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Thought for the Week: *The growing process is not always easy, but it is always worth it.* Sue Tipton

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Make this a special year to commemorate the greatest gift of Christmas.

The pastors of the Warren Area Ministerial Alliance invite everyone, regardless of church affiliation, to come and carry on the tradition of the old familiar carols of the Christmas Season, December 7, at 3:00 p.m., at the Knight-Bergman Center.

You are invited to join your voice together with others, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to witness your faith in song. Join together as the Body of Christ, as we celebrate the birth of the Lord through the familiar carols of Christmas. Refreshments will be served after we return.

## TREE IN MEMORY

The tree that was given to the city for Christmas by Grace Thompson, was donated in memory of her husband, John Thompson who died October 7, 2002 and her 18-month old great-granddaughter, Kyndall Brown, who passed away July 25, 2003. The tree was planted as a small sapling and the Thompson family have enjoyed it for many many years. John had requested that the tree be given to the city for the Christmas season before he passed away. The family is proud to have their tree decorated with the bows in memory of others that have passed away and also those people being honored by their family and friends this year.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THE LIBRARY

You're Invited to a Christmas Tea & Festival of Wreaths

"Waiter, waiter, my coffee tastes like soap!"

"Then it must be tea, sir. That'll be an extra dollar."

Poor tea...it gets no respect. No one cares that tea is reportedly the most frequently consumed beverage in the world, leaving even water behind in the dust. Coffee drinkers turn up their noses at scientific evidence that a delicious cup of tea has more than twice the health benefits of a cup of java.

People even laugh when you tell them that tea can do everything from add sizzle to their sex life to

eliminate the stink of feet.

But, no one will be able to resist getting cozy with a cup of tea at a Christmas Tea & Festival of Wreaths on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Wells County Public Library. The holiday event is open house-style from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a silent auction of the wreaths ending at 7 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Christmas Tea follows a successful coffee tasting party that was held at the library this fall. There was so much enthusiasm among those who attended the party it seemed natural to follow it up with an event centered around tea.

"The most popular comment we heard after the coffee tasting party was, 'Let's do it again with tea,'" Deb Perry, community relations manager at the Wells County Public Library, explained. "We thought it was a great idea, so we've combined our Christmas Tea with a Festival of Wreaths to create an evening of holiday fun."

Area clubs, churches and other non-profit groups were invited to join in a display and silent auction of wreaths for the evening. Each group is creating a holiday wreath that reflects the theme of their organization.

Groups already signed up to participate include: Wells County Democratic Women, Wells County Republican Women, Sargasso Literary Club, Wells County Historical Society, Friends of the Shelter, Petroleum United Methodist Church, Tri Kappa, Life Community Church, Wells County Creative Arts, Wells County Ballet Guild, Bluffton Community Women, Wells County 4-H Association, Blackford/Wells Genealogy Society, Wells County Boys & Girls Club, Wells County Homemaker Extension Club, Wells County Public Library, Southern Wells Branch Library, and Ossian Branch Library.

With so many diverse groups represented, there should be a wide assortment of wreaths.

"I've already had a sneak peek at some of the wreaths," Perry said, "and they are wonderful. We asked each participant to let the mission of their group reflect in their wreaths — and many of them took that suggestion to heart! Some of the wreaths will make you 'ooh' and 'ahh', while others will make you chuckle. I'd love to hang any of them on my door."

The wreaths will be available by silent auction throughout the evening. Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. The winning bidders will be announced at the close of the event. Eighty percent of the winning bid will go to the organization that donated the wreath. The remaining 20 percent will go to the Friends of the Library. Each organization invites their supporters to turn out for the evening.

Along with a delicious cup of tea, the evening's events also include:

- \* Teapot collection on display, courtesy of Howard and Sharon Moriarity.

- \* Craft table, featuring easy-to-make bath tea bags for hours of relaxing in the tub.

- \* Christmas cookie recipe booklet, featuring 32 recipes from the library staff.

- \* Library open house, with special displays of holiday books, music and movies.

- \* Christmas gifts, with a literary theme, for sale by the Friends of the Library.

- \* Door prizes.

A highlight of the evening will be live music by harpist Lindsay Smith. Smith, the daughter of Kevin and Tracie Smith of Bluffton, will play Christmas and inspirational music throughout the evening on a large lever harp.

For more information about the Christmas Tea & Festival of Wreaths, call the Wells County Public Library at 260-824-1612.

## VISIT THE JOLLY GUY

The Dan Quayle Center will again host a special guest this holiday season. Children of all ages will be able to make their last minute requests to Santa at the Museum on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge to visit Santa. Optional photos with Santa will be available for purchase.

"We thought a Friday afternoon might make it a little easier to visit the Jolly Guy," said Executive Director Daniel Johns. "Parents who pick up their children from school would be able to pop by on their way home."

For more information, please contact the Center at (260) 356-6356. The Dan Quayle Center is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Dan Quayle,



## CHRISTMAS IS OFFICIALLY HERE

Last Friday night the big guy (Santa) came riding into town with the help of the local Fire Department. After taking a few minutes in the bitter cold to say hello to all the children who came to meet him, Santa started a countdown to light the downtown area. Then he held another countdown to light the magnificent tree next to Town Hall. The luminaries lit the way for the walk to the Knight Bergman Center where hot chocolate and cookies awaited all.

(Did you notice the bank's sign in the background reading 25 degrees - but it felt a lot colder than that - not sure what the wind chill was.)

The new star ornaments hanging at the intersection of 2nd and Wayne Streets were provided by the money raised from the memorial bows on the town Christmas tree.

White bows may be purchased for \$2.00 in memory of those passed on or red bows for those still with us. See the ladies at Town Hall to get your ribbons.

Santa was also at the Knight Bergman Center on Saturday morning to visit with those he hadn't seen the night before.

