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Thought for the Week: The hardest thing to give is in. *Anonymous*

CLOSED FOR SHELVING

The Warren Public Library will be closed Wednesday, February 7 to install new shelves.

"THINK SPRING" READING

Calling all children for the "Think Spring" reading sweepstakes at the Warren Public Library. Think spring as you read away the winter hours. Children grades K-8 are invited to enter the "Think Spring" drawing. You may put a ticket into the Sweepstakes flower pot (courtesy of Ruth Herring) each day between February 1 and March 20 that you visit the Library and check out a book.

On March 21, the first day of Spring, two names will be drawn for a prize package. There will be one winner for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-8.

Salamonie and Lancaster students who live outside of Salamonie Township (the Library's taxing district) don't forget that you may receive a free library card for book borrowing.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Warren Town Council has scheduled a Special Session of Council for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 5:00 pm to be held in the Council Meeting Room of Assembly Hall, 131 N. Wayne Street, Warren, IN. Agenda item will be discussion and possible Council action related to the designation of two tracts as Economic Revitalization Areas and any/all business items which could come before Council.

SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

The Warren Town Council will meet for regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. pending any further Council action. The second meeting of the month had been scheduled for 8:00 am.

8TH GRADE REGISTRATION

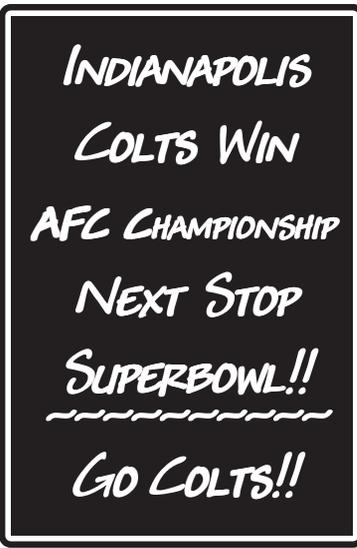
On Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6:30PM, in the Salamonie cafeteria, a meeting will be held for all 8th graders and their parents concerning registration for high school. The counselors from HNHS will be here to discuss graduation requirements, types of diplomas and course offerings. All 8th graders will register for classes on Friday, March 2, at Salamonie School. Each 8th grader will meet with their high school counselor that day to register. Parents are invited to attend, but it is not required. Parents can call the high school to talk to a counselor if they have questions concerning registration. If you cannot attend the Feb. 8 meeting you may attend the registration meeting at Crestview on Feb. 6 at 6:30 or Feb. 12 at Riverview at 6:30 to get the same information.

CAREER INFORMATION

All 8th graders took a career interest inventory on Dec. 13. They took their results and explored potential jobs on the COIN JR. program in the computer lab on Fri, Dec. 15. Coin Jr. has over 1700 occupations available for students to explore. This information will be helpful in planning their high school classes.

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS

The 21st Century Scholars Program provides early intervention support and college tuition scholarships to students who fulfill the Scholar pledge of good grades, good behavior and meet income guidelines. A representative from the program will be available to answer questions and provide applications on Feb. 8, at the orientation meeting at Salamonie. Deadline to apply is June 30 for students in the 8th grade.



COLTS PARTY

A Colts Party is planned at the office of Dr. Kevin DeaKyne DDS, PC.

Come and join us for snacks and COLTS spirit. There will be a drawing for a 2007 Colts AFC Championship Package.

Includes a reprint poster, copy of Championship Souvenir Special Edition newspaper and a T-shirt all from the Indy Star.

Everyone is Welcome!!!! Wear any COLTS apparel and receive a gift.

Dr. Deakyne is located at 470 Bennett Dr in the Warren Clinic.

SOUP & SALAD

Soup and Salad Supper and so much more!

Saturday, February 17 4:30 to 7:00 pm Farrville Community Church 2 miles East of 5 on 200 N.

Come in out of the cold and enjoy Vegetable & Chili Soup, Salad with fixings, Hot Dogs and wonderful Desserts.

Donations will support our July Mission Trip to Honduras.

As an additional treat Sechler's Pickles will be available for purchase.

COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd

On Wednesday evening, June 17, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

On behalf of Eastbrook patrons a citizen was in attendance to inquire about the possibility of holding Drivers Education classes in the Council Room. The classes can no longer be held in a school room.

The classes are expected to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Size of the class is usually 24 to 28 students. The course requires 30 hours of classroom study and six hours driving. There is a possibility a class can start in March and one in October.

