Christ, or the donor's favorite charity, in care of the funeral home.

WILAND

Mark A. Wiland, 41, Alliance, Ohio, died Saturday (Dec. 8, 2001) at University Hospital in Cleveland.

Mr. Wiland was a former Huntington resident, but lived most of his life in the Alliance area. He had been a driver for Schneider Trucking and North American Trucking Co.

He was born Jan. 10, 1960, in Alliance, to Jerry and Carol Wiland

Survivors include a son, Corey Wiland, Huntington; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Barbara Wiland, Warren; his mother, Carol Wiland, Alliance, Ohio; two sisters, Pam Fancil of Monroe, Ga., and Cathy Weschke, Hartford City; three stepsisters, Kelly Boyce, Bradenton, Fla., Nancy Parrish, Andrews, and Janice Perry, Huntington; two brothers, Scott Wiland, Alliance, Ohio, and Larry Wiland, Huntington; and three stepbrothers, Mike Hart, Muncie, Robert Hardacre, Huntington, and Thomas Hardacre, Huntington.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Otteson.

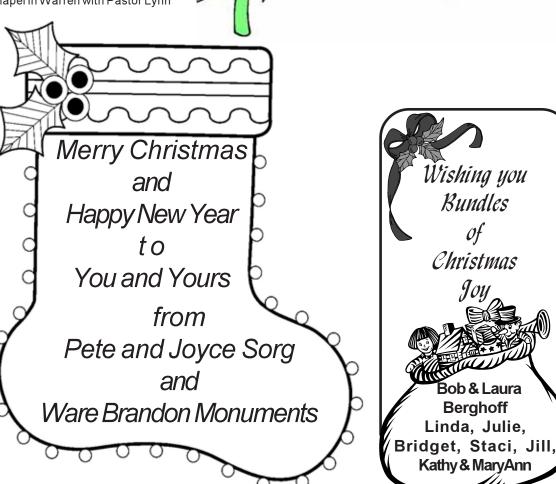
Graveside services were held at the Grandview Cemetery Chapel in Salem, Ohio, with Pastor Rick Ketterman officiating. There were no calling hours.

The Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home, Alliance, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.









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Rufus & Zora Clark Paul & Shirley Stucky Guy D. Cook Lloyd Mains Marquerite & Roy Osborne Bob & Lora Blackmond Don Gregg Jr. Pam, Bill, Bob - Red Alicia Williams Dorothy VanVliet Forrest & Alice Pond Lena Musselman Russell Tobias Rex Tobias Wilma Zoda Jim O'Banion Chester O'Banion Scott, Trssie, Noah Stucky Shirley Myers & Scott Ziegler Mark Knight Frank & Faye Schmidt Robert Stucky Louie & Mabel Mills Gwen Mains Mildred & Glade Eckman Ellen Howell Opal & Don Gregg Cecil Scheffler Bill Evans Noreen Blair Jay Wolf Paul Musselman Grandma Shultz Margaret Tobias Jack Tobias Bud Zoda Ed O'Banion Lucille O'Banion

Some people are listed twice because they have more than one ribbon on the tree.

CHRISTMAS IS

By Virginia Borman Grimmer Christmas is made of so many things;

Evergreen trees and baubles on strings,

Twinkling bright lights behind

frosty panes, New rocking horses with brown

and painted manes. Peppermint canes and bonbons

Shining red toys just home from a

store. Sunday school pageants and children aglow,

Sparkles of ice on crystal white

snow, Fresh cakes a-baking with spices

and mace, Pretty, dressed dolls in bonnets

and lace, Ribbon-tied gifts all tempting and

bright, A star-studded sky on Christmas

Eve night, Stockings hung high, awaiting their fill,

A feeling of warmth, of peace and goodwill,

Yes. Christmas is made of so many things,

But mostly of love and the joy that it brings.