Letters to Santa Claus may be dropped off in the lobby of the Post Office. There is a special box on the counter in the lobby. All letters will receive a personalized reply. Please make sure that your child's name and address are clearly marked on the letter somewhere.

the Indiana Vice Presidents and the Office of the Vice President and those who have held it. As the only vice-presidential museum in the country, the Center also provides exhibits and educational programming. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children, ages 7-17 and free for children, six and under. Museum members are also free. Group discounts available. Educational tours are available for school or adult groups upon request.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WALK

The Markle Church of the Brethren will be presenting their annual 'Walk through the Inn of Bethlehem' Sunday, December 7, 2003 from 5:00 -

8:00 PM. Their church will be transformed to resemble an Inn during the time of Jesus' birth. You will be greeted by costumed guides who will show you through the many rooms in the Inn. Oil lamps will be the only light and refreshments will be available without any cost. You will meet a beggar on your walk and may give as you feel led. The money he collects will go to help those in need in the Markle area. As you tour the Inn, you will experience the feelings of the time and the wonderment and holiness of that special night over 2000 years ago. The final scene will be that of a live nativity. We invite you to come, bring the family and make this a tradition to prepare your hearts and minds for this Christmas season. The church is located just east of the 1-69 interchange on 224. We are on the north side of 224.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### FOOD BANK THANKS

The day we celebrate as a day of thanks is over; but the time of thankfulness is always in our hearts. Our thanks to Warren Weekly for always so graciously publishing our needs and wants. Our grateful thanks to the Boy Scouts for their outstanding efforts for us; the response from the community was absolutely overwhelming. We did so appreciate the Girl Scouts helping to get the foods on our empty shelves. May all your hearts be gladdened, knowing the joy your gifts of love brought to others.

Phyllis Harness, Area Coordinator.

### THANK YOU

On November 26, 2003 I was at the Warren Public Library when my 18-month-old son fell down the steps. I was terrified, however thanks to the quick thinking of the librarian; medical help was called immediately. Within seconds of hanging up the phone there were first responders on site checking my son. Within minutes of the call going out the paramedics also arrived. I wanted to take this time to thank all of the first responders and paramedics who daily put their personal lives on hold in order to help those in need. Thanks to the grace of God, my son was only injured slightly and had no need for further medical treatment. If he has been injured more severely I know that he would have had the quickest and most reliable care possible. Those of us who live in the town of Warren need to realize that we are blessed with caring, concerned and well-trained neighbors. Thank you to all of those who made this mothers nightmare much more bearable.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Wright

### AVOID HOLIDAY STRESS THAT COULD TIE YOU UP

It is possible to enjoy the holidays without becoming totally stressed and exhausted. Here are a few ways to do it:

- Shopping: Order early from the Web. Late purchases can be shipped overnight, but be sure to make a record of each purchase, and follow up to see if it arrived. General rule: Ship gifts by December 15.
- Decorating: Your place will look warm and inviting with just one or two displays. No need to decorate inside and out. Finish decorating by the first week of December.
- Baking: If you are busy, give yourself a break and shop a bakery.
- Christmas dinner: Forget a hundred side dishes. Make a turkey, rib roast or ham and add baked potatoes, vegetables, and salad. Keep it simple.
- Demand appearances: Schedule early so there is no confusion. If two sets of parents want you to celebrate with them, schedule one for Christmas (afternoon after your private celebration) and one for Christmas Eve. Consider visits on Sunday before Christmas or the Saturday after.
- Gift wrapping: Consider gift bags or gift boxes and just add a bow.
- Caring for yourself: Try not to disturb your normal sleep and exercise schedule. Enjoy small, quiet moments.
- Holiday food: Don't go to holiday dinners famished. Take a small portion of the offered dishes. Stop eating before you feel full.
- Relatives: Decide that you will enjoy a get-together even if some guests aggravate you. Consider the source and take it in stride.


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 Youth Hours ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

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#### THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

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#### MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Sunday  
 Trad. Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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Kathie Jones, Pastor

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

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Eric Vitz, Interim Minister

Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

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

#### DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779

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 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.  
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Wed - "Circle of Friends" (Begins 9/17) (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

#### McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor

B. Morton, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sue Brown, Children's Ministry

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 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Thursday Bible Study ..... 7:00p.m.

#### LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer

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

#### SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

#### BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister

Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

#### BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35

Gary Riley, Pastor

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

#### LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Bard, Pastor

Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

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

Bill Keen, Pastor

Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor

Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Midweek Service..... 7:00 p.m.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Charles Dye , Jr., Pastor

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

Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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#### THE NEW BEGINNING

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Steve Sutton, Pastor

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 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

#### VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431

Pastor Blake J. Neff

Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

UMYF ..... 6- 7:30 p.m.  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

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3rd Worship ..... 11:11 a.m.  
 Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

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

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

#### LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor

Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings ..... 7:00 p.m.

#### UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:  
 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

#### MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

Wayne Wright, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

#### ASBURY CHAPEL

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Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship ..... 6:30 p.m.

*Attend the Church of your choice*



## AREA NEWS

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

December 13, 2003 the United Church of Christ Children's Choir presents "A Christmas Carol" at the United Methodist Memorial Home at 2:00 PM in the Fahl Recreation Room.

December 14, 2003 United Church of Christ Children's Choir presents "A Christmas Carol" at the church located at the corner of 2nd St and Main Street starting at 7:00 PM.

### COUNCIL NOTES

President Harold Jones conducted the Nov. 14 meeting of the Warren Town Council. The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the Nov. 10 meeting were approved as submitted.

It was reported that the electric project inspections are about completed.

Council approved an invoice in the amount of \$125,622.45 from Drier-Maller and Indiana Construction to be presented at a wastewater project meeting Nov. 25.

Plans were being completed for the annual Christmas lighting on Friday evening, Nov. 28, in downtown Warren and at the Knight-Bergman Center. Council agreed that Second Street be closed to traffic at that time from Wayne to Nancy Streets for the Santa walk to the Center.