Council agreed to check on legal matters and if approved they were in agreement for the class to be held there.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police report. Both vehicles were reported to be running well. A list of properties and vehicles in violation of the Town Code was being compiled.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. He noted it is time to get the Wellhead Protection underway. An estimated \$1500 is expected for water testing this year.

INDOT had been contacted about a problem on State Road 5.

The new trash pick-up appears to be working well.

Christmas decorations had been taken down and a letter of thanks sent to Lowell Taylor for their help in putting up and taking down the decorations.

It was reported that those in charge of the recycling bins behind Town Hall are complaining citizens of Van Buren are abus-

ing them. It was believed the bins may be taken out.

Town employees were expected to attempt a sewer tap on North Washington Street on Thursday.

Senator Ford will be at Town Hall on Feb. 10 and March 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held Feb. 7.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

BKD CPA & Advisors, Federated Media, and Indiana's News Center are proud to present Big Brothers Big Sisters' 27th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake event in twelve counties throughout Northeast Indiana and Southeast Michigan. Bowl for Kids' Sake is a FUNdraiser, with an emphasis on "FUN"! There are currently 270 children on the wait list for a Big Brother of Big Sister. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 to match 200 children.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for people to form teams of five friends, co-workers, or family members who want to help kids. Each team member simply raises \$100 in pledges for Big Brothers Big Sisters (that's just \$10 from 10 friends) and then joins us for Fiesta Bowl 2007.

There are multiple sites and bowling sessions available for those interested. Bowl for Kids' Sake in Huntington County:

Where: Rainbow Lanes (850 S Briant St, Huntington, IN 46750)

When: Saturday, February 24, 2007, 1:00-3:00 pm, 3:00-5:00 pm or

Where: Oak Lanes (235 Hauenstein Rd, Huntington, IN 46750)

When: Sunday, February 25, 2007, 2:00-4:00 pm

Each event will include plenty of prizes, food, and fun for anyone who can participate!

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It is sent anywhere in the Continental United States for three (3) months for \$9.50, six (6) months for \$19 or \$38 for one year. Mail name, address, and payment to WARREN WEEKLY at: PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.

Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

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.

WARREN WEEKLY will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The firm assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will gladly reprint without charge that part in which an error may occur, provided that it is reported within five days of publication.

The publisher takes no responsibility for statements or claims made in any advertisement.

KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was very disturbed when I opened my Warren Weekly last week and out dropped the "Great Warren Survey", a wish list for what businesses Warren would like to see in town. Touting itself as a business mecca, boasting over 100 businesses (where?) I question whether Warren is a "great place to work".

As many of you know, I am speaking from personal experience. Michael and I ran a highly unsuccessful restaurant (Natalie Jeanne's) in Warren for a year and a half. Support and interest from the town, for whatever reason, was lacking. Maybe you didn't like us. Maybe you didn't like our food. Maybe you were handicapped and struggled with the stairs. But the fact of the matter was that our restaurant was a bona fide business and it should have had the support of the town, regardless of personal or professional differences. Unless, that is, you really just wanted us to fail and to see yet another empty building on Wayne Street.

So the question by the "new" Warren Economic Development Committee should not be what businesses would you support in Warren, but HOW are you going to support new businesses? How often will you visit a local restaurant, hardware store, grocery store? Will you sacrifice your weekly trip to Walmart and Applebee's to support your local businesses? Will you be inconvenienced by not one-stop shopping at the superstores only in an attempt to keep business in your small town alive? Will you pay more money to support smaller businesses who can't afford to slash prices like big business can?

How will the town officials maintain new businesses in Warren? Will there be tax breaks, incentives, and other support from the town? How will small business owners face the increase of minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.50 (Indiana is proposing 25 cents higher than the national rate of \$7.25)? How will you lure new businesses INTO Warren when so many have failed in the past few years? How will this committee revive a town that is clearly on death's doorstep?

Let's face it, in our super-store, super-sized, super-discount society, a local restaurant, meat shop, grocery store, or hardware store would have a serious challenge to compete with the low prices of the ever popular super stores. And with the majority of this town in the low-middle class or fixed income range, chances are that these businesses would close just as quickly as their predecessors did. Sure it's easy to check a box on a survey and submit it, but in all actuality, will you honestly be loyal to these new businesses? Remember, Warren has already been home to many of the businesses listed on the wish list, and they have all failed.