MARKING 35 YEARS OF CELEBRATION COUNTING THE DAY OF KWANZAA

Since 1966, many people of African descent have spent the seven days from December 26 to January 1 honoring ancient African

principles.

The seven days of Kwanzaa are marked by lighting a candle each night. The candles are arranged by color with three red ones on the right, three green ones on the left, and one black candle in the middle. They represent the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, sense of purpose, creativity, and faith.

The colors are symbolic: green for the fertile lands of Africa, black for the color of the people, and red for the blood shed in the struggle for freedom. A festive arrangement can be set on the mantle or as a table centerpiece. It may include the candles in a candleholder (called a kinara), fruits, nuts, and an ear of corn for every child present.

An evening's celebration typically includes family members and invited friends. Children are given educational gifts such as a globe or bookmarks showing the principles of Kwanzaa.

It is a happy, sociable time when African Americans honor their heritage, value their families and friends, and contemplate how the seven principles can be used in their own lives.

Where Christmas **CUSTOMS COME FROM**

* Christmas Day. Though Dec. 25 is hailed as the spiritual birthday anniversary of Jesus Christ, the actual date of his birth is not known. Christians of the East observe the nativity on Jan. 7. Roman Christians may have adopted Dec. 25 because that date had already been established as a Roman holy day honoring Mithras, the Persian God of Light.

* Christmas Poem. Almost everyone is familiar with the poem that begins: "T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." Attributed to Dr. Clement C. Moore, a

Theological Seminary in New York. He is said to have written it in 1822 for his own children, but a friend discovered the poem and had it published in 1823. At the time, Moore was embarrassed at

* Christmas Holly. The red berries symbolize the blood of Christ and the promise of eternal life. In some lands it is known as the

end, once the heart of an Aztec maiden was broken and drops of her blood were scattered on earth. They bloomed as vivid flowers

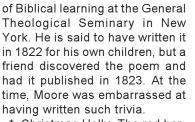
"Flower of the Holy Night." The plant was brought to America by Joel Poinsett, first American min-

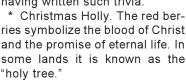
* Holiday Wreath. The presence in the home of evergreen boughs and logs was believed to help the seeking of eternal life.

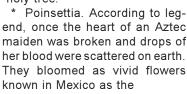
* Christmas Tree. Long ago "Christian Trees" were hung with gifts. But placing gifts on a tree probably originated with early forest dwellers who hung food out of reach from animals and hung gifts

church decoration, though widely used in homes. Kissing under this green was practiced by early Celts and Teutons of northern Europe.

* Santa Claus: St. Nicholas was born in Turkey more than 1600 years ago. He became a bishop, did many good works, and became the patron saint of Russia and of sailors and pawnbrokers. He was greatly honored by the







ister to Mexico.

to appease their deities. Mistletoe: To early Christians it symbolized evil, which is why it has never been favored as a

Dutch, who brought the custom to the New World, and their contraction, "Santa Claus." Partly adapted from material



of all seasons.

George and Lois Dye



as you remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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IN 1776, THE FATE OF **A**MERICA TURNED ON THE CHRISTMAS CROSSING

At Christmastime in 1776, George Washington's troops were in retreat, barely keeping ahead of the Redcoats. The Revolution was in great danger of collapsing.

On December 2, Washington's troops reached Trenton on the Delaware River. Gathering every boat they could find so the British couldn't follow, they crossed the river into Pennsylvania. Washington expected the British to attack when the river froze, but they delayed.

The American troops were described by an enemy officer as "dying of the cold, without blankets, and very ill-supplied with provisions." Meanwhile, some 1,000 Hessians, German professional soldiers, had arrived in Trenton.

With morale crumbling, one fiery supporter of the Revolution refused to despair. Thomas Paine, author of Common Sense, had written a new essay, the first in a series he called The American Crisis. It was published on Dec. 19.

The troops were inspired as they read "These are the times that try

men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserve the love and thanks of man and woman."