Council decided to purchase 10 trees at a cost of \$200 to complete landscaping of the Entrance sign on State Road 5 in conjunction with the United Methodist Memorial Home landscaping of the area.

Council also voted to pay \$880 for 2004 IACT dues along with \$350 in Foundation support.

A sewer credit was allowed due to a leak at the water meter.

Bill Cartwright, Ron Neff, Harold Jones and Darrel Bice had attended a Personnel Policy Training. They reported the meeting to be of interest.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave a 2003 Budget update. She reported the 2004 Budget is being reviewed. Submitted were charts detailing the Warren rate in comparison to the rest of the County municipalities.

A Utility software update was set for Feb. 17, but will need to be rescheduled. Two days of training will be required. Also announced was purchase of fixed and accounting software.

Darrel Bice reported from the utility/street departments.

Employees have been busy putting up Christmas lights, picking up leaves and a water leak had been repaired.

During the repair of the water leak a hydraulic cutter had broke. Council agreed to the purchase of a new one at a cost of \$1997.99.

Council agreed for Lee Poulson

and Darrel Bice to attend training Dec. 4 at Montpelier. It was also agreed that Chuck Booher be allowed to attend an IRWA Conference Dec. 1-3 for training.

Equipment was reported to be ready for snow plowing.

Town Marshal Steve Donnelly reported there has been a transmission problem on the police car to be traded. A warranty purchased through Crain Ford put the cost of repair at \$500.

David Scheib reported from the Park Board. Council agreed to purchase new playground equipment not to exceed \$8,000.

The Huffman family had made a donation and Marilyn Morrison was instructed to purchase a bench in memory of the late Jackie Huffman.

On Dec. 2 there will be an IACT meeting for newly elected officials.

### MOMS IN TOUCH

Calling Moms to pray.

The Purpose of Moms in Touch is: To intercede for our children through prayer and to pray that our schools may be guided by biblical values and high moral standards.

The Moms in Touch Desire is: For God to raise up mothers to intercede for every school around the world.

The Moms in Touch Goal is: To see every school in the U.S.A. covered with prayer.

Dear Moms - Do you find yourself "praying on the run" because you are so busy? Has private time with God become hit and miss? Let me challenge you to see what God can do for your children and their teachers and administrators and bus drivers when you are faithful to pray on a regular basis with other believers.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

If you have a desire in your heart to get together with other Mom's from Salamonie School and pray for our school, please give me a call at 260/758-2606 and I will try to set up a time either each week or every other week to get together with all who are interested. We only meet for one hour to just pray for the children, the school, teachers and staff, and bus drivers. This invitation is for mothers, grandmothers, an aunt or friend who is willing to pray for our students.

"Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord... Lift up

your hands toward Him for the lives of your children." Lamentations 2:19

If you are not praying for your child. Who is?

Thank you for your consideration! I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Campbell - 260/758-2606

### PARTNERING WITH STAR 88.3

MarkleBank has partnered with STAR 88.3 FM in Fort Wayne to serve as drop-off locations for the radio station's annual Christmas Drive to benefit the Charis House, the Women's and Children's Division of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

From December 1-19, MarkleBank offices in Markle, Bluffton, Warren and Huntington will be accepting donations of Christmas gifts, household and personal items for the residents of Charis House.

"This is an opportunity for MarkleBank and our communities to give back what has been entrusted to us," said MarkleBank President & CEO Travis Holdman. "We have been blessed greatly."

Each MarkleBank office has a "Wish List" available with the items that are needed. You may also call the bank's Customer Service Center, toll-free at (888)758-3111 to learn more information about the items that are needed.

Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries and the Charis House have provided residential care for homeless women and children since 1980. They provide immediate relief from the danger, hunger, fear and suffering associated with homelessness.

### CHILD SUPPORT STRETCHED DURING HOLIDAYS

For single parents, the holidays bring unique pressures. Post-divorce family budgets are stretched thin, and during the holidays -when pressure to spend money on travel and gifts increases - it can be especially difficult. Webster Watnik, author of Child Custody Made Simple (Single Parent Press, \$21.95, 2003), recommends that single parents cope with the money pressures in creative ways.

Watnik explains that child support is calculated to provide for

children's basic needs, but it rarely covers the extra things parents want for their children. "Gameboys, roller blades, a plane trip to the relatives — you name it," says Watnik. "During the holidays" you want to give your children nice things, but support is rarely enough to pay for those things."

Custodial parents who can't afford to buy what they want may become resentful at the non-custodial parent. They feel the support is too low, or if the paying parent missed some payments, it put added stress on the budget. However, says Watnik, the parent who pays support rarely has enough left over for expensive gifts, and may also feel resentment toward the other parent.

"The holidays are difficult," says Watnik, "everyone gets a little testy. With a realistic attitude and some creativity, you can make it work to your advantage." In Child Custody Made Simple, Watnik offers these ideas for single parents coping with a holiday budget crunch:

Pool Money - If the parents communicate well, combine the money used for gift-buying. Some gifts can stay in one home, some in the other, and the children can bring shared toys back and forth.

Make Gifts - Where there is not enough money for the really expensive toys, consider visiting a crafts store. You'll find some amazing - and amazingly cheap - gifts

you can make.

Help Others - Helping others during the holidays is not only free, but yields terrific experiences. Food bank hospice, even volunteering at an animal shelter - every community has ways to help others. Take some pictures and you'll have a wonderful photo album.

"The important thing to remember," says Watnik, "is that you don't need the postcard perfect holiday. Be flexible and adapt. You can still have a rewarding, engaging, and meaningful holiday."

Child Custody Made Simple (ISBN 0964940434, \$21.95) can be purchased through bookstores or ordered directly from Single Parent Press, phone: (909) 624-6058, fax: (909) 624-2208, www.SingleParentPress.com.