Small town independent businesses are becoming extinct. The chain stores, franchises and super stores have taken over America. I wish the Warren Economic Committee good luck on your endeavor. You will need it.

Helen W. DeGennaro
Warren, IN

UPTOWN GARDNER ON PAGE 8 THIS WEEK

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8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor

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

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085
Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor Anna Kroencke

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday..... 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica
Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

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

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m.
 Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

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

1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Clyde Gunn, 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..... 6:30 p.m.

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

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

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
468-2411
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dan Helm, Pastor

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

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
260/468-2148
Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.

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

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor

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

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters would also like to thank Edward Jones: James Ditzler, Chuck Harris, Nicole Johnson, Jim Scheiber, Jim Warner for their sponsorship of this year's Bowl for Kids' Sake in Huntington County.

If you are interested in being a part of the BIG MAGIC, you can register your team by calling (888) 456-1600 or by visiting the Big Brothers Big Sisters website, www.bbbsnei.org, and clicking on BFKS. We hope to see you there!

SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

On Saturday, February 3rd, Eastbrook High School will be the site of the Indiana State School Music Association's Solo & Ensemble Festival. There will be over 400 area junior high and senior high students participating in this band contest. This will be the 31st year that the contest has been at Eastbrook. Eastbrook Band teachers, students, and parents participate in this large event. Interested music patrons are welcome to this event.

STATEHOUSE PAGE PROGRAM

Representative Dan Leonard (R-Huntington) urges Hoosier students to apply for page positions during this session of the Indiana General Assembly. The 65th gathering of the General Assembly reconvened on January 8, 2007 and ends on April 28, 2007. "It is always a thrill to provide an opportunity to better educate students across Huntington and Whitley Counties about Indiana's legislative process," said Rep. Leonard. "I would like to encourage all Jr. High and High school students to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity."

A day at the Statehouse for pages includes activities such as tours of the statehouse, attending floor sessions and committee meetings, and working alongside House staff. Any student 13 years of age or older should contact Statehouse staff via the information provided below. Availability is limited, so students should apply as soon as possible.

Students interested in paging at the statehouse can contact the Indiana House of Representatives Page office at 1-800-382-9841 or visit the House Republican Page request web site at http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/student/pageindex.html for more information.

A BETTER WAY?

If you find yourself in an impending divorce or other family conflict that cannot be resolved, there are good reasons you should consider mediation. Mediation rests on the premises that each person has legitimate concerns and that the dignity of all should be preserved. Where litigation may foster hostility and a lack of understanding, mediation fosters cooperation and understanding, and disputing parties maintain control over the outcome. Plus, costs are typically much less and settlements much faster.

The Wabash Friends Counseling Center (Wabash, IN) is excited to announce the start of domestic mediation services. The Center now provides mediation services to those involved in irresolvable family conflicts including the following types of disputes: divorce, paternity, parental decision-making (or custody), parenting time (or visitation), property distribution, child support, elder care disputes, and family business concerns. The Center aims to provide an environment and process that fosters win/win outcomes and civility for the relationships in conflict.

For divorce or mixed family disputes involving children, the nature of the process and the state of mom and dad's relationship are critical. Research shows that children are much healthier after a divorce when their parents maintain an amicable, civil, or even friendly relationship. The cost to health and well-being is high when children experience their divorced parents as hostile and fighting. The very nature of litigation is a battle, fostering hostility and accusation. Mediation fosters communication and civility, and tends to open lines of communication and civil regard for future cooperation as parents.

Your lawyer can still be part of the process. The Center suggests you can talk to your lawyer about whether mediation services will best fit your particular situation. The Center also recommends the final mediation agreement be reviewed by lawyers representing both parties prior to signing the agreement.

The Center's domestic mediator, Brian Cooper, MA, is a court approved mediator registered with the Indiana Supreme Court Commission For Continuing Legal Education. For more information or to set up the mediation process, please contact the Wabash Friends Counseling Center at 260-563-8452 (877.350.1658) or brian@wabashfriends.org. You can also visit the Center's website: www.wabashfriendscounseling.com.

DIVORCECARE

The DivorceCare Support Group will start meeting February 6th, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Wabash Friends Counseling Center (3563 South, State Road 13 in Wabash). It is open to anyone in the community and there is no cost to attend.

Those who attend the support group are also invited for dinner at Ugaldes Restaurant (at the Wabash Inn, 1950 South Wabash Avenue) beforehand at 5:30 pm.