Now, Washington formed an audacious plan. He would cross the Delaware some nine miles north of Trenton and surprise the garrison. The Hessian commander said the Patriots were just farmers, and he never prepared for an attack.

The crossing began at 6 p.m. on Dec 25. After nine hours, the last boatload of men and cannon were on the shore. Then came the ninemile ordeal through freezing wind and hail to reach Trenton.

Washington and his men attacked the Hessians shortly after dawn, surprising them completely. It was over in two hours with nearly 900 taken prisoner. The Americans suffered few casualties.

The Christmas victory at Trenton marked a turning point of the American Revolution. The effect on morale of the troops was tremendous, because they had taken on the King's force and won. As word of the victory spread, confidence in Washington and in the Revolution was revived. Once written off as beaten, Americans fought on and won.

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When Judah and his small band Maccabee soldiers drove the Syrians out of Israel and reclaimed the temple, it was a victory for all Jews. That victory is still honored today, thousands of years after the fact. The celebration is Hanukkah.

Not only were the Syrians driven out of Jerusalem, a miracle in itself, but something else happened at that time which is still celebrated as the miracle of Hanukkah. As the Maccabees restored the temple, they wanted to light the eternal light, a flame now

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Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, changing from year to year on the Western calendar. This year, Hanukkah starts on December 10.

Each night, one additional candle of the menorah is lit, progressing left to right, until all eight candles are lit on the last evening. A ninth candle, the shamash, is used to light the others and is distinguished by color or height. Each evening features prayers, songs, games, and gifts.

While the candelabra, or menorah, is commonly used at Hanukkah, the candles can also be in separate candle hold-

Children's project

An interesting display can be made by children in the days before Hanukkah begins. It is made by using a cookie cutter to cut star shapes from modeling clay. The colors can be mixed with white or be a solid color. The candles are matched with the holders, and each star holds one candle.

The candles in their star-shaped

holders can then be arranged on a table, on a decorative base, or on a silver tray. Tinsel and foilwrapped chocolate coins, called gelt, add color and beauty to the arrangement.

A CHRISTMAS LULLABY

(to the tune of Away in a Manger) Sleep well, little children,

Pleasant dreams through the

Tomorrow is Christmas so merry and bright.

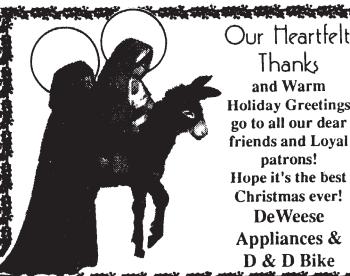
Soon you'll hear the bells ring. Time for dreams to come true. As the world waits to bring a Merry Christmas to you. Anonymous





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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray..

That strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding.

That the good that lies in each of our hearts may day by day be magnified.

That we will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us.

That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of ourselves over our own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season, its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all, its abiding faith, may be among us.

That the blessings of peace be ours the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Published by the New York Life Insurance Company in 1963.

Poinsettia comes in New Styles this year

If you only buy a flower once a year, chances are that flower will be a Christmas Poinsettia.

About 80 percent of Poinsettias grown are red ones. But this year consumers will see some reds that can easily be classified as "different." The Paul Ecke Ranch in San Diego County began working many years ago on Poinsettias with curled red flower bracts (the petals are actually leaves). In 2000, they finally had perfected the flower and produced enough of the "Winter Rose" to be able to start selling them. The flower cluster is in a large ball shape.

Other types to look for this year include the Goldstar Pink which has dark green leaves with a gold-yellow center. A variety called Future has red and green variegated bracts.

When you buy a Poinsettia, don't expose it to near-freezing temperatures or leave it in the car while you do more shopping. Once home, don't expose it to drafts or direct sunlight. Keep the soil

evenly damp all the time. Check the plant daily at first until you determine how much water it will need. Big plants use a lot of water. They prefer temperatures from 65 to 75 degrees, and a cooler temperature makes flowers last longer.

What is the best 'MORNING AFTER' CURE?