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- Dec 3** Warren Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Town Hall Annex, noon
- Dec 3** Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 7** Walk Through the Inn of Bethlehem 5-8 p.m., Markle Church of the Brethren
- Dec 8** Warren Town Council, 6:30, Town Hall Annex
- Dec 12** Warren Recycle Day
- Dec 13** KBC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at KBC
- Dec 13** A Christmas Carol, 2 p.m. Fahl Rec. Room at UMMH
- Dec 14** A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at United Church of Christ
- Dec 17** Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 22** Warren Town Council, 6:30, Town Hall Annex
- Dec 26** Warren Recycle Day
- Mar 26, 2004** Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7, Games 6 to 8
- 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 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Storytime at Warren Public Library** 10 a.m. Fridays, **Walking in the Gym** 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center

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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### BAZAAR

Who: Grace Lutheran Church

What: Bazaar sponsored by Women of the ELCA of Grace Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Gas City, and Grant County Thrivent Chapter

Where: Hwy 22 and 500 E Gas City, Indiana

When: December 5 from 9 A.M. until 8 P.M. December 6 from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M.

How: Grace Lutheran Church is having a Bazaar. Come enjoy a chicken noodle dinner, homemade soup and homemade pies. Crafts, candy and baked goods will be available. Again there will be a cookie walk with delicious homemade cookies. Fill a container of cookies for the holidays for five dollars. A drawing will be held for a handmade Christmas in July quilt. Looking forward to seeing you. Happy Holidays.

### UPCOMING PERSPECTIVES CLASS

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class will be held in Fort Wayne from January 12–April 26, and in Huntington from January 13–April 27, 2004. This class, developed by the US Center for World Mission in Pasadena, CA, is world recognized for its effectiveness in building global disciples for Christ. The class is non-denominational, and is open to everyone, high school age and older. It can be taken for enrichment, certificate, and undergraduate or graduate credit.

The Fort Wayne class will be held at Emmanuel Community Church, 12222 US Highway 24 West, on Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:30pm. The Huntington class will be held on the campus of Huntington College, in the new Science Hall, Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Both classes will have the same speaker each week, and students registered in one class can attend the other class if a conflict arises.

Each class is taught by a different expert on world missions. A few of the 15 speakers scheduled for this year are: Don Richardson, missionary and author of "Peace Child", "Eternity in Their Hearts", and "Lords of the Earth"; Marilyn Laszlo, Wycliffe missionary for over 30 years to the Sepik Iwam tribe in Papua New Guinea and author of "Mission Possible"; Gerald Robison, president of Unveiling Glory; Fouad Masri, founder of Crescent Project outreach to Muslims; Tim Warner, former president Ft. Wayne Bible College and author of "Beginners Guide to Spiritual Warfare"; Jhan Moscowitz, Midwest Regional Director, Jews for Jesus; and David Hesselgrave, author of "Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally" and "Planting Churches Cross-Culturally", and editor of Missiology.

The Rev. Billy Graham says, "Nothing I know of will inform and motivate Christians for world evangelization like Perspectives!"

This is the second year Perspectives will be offered in Huntington. About 40 students took the course in 2003. Students included high

school and college students, working professionals, homemakers, Church missions board members, pastors, past missionaries, retirees, college professors, farmers, and future full-time missionaries. The class has also been held in Ft. Wayne in the past few years.

"If I had my way, every believer would take this course," states Dr. C. Peter Wagner, Chancellor, Wagner Leadership Institute.

Brochures and posters, and a promotional video are available. For more information, please contact the class coordinator for the class you're interested in: Ft. Wayne – Kurt Uhen, 260-490-8053, [kluhen1@juno.com](mailto:kluhen1@juno.com); Huntington – Tom and Karen Bennett, at 356-3586 (home), or [tomandkaren@huntingtonindiana.com](mailto:tomandkaren@huntingtonindiana.com).

More information on the Perspectives class can be found at [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org). There is a \$10 discount if you register before Dec. 15th.

### ENTERTAINMENT 2004

Entertainment® 2004, the NorthEast Indiana, Fort Wayne area coupon & discount book for restaurants, hotels, amusements and dozens of other area businesses are now available at the Warren Pharmacy. (They are being sold through the Bethel Church Youth Group by Charis, Sarah, Andrew & Rebecca Daniels, children of your Pharmacist, Terry Daniels.) For a \$30 investment you could save hundreds of dollars on purchases during this THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS season & in the year 2004 (most coupons are valid until 11/1/04). Makes a great gift idea for CHRISTMAS, a wedding or birthday for that special friend or relative!! Come in & look one over to see the value!

### APPOINTMENT CALENDARS

2004 God's Creation Appointment Calendars are now available at the Warren Pharmacy and from members of the Huntington Eagles Basketball teams. Beautiful scenes of God's Majesty are portrayed each

month on heavy duty card stock. These make excellent gifts at only \$6 each or 2/\$10. Proceeds support the Huntington Eagles (HomeSchool) Athletic programs!!!

### SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS

The Warren Pharmacy of Warren, IN is pleased to announce that the 2004 Pharmacy Sweepstakes Calendars are here! These calendars are given away FREE by your local independent Pharmacy. They include a sweepstakes coupon & manufacturer's coupons every month. This year there is only one sweepstakes entry to fill out, so that you will be eligible for 12 monthly drawings!

Every month winners are chosen from Independent Pharmacy entries across the country to receive a 25 inch Color TV w/remote.

If you do not have a Warren Pharmacy Calendar, stop by now to visit our store and pick up a FREE calendar for the year 2004! The Warren Pharmacy has had multiple winners over the past 7 years in this national sweepstakes!