This video series features some of the nation's foremost experts on divorce and recovery topics. These videos are produced in an interesting television magazine format and also feature real-life stories of people who have been through divorce. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced divorce, learn about their experiences and have the opportunity to share their own story.

The DivorceCare group is a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. You will learn how to deal with the pain of your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. You will find help, discover hope, and experience healing in your journey.

DivorceCare is impacting the lives of people experiencing separation and divorce.

"I'm not sure I could have survived emotionally or spiritually without it." "It has given me something to look forward to each week." "DivorceCare DVDs give you the right answers to so many questions you have while going through divorce." "It helped me understand my anger and loneliness."

Some of the video topics are: the road to healing, facing your anger, depression and loneliness, new relationships, financial survival, helping your children through the divorce, forgiveness, reconciliation, moving on, and growing closer to God.

If you need more information call or email Scott Makin (the Director of the Counseling Center) at 877.350.1658, 260.563.8452 or scott@wabashfriends.org.

MEMORY CAFE

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter will host a social and educational program for individuals with early stage Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at A Day Away Adult Day Care, 2000 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, IN. Neuropsychologist, Ron Williams, PhD will present the program, followed by a time for socializing and snacks provided by A Day Away.

There is no charge to attend this program however reservations are required. To reserve your space or for additional information call the Alzheimer's Association's local office at 260-420-5547 or the 24 hr. Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Today, approximately 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. By the year 2030, when the entire baby boomer generation will be over the age of 65, that

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jan 28 Sunday Lunch, sponsored by PROS at KBC 11-1
Feb 2 Groundhog Day
Feb 2 Warren Recycle Day
Feb 4 Super Bowl Sunday
Feb 7 W. Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Feb 7 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 10 Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 8 a.m. @KBC
Feb 12 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 13 Our Town Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 16 Warren Recycle Day
Feb 19 PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 21 Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Feb 26 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs** at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **After School Adventure** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene **Preschool Story Time** - Warren Library 10:30 **Fridays Walking in the Gym** - at KBC 7-11a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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number will skyrocket to 7.7 million. Within just a decade, Medicare spending on people with Alzheimer's disease will increase by almost 55 percent to \$50 billion annually. Medicaid expenditures will rise by almost 80 percent to \$33 billion annually.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer research and support. Having awarded more than \$150 million to nearly 1,300 projects, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer research. The Association's vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, call 800.272.3900 or go to our website www.alz.org

GUN SAFETY PROGRAM

If a BB Gun was on any child's Christmas list that you know, then you should recommend some hands-on safety training.

4-H will once again offer their popular BB Gun and 22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program. The program includes safety instruction, handling procedures, and actual shooting under the supervision of certified instructors.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 30th with sign up and safety rules from 6:30 – 8 PM. BB and Rifle Safety will continue each Tuesday until April 3rd.

All meetings (except January 30) will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park will be the location for all meetings.

Enrollment will be limited to 28 youth in BB Gun and 32 youth in Rifle. Sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. The lim-

ited club size is to assure adequate instruction and safety.

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a BB Gun shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

The 4-H Archery Club and the Shot Gun Safety Club will begin in late April.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle and Pellet Pistol should be paid at the first meeting. Families with two or more youth participating may pay \$10 and share a booklet. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Rifle Club.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

Youth also have an opportunity to enroll in the Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. Youth may make a poster or notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something they have made. Examples might in-

clude: Poster or Notebook; Fire-arm Safety; Cross a Fence with a Gun; Eye Dominance; Muzzleloading; Target Trap; Archery Safety; Types of Arrows; Buying a Bow; Shooting Vests; Hunter Ed; Tree Stand Safety; Percussion or Flintlock; Hunting Wild Turkeys; Handmade Items – Gun Rack or Tables, Ammo Box, etc.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 824-9493; Ryan Kline, 375-3865; James Painter, 639-6547; and Gregg Palmer, 547-4516.

4-H ADVISORY WORKSHOP

Volunteers serving on 4-H Advisory groups in Northeast Indiana are invited to a special workshop on Wednesday, January 31st at the Allen County Fairgrounds Home & Family Arts Building, Fort Wayne.

The event is designed to help volunteers to have a better understanding of the 4-H Program and its State and Federal partners, along with how your role on a Council/ Board can become more effective.

The agenda will include a light meal followed by the "4-H Essential Elements" by Dr. Steve McKinley, State 4-H Department, Purdue University.

Round table sessions will include: Financial Fund Raising and Grants; Effective Meetings – Setting Agendas; Relationships with Community Partners; Indi-

ana 4-H Foundation.