Doctors at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Francisco say fighting a hangover should begin before the party. Here's how to do it.

· Get plenty of sleep the night before or take a nap on the day of the party so you are well rested.

Drink plenty of water before and during the party. Drink more before going to bed to counter the dehydration that adds to hangover miseries.

Get activated charcoal at the drugstore and take it before bed to sop up alcohol before it's absorbed into your system. (Tastes awful, but it works.)

After that, take aspirin for your headache. Don't take Tylenol or its equivalent. Mixed with booze, it can damage the liver. For breakfast, some experts swear by bread and honey.

Doctors don't seem to care whether there is a good cure for a hangover. They say it's your own fault anyway.

HURTING? DON'T CANCEL CHRISTMAS—YOU NEED IT NOW MORE THAN EVER

Maybe you're exhausted from caring for a sick family member. Maybe you're weary and frustrated from fighting your way back from an illness or injury. Maybe this was the year you enlarged your vocabulary with words like malignancy, stem cells and bone marrow.

Maybe your marriage feels like it has gone flat-line. Maybe you've been devastated by divorce.

Maybe you are grieving the loss of a loved one this year.

Think twice before you cancel Christmas.

That baby in the manger didn't come to make sure that retailers had a robust season at the cash register. Nor did he come to put frost on our windows and pink in our cheeks. Christ didn't come to create a picture perfect Currier and Ives memory.

Christ came for three-dimensional people - people with thin skin, blind spots and pent-up anger. He came for people who hurt and suffer and struggle. He came for people who get depressed at holiday time. He came for those who have everything, but feel empty inside. He came for human beings who mangle relationships and turn priorities upside down.

The essence of Christmas is that God sent his Son, not to punish or condemn mankind, but to offer a helping hand.

Christmas was sent for every man, woman and child who can admit they're less than perfect.

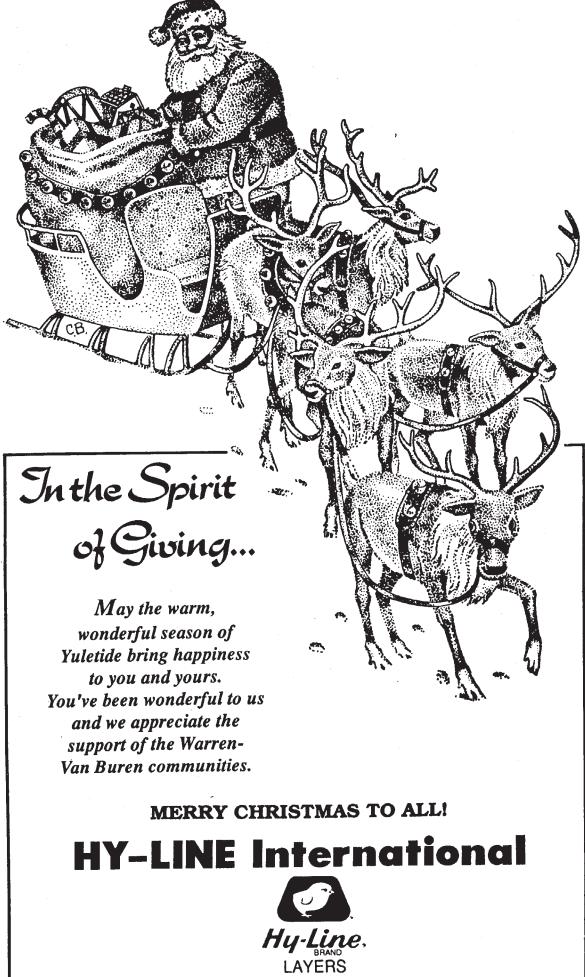
Some say when people open their heart to Christ, the Son of God works wonders. He eases the pain and suffering. Others say He has gently dried tears, softened hearts and sat beside them in the dark. Still others claim, when they have opened their hearts, that He has showered them with priceless gifts - treasures like faith, hope and love.