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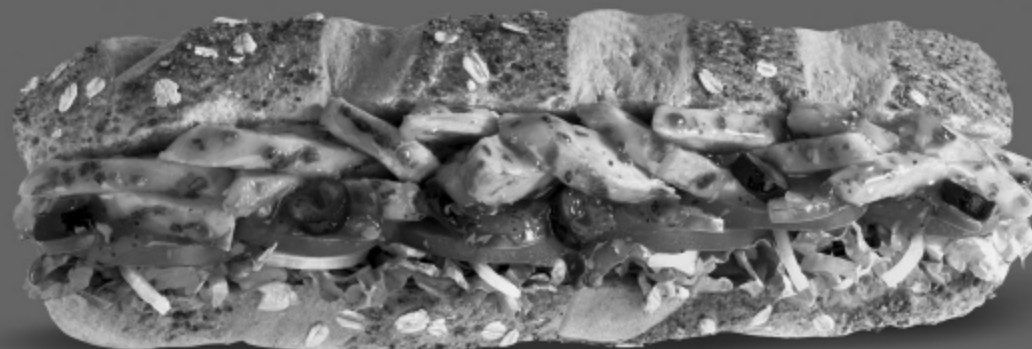
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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## COLLINS

A Warren area resident for years until moving to Madison County in 1980, William H. Collins, 71, of Alexandria died at 12:38 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Community Hospital in Anderson.

He was a Korean War veteran with service from February of 1953 to December of 1954.

Mr. Collins was an inspector at RCA in Marion for 34½ years until retirement in 1989.

He was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Van Buren to William Leon and Bessie Yarder Collins. He was married on Aug. 1, 1980 at Alexandria to Louise J. Austin, who survives. He was a member of the United Wesleyan Church at Alexandria, American Legion Post 0469 in Frankton, and VFW Post 1552 and Eagles Post 1771 in Alexandria.

Surviving, in addition to the wife, are three sons, Jerry of Hanover, Michigan, Donnie Gene and Ronnie Dean Collins, both of Anderson; a stepson, Shea Rodarmel of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Robert, of Andrews; two sisters, Doris Douglas of Warren and Mrs. Floyd (Nancy) Dodson of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and two granddaughters. Preceding him in death were his first wife, Elizabeth Pinkerton Collins, and a daughter, Janice Sue Collins.

Services are held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel at Warren, with Rev. Thomas Broderick officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren. Memorials to the American Bible Society.

## LILFF

Marcella I. Lilff, 85, of Bluffton, died at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born Sept. 15, 1918 in Bryant to William Hayward and Ida Ann Miller Betz, she married Howard Lilff on Oct. 16, 1938 in Muncie; he died Aug. 21, 1968. A graduate of Hartford Twp. School in Adams County, she lived most of her life in Adams and Jay counties, working at home on their farm and at Economy Print-

ing in Berne. She moved to Bluffton nine years ago and was a member of the Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, and a past member of the D.A.V. Auxiliary.

She is survived by six daughters, Joyce Iliff of Decatur, Mrs. Walt (Jan) Lewis of Gaston, Mrs. Mike (Jerry) Sullivan of Warner-Robin, Ga., Mrs. Larry (Joann) Strickler of Fishers, Mrs. Lester (Dr. Julia) Bickel of Warren, and June Smith of Jamaica, N.Y.; a brother, William Betz of Portland; 12 grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Vergena Baumgartner.

Services were held at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor David DeSelm officiating. Burial was in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Preferred memorials to the church.

## SHAW

Mildred Anna Meyer Shaw, 96, of Warren, died at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren after an extended illness.

Born Sept. 13, 1907 in Grant County to John and Lula McCormick, she was a homemaker and a member of the Jefferson Center United Methodist Church and the Mt. Etna Order of Eastern Star. She lived most of her life in Huntington County and was preceded in death by two husbands: Claude Meyer and Ora Shaw.

She is survived by a son, Marion "Mike" Meyer of Jonesboro; two step sons, Lynn Shaw of Warren and Meridith Shaw of Huntington; a step daughter, Marjorie Shaw of Denver, Colo.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Edgar Meyer and two daughters, Enola Guyer and Evelyn Meyer.

Services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, with Rev. Herb Edwards officiating. Burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Roann. Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren was in charge of arrangements. Preferred memorials to the

Jay County Heart Foundation.

## BIRD

Charlotte E. Bird, 76, of Hartford City, mother of James Brown of Bluffton, died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at Blackford Community Hospital after an extended illness.

A homemaker, Mrs. Bird had worked for Miller's Merry Manor and Norwood Nursing Home in Huntington. She attended the First Christian Church in Hartford City.

Born March 13, 1927 in Cass County to Walter and Lucretia Bektol Cree, she had resided in Huntington and Blackford Counties most of her life.

A 1945 graduate of Jackson Center High School in Wells County, she was first married to Ernest Brown, who died Feb. 12, 1964. She later married Alfred B. (Burl) Bird on May 4, 1964 in Wayne, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 17, 1993.

In addition to the son in Bluffton, other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. John (Barbara) Hardwick of Hartford City, two other sons, Jerry Brown of Montpelier and John Brown of Warren, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Waters Funeral Home in Hartford City with Rev. William Pieper officiating. Burial followed in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County.

Preferred memorials are to the First Christian Church or the Tri Kappa Cancer Fund.

## HAGGERTY

Edward C. Haggerty, 64, of Warren, died unexpectedly at 2:15 a.m. Monday, December 1, 2003 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Born in LaFontaine on May 25, 1939 to Charles E. and Freida Hilly Haggerty, he married Barbara J. Botkin on Aug. 23, 1958 in Marion; she survives.

A life-long Huntington County resident, he retired in 1991 from General Motors in Marion after 22 years of service. He had also worked at Trans-Wheel in Huntington. He was a member of the Hillside Wesleyan Church in Marion.

Other survivors include three sons, Steve Haggerty of LaFontaine; Mike and Tim Haggerty, both of Warren; a brother, Dr. Fred Haggerty of Brazil; three sisters, Anna Wells of Marion, Jessie Bollett of Van Buren, and Edna Whitton of LaFontaine; eight grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Stockman and a sister, Florence Cramer.