Volunteers interested in attending the event should contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

VBPL LIBRARY NEWS

New Items at the Library include: DVDs – Barnyard, Air Buddies, World Trade Center, Talladega Nights, How to East Fried Worms, Mona Lisa Smile, The Devil Wears Prada, The Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, The Da Vinci Code, Cars, Ice Age 2: The Meltdown

Books-Adult - Culture Warrior, The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers, Ever After, For One More Day, H.R.H., My Indiana: 101 Places to See

Books-Children - Princess Ellie to the Rescue, Evie the Mist Fairy, Owlie and his Magic Music, Mouse Cookies & More, Babymouse

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library include:

Childrens – Michael's (Jordan) Golden Rules; Pierre in Love; That's What Friends are For; Way I Act Books: Honest Ashley, Christina Keeps a Promise, Good Neighbor Nicholas, Jason Takes Responsibility, Ryan Respects.

Teen – Walking on Glass; Almost Eden; A Friend at Midnight

Adult Fiction – Plain & Fancy by Brunletter; Too Big to Miss by Jaffarian; The Crossroad by Lewis; Lethal Justice by Michahels; A Deeper Sleep by Stabenow; Bad Blood by Fairstein; The Blade Itself by

Sakey; A Shred of Evidence by Herman; All Things Hidden by Herman; Venus Envy by McKelden; Self Storage by Brandeis; Carve in Bone by Barr.

Adult non-fiction – Painting Indiana: Portrait of Indiana's 92 Counties; Painting Indiana II: The Changing Face of Agriculture; Me, Myself & Bob; The Right Words at the Right Time: Volume 2.

Books on CD – Plum Lovin' by Evanovich; The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers by Braun.

DVD's – The Guardian; Facing Giants; Flyboys; Breakfast at Tiffany's.

2007 YOUTH SERVICE

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh today encouraged young Hoosiers to apply for Youth Service America (YSA) grants available for 2007. The grants provide up to \$1,000 to young people who improve their communities by taking a leadership roll in local service projects. The YSA program has worked to promote youth service since 1986.

"These grants offer an excellent opportunity for young Hoosiers to become involved in their communities for the first time or to continue their on-going service work," Senator Bayh said. "When young people volunteer time to help their communities, they help establish a commitment to service that can last for generations."

Each October Senator Bayh joins with Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis to host a Service Leaders Summit for Indiana's high school students

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MYERS

 Ross G. Myers, 75, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died at 4:16 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007 at his residence in Colorado. He was born in Colorado Springs on Jan. 29, 1931, a son of Frank and Mary (Smith) Myers.

He obtained his Masters Degree in 1969 from Ball State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #156 in Montpelier. Mr. Myers was a retired high school teacher who had taught business and accounting at Kempton, Southern Wells, and Blackford High Schools.

He was also the golf coach at Blackford. He was a member of the Liberty Center Lions Club and had lived in Liberty Center, Mt. Zion, and Montpelier areas until last week when he moved to Colorado Springs to be near his daughter.

He is survived by his daughter Tiffani (Michael) Ogden of Colorado Springs, his sisters Norma Duncan of Marion, Shirley Barrett of Tallahassee, Fla., Beth Geiger of Bolingbrook, Ill., Nancy Duncan of Marion, and his brother Robert Myers of Mt. Herman, Ky., along with two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and Mark Myers.

Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Rev. Dewey Zent officiating. Burial was in Converse Cemetery in Converse, Ind.

PLUMMER

Dorothy Maxine Plummer, 84, of Warren died at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. She had worked as a cashier at J.C. Penney in Marion as a cashier, and later worked as a postal clerk at the Van Buren Post Office, retiring in 1985 after 17 years of service. She was a member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church since 1935 and was active in the United Methodist Women, as church secretary, and taught Sunday School for 25 years.

She was born in Garber, Okla., on Dec. 16, 1922, a daughter of Joshua and Marie (Schultz) Schweikhardt. She was a 1940 graduate of Van Buren High School and attended Indiana Business College. She was married in Van Buren on April 7, 1944 to John E. Plummer, who survives. She is also survived by two daughters Kathleen (Bob) Thies of Mishawaka and Norma Kay (Craig) Korporal of Upland; two sisters Marguerite Cox of Marion and Betty Ferguson of Van Buren, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son David Wayne Plummer, a brother Paul E. Schweikhardt, and two sisters Catherine E. Kreigh and Martha A. Duckwall.