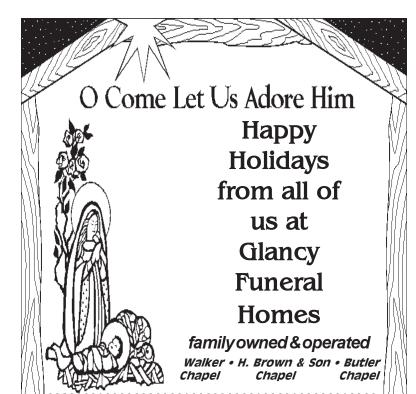
Think twice before you cancel

Christmas. This may be the year you need it most.

By Lori Borgman, author of I was a better mother before I had kids, Pocket Books.







Is there something wrong with patriotism?

Some people seem to think so. There always have been thinkers who preached on the evils of patriotism. And usually more thoughtfully than our current crop of pacifists and anti-patriots.

Do they have a point? Germany under Hitler was patriotic. In Hitler's Germany, patriotism was a love of country so unequivocal it required nothing short of world domination and genocide.

Supporters of the Taliban in Afghanistan might be called patriots. But they love and fight for a government that affords its citizens no civil liberties and hates Western democracy on general principle.

Patriotism can and has served abhorrent leaders and imperial nations.

But patriotism is not fighting for a particular party or administration but for the country and its ideals. Patriotism is not blind devotion to leaders, but love of the principles a nation is founded upon.

In a free country, patriotism is not an endorsement of the worst we have been, but the pursuit of the best we can be. In America, patriotism is not about being a Democrat or a Republican, a hawk or a dove. It is a love of, and a willingness to sacrifice for, the liberty and freedom that we too

often take for granted.

So, is there something wrong with patriotism?

Not in America, there's not.
- Kevin Willis

CAC EVENTS

Wells County Writers Guild will meet Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 P.M. at Creative Arts Center, 110 West Washington St., Bluffton. This informal gathering shares recent work and provides support and inspiration in a casual setting. There is not charge to attend.

Learn to care for a piano so that it lasts and functions for life. Diana Huffman, member of the Piano Technicians Guild, will present information about cleaning, locating, tuning, voicing and climate maintenance on January 15 at 7:00 PM at Bluffton Elementary School, 1100 East Spring St. Participants will see a pulled action and some of the 10,000-16,000 piano part. Cost is \$3; FREE to council members. Reserve a seat by phoning (219)824-5222.

Creative Arts Center's cuisine circle "Not Your Basic Food Group" will convene at the gallery, 110 West Washington, Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 PM. Henrietta Caylor will discuss details of her recent culinary trip to Napa Valley. Details will be available with registration. Please contact the center by phone at (260) 824-5222

MENTAL NOTES

by BJ Gray When you think of someone with a mental health illness, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Uhm-hum! There's that stigma that we need to get educated about. Most people will immediately start thinking that the person is not capable of leading a normal life, they are an "airhead", crazy, beneath us and that we should steer clear of them. Well let's just nip that old way of thinking in the bud because chances are that each and every one of us will at sometime in our lives be touched by a mental health illness whether it be depression, bipolar/manic depressive disorder or alcohol or drug dependency. It may affect us or a loved one. You may be thinking well he/she should just snap out of it, but a person ill with the flu, cancer or diabetes can't snap out of their illness and so it is with the mental health issues listed above. These illnesses can be treated, but not cured but in most cases when a person is being treated for a mental health disorder they are as normal as anyone and can function just as well as anyone. If you or someone you know needs educational material on mental illness disorders or needs referred to a treatment plan contact the Mental Health Association of Wells County at 824-1514. Feeling better might just be a phone call

ATTEND COLLEGE FREE

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with good grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Left-Handed Student Scholarships, Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, David Letterman's Scholarship for 'C' Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for minorities and much much more!