Visitation hours will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Glancy Funeral Home, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren, and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday, which will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Bingham officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

## BIRTHS

**Kristina and Bret Goff** of Marion, are the parents of a baby girl named Kristen Mary Evelyn, born at 11:11 a.m. November 7, 2003, in St Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Grandparents are Thomas and Vera Kitts, Van Buren and Gary and Carolyn Goff, Russellville.

**Darrell and Tammy Horrell Poulson**, of rural Huntington, are the parents of a baby daughter, Jenna Bryn, born October 23, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital Fort Wayne. Jenna weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19¼ inches. She joins a sister, Jordyn, age 4.

Grandparents are Ron and Sue Horrell of Huntington, Kenneth and Linda Poulson of Warren. Great-grandparents are George and Alice Allen of rural Huntington.

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### AFTER SCHOOL FUN TIME

15 children attended story time at the library on November 21, 2003. Thanksgiving was the theme of the day. Games were played and the children shared how they celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. Attending were: Autumn Smith, Nixon Smith, Icily Baker, Cassie Davis, Cameron Riddle, Kayla Shafer, Mandi Beck, Taylor Beck, Jaedyn Beck, Britni-Lynn Davis, Desirae Litchfield, Sam Litchfield, Brooke Bollhoefer, Phillip Dailey, and Blake Bollhoefer. Rose Marie Doyle and Stephanie Beck planned this children's program.

### FLAG PRESENTATION

On November 26, the library held a special presentation on flags. Van Buren resident, Robert Turner brought his collection of flags and told the audience about each of them. He has many flags, including flags from all military branches, foreign flags, and historic United States flags. Some of his collection is displayed at the library. We appreciate Robert taking time to share his love of flags with us.

### CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

On Friday, November 21, 2003 four students representing universities from Indiana pursuing degrees in construction disciplines received scholarships.

The Board of Trustees of the Indiana Construction Industry Foundation for Education and Research underwrites the awards of \$3,000 each. The Education Forum of the Associated General Contractors of Indiana administers the foundation.

To be nominated and selected, students must be juniors or seniors at an Indiana college pursuing a degree in a construction-related field. They must carry a minimum GPA of 2.8, show leadership within the AGC student chapter, reside in Indiana, and spend time working in the construction industry.

Those named included: Kimberly Morrison, Purdue University; Miranda Perry, Purdue University; Melissa Thevenin, Purdue University Calumet; Vaughn Allen, IUPUI.

In addition, Timothy Elam, received the AGCII William D. Shuck Memorial Fellowship, which is a \$1000 award presented bi-annually to an graduate student at Purdue in a construction-related discipline within the School of Civil Engineering.

The Associated General Contractors of Indiana, Inc. is the leading statewide construction association of Indiana, dedicated to the principles of skill, integrity and responsibility. Services for AGCII members include legislative lobbying efforts, safety training, assistance with IOSHA, collective bargaining assistance, training programs, insurance, legal assistance, the Indiana Constructor magazine and various publications.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Huntington County Community Foundation recently awarded \$49,876.60 in Community Grants for the second cycle of 2003. Nineteen grant applications were received with requests totaling \$114,877. Serving on the Grants Committee were Marjorie Hiner, William Hancher, Edward Michel, Richard Brubaker and Theodore Bendall. The grant recipients were:

Andrews Elementary School \$19,072.60 - To fund one half of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5th grade playground and purchase playground equipment

Huntington County Habitat for Humanity \$9,000.00 - To finish 14th house and build foundation at 15th house, both in Shultz St. Project

Andrews Lions Club \$8,000.00 - To cover start up costs for new baseball field

Huntington Family YMCA \$7,000.00 - To help fund new slide project

Huntington Co. Sheriffs Dept. Crash Rescue Unit \$2,304.00 - To purchase six (6) "turn out gear" suits

Huntington College Foundation \$2,000.00 - Two (2) one thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarships for 2004-05 to be awarded to Huntington Co. residents attending Huntington College

Huntington County Leadership \$1,500.00 - To purchase program materials for the 2004 Academy

Sumner Sheets Museum of Wildlife & Marine Exhibits \$1,000.00 - To be used for equipment purposes

Community Grants are made possible through gifts and contributions from Huntington County citizens, businesses and organizations to the Community Grants Unrestricted Fund. This fund consists of flexible dollars that ensure the Huntington County Community Foundation has the ability to respond to community needs. Grant applications for 2004 Cycle I will be due in the Foundation's office by April 26, 2004. Grant applications may be obtained by visiting our web site at [hccfoundation.com](http://hccfoundation.com).

To contribute to the Community Grants Unrestricted Fund or to have questions answered about the Huntington County Community Foundation, please contact Marcia McClelland, Executive Director, at (260)356-8878.

### HONOR ROLL

Honor roll for the most recent graduating period at Salamonie School has been announced as follows.

Third Grade - Andrew Boxell, Taylor Boxell, Austin Burns, Rebecca Carter, Jason Ervin, Alisha Ford, Rhyann Geiger, Emily Hethcote, Bruce Shafer, Cierra Small, Wesley Smith, Jonathon Stech, Austin Stucky, Britney Thornsby, Alex Varney, Melena Vogleman, Josh White, Donnavon Freeman, Tanner Kinsey, Taylor Lahr, Michael McLain, Libbie Millard, Catherine Moriarity, Nicholas Murphy, DaKota Plasterer, Brandon Satterthwaite, Mackenzie Sharpe, Alexandra Stanley, Tess Widener

Fourth Grade - Emma Ainsworth, Victoria Bryant, Rachel Herr, Shelby Hiner, Briana Johnson, Jeffrey Kimmel, Andrew Menchaca, Jared Poulson, Landon Poulson, Taylor Pursifull, Austin Robison, Nicole Smith, Jessica Stucky, Stephen Willard, Maria Zigl, Shelby Bradford, Kaitlyn Campbell, Jennifer Coolman, Nola Cummins, Katie Lane, Tria Loshe, Ciinton Rosen, Spencer Sabinske, Kearsten Surber.

Fifth Grade - Elizabeth Bolinger, Alex Bradford, Zach Burns, Jacob Burnworth, Kaylie Dunn, Colton Frecker, Brad Imel, Alicia Gass,

Dylan Gray, Jacob Piquine, Ashton Purcell, Britney Turner, Shelby Boxell, Rachel Decker, Gracie Fowler, Kathy Fruit, Austin Hatt, Brad Jennings, Katie Keen, Colin McIntire, Russell Moriarity, Evan Mower, Zac Overby, Joe Pierce, Josie Rybolt, Laura Stafford, Taylor Wilburn

Sixth Grade - Kourtney Brubaker, Megan Eller, Ashley Landrum, Emma Sabinske, Jennifer Beals, Austin Bowling, Hayley Bradford, Alyssia Brown, Kelsey Carey, Sarah Carter, Richard Chadwick, Kryston Davis, Aaron Forney, Charlotte Frecker, Whittannie Harber, Cheyann Hibbert, Paige Huff, Elizabeth Irick, Korey Jones, Megan Karst, Erin Knight, Kirsten Konz, Kelsey Mink, Kayleigh Mower, Kailey Neff, Abby Pinkerton, Elizabeth Rice, Joshua Rypolt, Kevin Shafer, Jaryd Stoffel, Tiffany Street, Rebekah Trout, Paige Widener, Leslie Witkamp

Seventh Grade - Caylie Abbett, Maryssa Campbell, Samantha Drayer, Talon Drummond, Kati Frankle, James Greenwell, Mellannie Harber, Colt Irick, Jeremy Johnson, Lindsey Karst, Taryn McGuin, Whitney Neuenschwander, Morgan Randol, Edwin Rice, Justin Rice, Jenifer Schlotter, Amanda Stout, Jordan Surber, Mahria Vance, Brooke Vogleman, Kayla Villanueva

Eighth Grade - Sarah Jeffers, Emily Jones, Tyler Mower, Hilary Rohrabough, Nicole Shaw, Ian White, Kiah J Zumbrun, Leslie Ackley, Peter Berghoff, Janelle Birkey, Sasha Boxell, Kathryn Bradford, Brandi Burcham, Kirsten Cole, Jennifer Egolf, Travis Hale, Jordan Henderson, Seth Heyde, Jessica Hott, Sadye Howald, Chelsey Howell, Heather Leazier, Scott Lehman, Stacy McCoy, Michelle Nunley, Adam Parrot, Miranda Sunderman, Tyler Szelis, Anna Trout, Holly Wagner, Kaley Weight, Tiffany Whinery.

### TOP RECORD BOOKS

Katie Coolman, a Southern Wells eighth grade and Brian Reinhard, a Norwell eighth grader were recently awarded the Wells County Overall Outstanding Record Book Winners.

Katie is the daughter of Robert and Sue Coolman of rural Keystone. Her 4-H projects in 2003 included Cat, Forestry, Rabbit, and

Swine.

Brian is the son of Jerome and Gale Reinhard of rural Craigville. His projects during 2003 included Arts & Crafts, Dairy Feeder Steer, and Electric.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

The 4-H members were each presented with a \$50 gift certificate from the National 4-H Supply Service and honored at their Clubs 4-H Achievement Night.

Extra emphasis was placed on 4-H Record Books in 2003. Members were required to have completed their records (except for final livestock auction members) in early July and have them signed by their 4-H Club Leaders. Certificates were then issued by the leaders and members presented with certificates to be used for project check-in at the Fair. The Wells County 4-H Council adopted the policy to encourage record keeping and emphasize the 4-H project manuals.

### 4-H MEMBERS HONORED

4-H members in Liberty, Jackson and Chester Township met recently at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park for their annual Achievement Awards Program.

Township Record Book awards were presented to:

Chester Township: Cinda Mounsey, Arts & Crafts, Flowers, Home Environment, Sheep, and Strawberry; Jessica Nusbaumer, BBQ; Casey Carroll, Beef, Janelle Nusbaumer, Cake Decorating; Cathy Boxell, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf and Sewing; Kendra Mounsey, Collections, Goat and Swine; Lacey Probst, Consumer Clothing, Health, and Personality; Ian Boxell, Electric, Rabbit, and Woodworking; Josh Lavanchy, Entomology and Models; Karie Lavancy, Scrapbooking; Rebecca Lane, Genealogy; Sarah LaPeer, Gift Wrapping and Photography; Liberty Township: Emily Pinkerton, Arts & Crafts, Gift Wrapping, Personality, Rabbit, Rabbit Poster,

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Jackson Township: Stacy Piquene, Arts & Crafts; David Reinhard, Bee and Small Engines; Acacia Herr, Beef; Amanda Barr, Child Care; Linley Lloyd, Electric and Flowers; Samantha Piquene, Foods; Kelsey Miller, Garden and Gift Wrapping; Sadie Herr, Goat; Quaid Zoda, Models; Jacob Campbell, Model Rocketry; Mandy Lloyd, Photography; Kyle Thompson, Poultry; Kari Butterfield, Scrapbooking; Amanda Drayer, Sewing; Jenny Lloyd, Sportfishing; Kevin Feemster, Swine; Aric Mc Cann, Wildlife; and Trevor Furnish, Woodworking.

County Record Book Awards were presented to: Emily Pinkerton, Rabbit Poster and Weather; Jacob Alford, Bee; Amy Spaulding, Collections and Flowers; Trent Smith, Geology; Steven Smith, Entomology; Sara Alford, Sewing; Meredythe Smith, Genealogy; Jake Ripperger, Sportfishing; David Reinhard, Small Engines; Cinda Mounsey, Strawberry; Lacey Probst, Consumer Clothing; and Josh Lavanchy, Models.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

Electric Awards were presented to: Trevor Furnish, Division I, Notebook; Jenny Lloyd, Division I Notebook; and Trent Smith, Advance Division Certificate. The awards are provided by United REMC and the State 4-H Electric Committee.