The general public is not aware that over \$10 billion is available to students from private sector scholarships. Over \$20.4 billion from the federal government. In a U.S. Congressional study, it was reported that, "Over \$6.6 billion of private sector financial aid went unused because parents and students did not know where to apply." A conservative college tuition for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000. High scoring colleges run from \$40,000-\$100,000—and this tuition is per year.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. These organizations are AEE (American Educational Excellence) members and have a list of over 400 different addresses, telephone numbers, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the

amount the scholarships will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition, otherwise, students combine applicable scholarships together to form one large tuition payment.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a S.A.S.E. and \$1 handling fee to U.S. Channel of Commerce for Higher Education, P.O. Box 127, Rule, Texas 79547.





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Coliseum. This track features two and three wide racing by drivers who have to have great focus and physical talent to survive here. Tony Stewart's display of driving talent here was unforgettable in 1999. Tony Elliott won the event in 1998 and 99, with David Thompson winning in 2000. The event continues this year with new and established drivers. Advanced two day tickets are \$21.00, advanced single day are \$13.50, day of event tickets are \$16.00, with kids 12 and under \$5.00 a

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Serve as Pages

State Senator Harold "Potch" Wheeler (R-Larwill) has invited area students to serve as pages during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

The Senate Page Program begins with orientation at 5:30 a.m. followed by a tour of the Capital and a lecture on its use and history. Around noon, pages receive one hour for lunch on their own. Downtown Indianapolis has a number of restaurants and cafeterias that are accessible to students without having to cross busy downtown streets.

A staff member guides the pages to the Senate chamber at 1:30 p.m. for session. During their day at the Capitol the pages observe the legislative session from the Senate floor, deliver messages and complete tasks for their state senator. Senate staffers dismiss pages for the day at 4:00 p.m.

Any student at least 12 years of age is eligible to participate in the progiam. Students who participate receive an excused absence from school for one day in order to work and learn at the State Senate in Indianapolis.

"The Senate page program is a great opportunity for students to learn about government. They get to see how it works and meet elected officials from around the state." said Wheeler.

Anyone interested in the Senate page program should contact Senator Wheeler's office by calling (800)382-9467 or write to Wheeler and express their desire to serve as a page for the day. Letters to Senate Wheeler should be addressed to the Indiana Senate, State of Indiana, 200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2785.

Due to the limitation of the number of pages per day, Wheeler urges students to write early in order to recquest a page assignment. If two students would like to work together, both requests need to be sent in the same envelope.

After processing the letter, the student will receive confirmation of his or her scheduled date to serve. Due to the flexible nature of the Senate floor schedule, the Senate tries to accommodate requests for specific dates. Pages are responsible for finding their own transportation to the State

Wheeler represents Huntington, Wabash and Whitley counties and portions of Allen, Grant and Kosciusko counties.

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safe one.'

Shop with companies you know. Anyone can set up an online shop under almost any name. If unfamiliar with a merchant, ask for a paper catalog to get a better idea of their merchandise and services. Also be sure to determine a company's return and refund policies before making a pur-

·Keep passwords priovate. Never give passwords to anyone. Avoid using birth dates or Social Security numbers. If possible use a combination of letters and num-

Use a secure browser. This is the software used to navigate the Internet. Browsers should comply with all industry security standards. These standards encrypt or scramble purchase information sent over the Internet. Most computers have a browser installed. Some browsers may be downloaded from the Internet free of

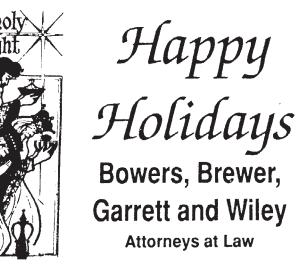
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Keep personal information private. Do not give out Social Security numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers or addresses unless you know who is collecting the information, why they're collecting it and how they'll use it.

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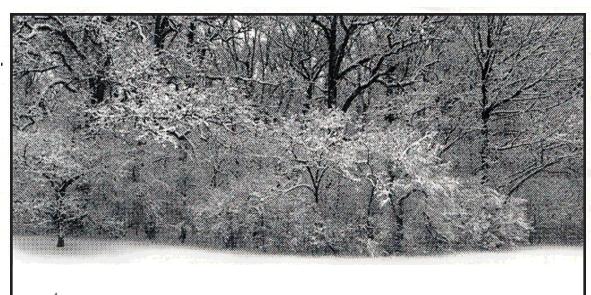
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The 89th edition of the Indianapolis Auto Show, brought to you by the Indianapolis New Car Dealers Association and The Indianapolis Star presents "The Cars are the Stars". America's #2 longest running auto show returns to the Indiana Convention Center Thursday, December 27, 2001 through Tuesday. January 1, 2002. Thirty-five automobile manufacturers from around the World will display their 2002 model automobiles, light duty trucks and luxury vans in over 270,000 square feet of fully carpeted exhibit area in the beauty and comfort of the Indiana Convention Center.

In addition to all the new model vehicles, auto manufacturers will feature their futuristic concept cars, specialty vehicles, entertainers and more... ALL contained in a setting of spectacular exhibits and lighted turntables with product specialists on hand to answer questions.

At the event, The Star will feature a pavilion where you can log on to Cars.com and search dealer inventories for that perfect car, truck, van or SUV. As the largest provider of news and information in the state, The Star offers both print and online shopping alternatives. While visiting the pavilion, be sure to win \$500 toward the purchase of a new or used car, van or truck.

This year fireman, police officers and uniformed military personnel are invited to attend the show at no charge. Presenting your fireman's identification, police badges or present yourself in your military uniform along with military I.D. welcomes you to enjoy the show. On behalf of all of the new car dealers and their employees who host the annual Indianapolis Auto Show, this is their way to express sincere appreciation for the hard work and protection these brave men and



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COPE WITH HOLIDAY STRESS

The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family. This holiday season, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, the war abroad and continued threat of terrorism at home, many people will benefit from the opportunity to connect with others. But for many individuals and families, this time of year will be difficult whether or not they have been directly affected by recent events.

For those who have lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks or other events during the past year, the Mental Health Association in Indiana offers tips on how to get through the first holiday season without relatives and friends.

The families of the victims of the attacks are not the only ones who will experience difficulties. Military families may be celebrating the holidays apart from family members involved in our nation's response to terrorism. In addition, many people are reluctant to travel and therefore might not be with those close to them. People who have been laid off or suffering because of the slow economy may experience financial strains in a season that has become increasingly commercialized. "For others who are estranged from family and friends, this season can be an intensely lonely and sad period, and make them feel more isolated from those who are enjoying the holidays," said Stephen McCaffrey, President of the Mental Health Association in Indiana.

"As we enter this holiday season, it is important to remember that many Hoosiers — and Americans in general — are coping with anxiety and trauma at a time that often causes additional stress. Instead of feeling joy, many people may experience the "holiday blues" and do not feel like celebrating." McCaffrey added.

Taking care of yourself during a stressful holiday season is one of the best things you can do for yourself and those around you. All Hoosiers are coping with our nation's losses in varying degrees and will react differently to the holidays this year.

· Try to set realistic goals for the holidays. Keep expectations simple for yourself and others.

· Make a budget and stick to it. Financial worries add more stress. Don't try to keep up with everyone else. Spend what you can afford. Seek out free activities.

Try not to overeat or drink excessively to escape stressful feelings. Eat healthy foods and get plenty of exercise.

· When traveling, allow extra time. Recognize that delays may occur because of increased security.

Remember that the holidays are more than one day; they are part of a whole season. Pace yourself. Spread enjoyable activities throughout the entire season.

Try a new way of celebrating. Attend a celebration of another faith or community or give the gift of your time to someone else.