Dana Boxell, a member of the County Committee of the Indiana 4-H Foundation reported on the successful events conducted by the organization this year. 4-H members were encouraged to apply for the scholarships and educational trips that are sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

A PowerPoint presentation "4-H Fair Highlights" was given by Roger Sherer, Extension 4-H Educator.

Wells County Farm Bureau was thanked for the financial support of the meal and 4-H member pins.

4-H Leaders Cindie Mounsey, Christina Furnish, Carol Herring, and Shawna Herring were thanked for their work with the 4-H clubs.

Volunteers from the townships are requested to serve on the 4-H Council and 4-H Association from Chester, Jackson, and Liberty Townships. Interested adults should contact the 4-H Leaders or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

The 4-H program is organized by

the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### THE WARREN SCHOOL IN WWII

Dick Smith — [crskrs@pacol.net](mailto:crskrs@pacol.net)  
The younger children of Warren and the surrounding area now go to a nice, new school just north of Warren on Route 5. The older students are transported to the big high school in Huntington. But how many of you can remember going to school in your own home town? You left home about ten minutes before school started, and you could often walk home for lunch. I know the children from the farm families has a bus ride, but I'll bet it wasn't as long as the ride to Huntington now. And how many remember that we had an 8-month school year! We were out by the first of May each year—that makes for a long summer vacation, but it was originally established to allow high school boys and girls living on farms to help with the crops.

Our Warren School was built in 1925-26. The cost of the building was \$155,700—compare that with today! I was unable to find any total attendance records for the WW-II War Years, but our classes averaged on the order of 25-35 students. I know that sounds big compared to some schools now, but no one thought so at the time. Looking back at the layout of the school, ours was somewhat ahead of its time with the ramps instead of stairs. Remember how grade school students had classes only on the first floor, while high school students had classes all over the building.

One statistic I came across really impressed me. Picking at random, the school's total attendance record for April, 1943 was 96.99%; and Grades 4 and 6 had records of 99.35%! Jefferson's School had a similar record of 96.89% for this month. And these numbers remained at this level most of the year. I wonder how that compares with school attendance nowadays?

I remember Business and Typing under Ruskin Laymon was on the second floor, along with the Home Economics classroom under either Ms. Duckwall, Ms. Bowman, or Ms. Wampler. We had our Home Room in the Auditorium, and had classes all over the building. The teachers we had during the War Years are all listed in a future article on Warren Teachers I have written. I remember that downstairs in the basement was the Shop Area under Mr. Williams, until he left to run the Gamble Store in town. And the Boiler Room, which was sometimes used for a quick "smoke", was next to the Shop.

Early in the War Years, Clifford Pribble was the Principal; he left at the end of the 42-43 school year, and our Mathematics Teacher and Coach, Austin Smith, took over as Principal. He was replaced as Coach by our Fourth Grade Teacher, Pouless Wright. The War had a definite effect on the Teaching Staff; at the start of the War, we had TEN male teachers out of a total of eighteen—and by 1944, we were down to only THREE male teachers—Mr. Smith, Mr. Laymon, and Mr. Wright!

In reviewing the Senior Class Pic-

tures, I found an interesting trend in class size. In 1942, we had 36 graduates; in 1943, this number dropped to only 24; but it went back up in 1944 to 30. And then dropped clear down to only 20 in 1945. They were all born before the start of the Great Depression, so it doesn't seem to relate to economic conditions.

Indiana is known nationwide for its High School Basketball, and that prompted me to write an article on it last summer for the July 11<sup>th</sup> Warren Weekly. Our records were not earth-shattering, but were still well-above the .500 level. We were pretty successful in taking the Four-Team Tournament we always sponsored in January, and we always entered the Sectional with high hopes! I don't believe Warren ever won the Sectional, but I did find records that we once beat Huntington during the year.

I'm often asked here in Pennsylvania if Indiana schools had anything but basketball. I remember we had pretty good baseball teams during this period. I do know that our home field certainly gave us a great advantage. If some of you don't remember why, drive by the old school and look at what was Left Field. Our left fielder had to be a "mountain goat" to play

the steep hill out in left field!! Visiting players always had trouble with that hill; the ball could bounce just any direction! The field was also used for the Summer Softball League that played a full schedule during the summer months of the War.

I have written before about the students' participation in helping the War Effort. We were active in both newspaper collection drives and scrap drives. And the whole school was active in buying War Bonds and Stamps. I was really impressed when I read in an old Warren Tribune where we had bought enough Bonds and Stamps to buy a Jeep for the Army—and we were starting on our second one!

While my data may not reflect total participation, the records that I have indicate that our graduates truly contributed to the War personally. The 1942 Class had NINE men go to the Service; the 1943 Class had TWELVE men go to the Service; while the 1944 Class had NINE men go to the Service. The records I have indicate that none of the Class of 1945 had to go into the Service—but the war in Europe was over, and we knew we were going to beat Japan.

You nowadays read about how par-

ents in large cities want their children to go to Neighborhood Schools—well, that's what we had in our Warren School. Parents all knew the teachers personally. Maybe they knew the basketball coaches too well—they always caught it when our team wasn't winning!! (Doesn't this sound like the Movie "Hoosiers"?). But it was a close-knit school community, where discipline problems didn't grow into serious situations. While we didn't have all the fancy "extras" that are deemed NECESSARY now, we still got a good education from strong teachers there, and our graduates went on to become good citizens and outstanding people.

I don't mean to end on a "sentimental note", but we as graduates, parents, and residents of Warren and the surrounding areas lost something when "our school" was closed. More than just our basketball team, we lost some of our "identity" as our own people. But I know that that's PROGRESS. And the children of Warren are now getting an education that will equip them to live in a World that is a lot different than it was in the 1940's.

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