· Helping others can also help you feel better. Volunteer at a homeless shelter, buy a present

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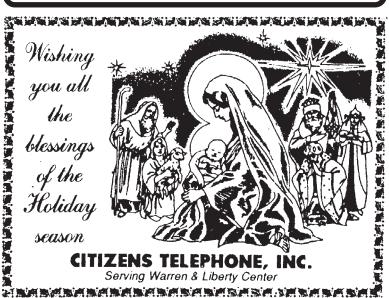


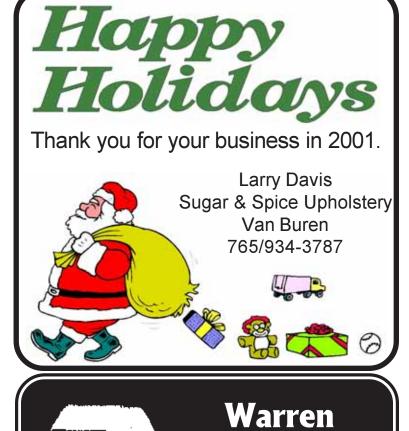


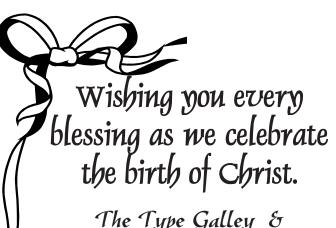
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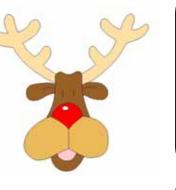
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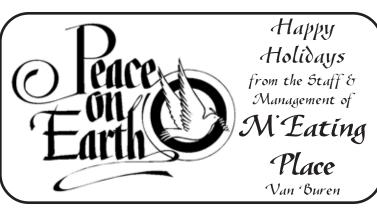
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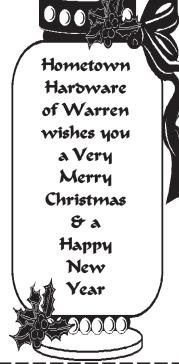




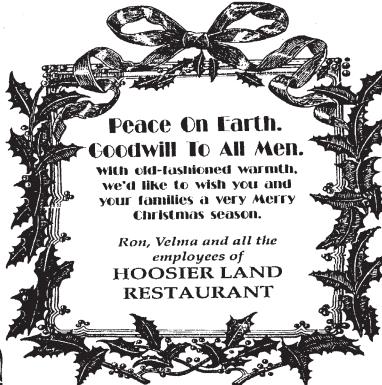
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for a child in need or visit people in nursing homes.

If you do not have friends or family to visit with, reach out. Contact local clubs, religious groups or community centers to see if they are holding activities that may interest you.

Recognize that everyone is responding to the current situation differently. Allow yourself to feel sadness, anger or lonely feelings. Nurture yourself. Take some time out each day to care for and celebrate yourself.

Respect and validate others' thoughts and feelings.

Try to stay in the present. Look forward to the future. Life is full of changes. Consider what is important in your life and good about these times.

Signs to Seek Help

Though some people may experience "holiday blues" that pass with the season, others will have profound feelings of sadness or depression that do not go away over time. Symptoms of depression may include:

Persistent sad, anxious, or empty mood

Sleeping too much or too little, middle-of-the night or early morn-

ing waking

Reduced appetite and weight loss or increased appetite and weight gain

- · Loss of interest or pleasure in activities, including sex
 - Irritability or restlessness
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating, remembering or making decisions
 - Fatigue or loss of energy
- · Thoughts of death or suicide

· Feeling inappropriate guilt, hopelessness or worthlessness

If you are experiencing these symptoms over a period of several weeks, you may be depressed. "Talking with a mental health professional or taking a mental health screening test can

help you understand how well you are coping with recent events. Seek help in your local community and contact your local Mental Health Association or the Mental Health Association in Indiana at (317) 638-3501 to obtain a referral for services or for more information about mental health issues," McCaffrey said. "There are several resources available to help you and others cope in the wake of our ongoing national cri-









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