Services were held at Heritage Pointe with Dr. Blake J. Neff officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Van Buren United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements are from Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

BENEDICT

B. Joann Benedict, 77, of Montpelier died at 8:20 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She and her husband formerly operated the Benedict Grocery Store in Mt. Zion and she had also worked for K-Mart in Bluffton, and had been a telephone operator for Citizens Telephone in Warren. She was a member of Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 Auxiliary in Montpelier. Mrs. Benedict was a former resident of Jackson Township in Wells County before moving to Montpelier.

She was born in Grant County on July 23, 1929, a daughter of J. Raymond Bonner and Lucille (Phillips) Bonner. She was a 1947 graduate of Marion High School. She formerly attended Zion Lutheran Church in Hartford City. She was married in Marion on Aug. 22, 1952 to Louie Benedict who survives.

She is also survived by her daughter Phyllis (Jeff) Holmes of Bluffton, three sons David Benedict of Alpharetta, Ga., Michael Benedict of Fort Wayne, and Matthew Benedict of Ossian, her sister Doris Diskey of Marion, and 7 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Andrew Benedict, a brother Donald Bonner, and a sister Marilyn Bales.

Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Rev. Dewey Zent officiating. Burial was in Jones Cemetery in Warren.

JONES

Charles C Jones, formerly of Upland, passed away January 20, 2007 in Bradenton, FL. He was born in Upland on March 14, 1917. He was retired from Eastbrook Schools as maintenance supervisor. He had lived in Bradenton for 20 years.

He is survived by one sister, Mary Ellen Spencer, Upland; one daughter, Ledah Klutnoty of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, five step children, and ten step-grandchildren, and several step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Jones, in 1990.

No services will be held.

Local arrangements were handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Homes, Van Buren.



ENGAGED

Robert and Mallie Sparks of Warren announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Jo Sparks, to Eric Michael Strobel, the son of Dan and Nancy Strobel, of Indianapolis. An October 2007 wedding is planned.

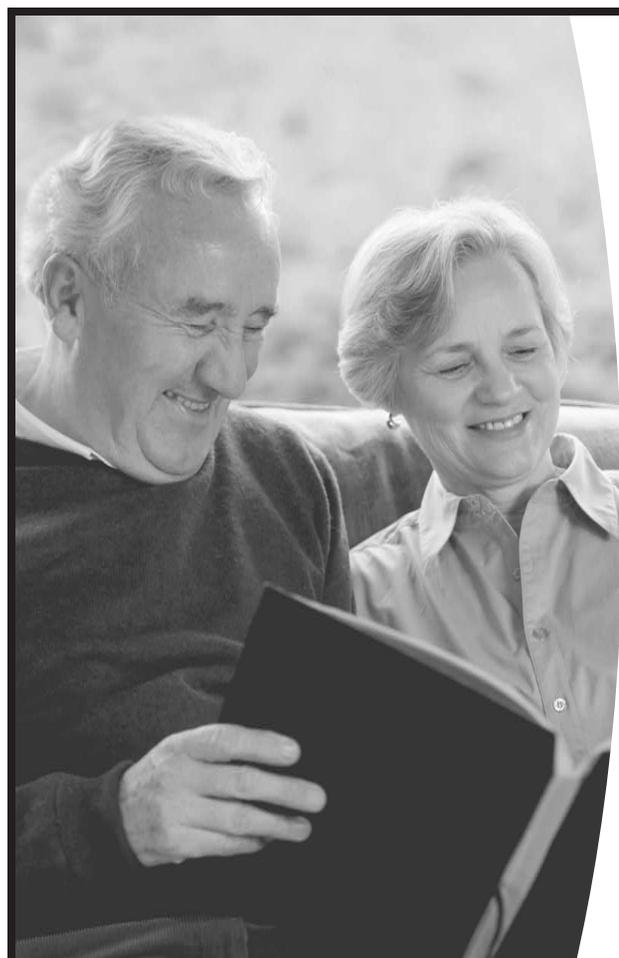
Heidi is a 2003 graduate of Huntington North High School and a current college student studying Social Work and will graduate in the spring.

Eric is a 2002 graduate of Homestead High School and a 2005 graduate of Manchester College.

Heidi's grandparents are Mattie and Phil Edwards of Montpelier, Gene Nicholson of Warren and Dale and Carolyn Sparks of Warren. Eric's grandmother is Helen Strobel of Queens, NY.

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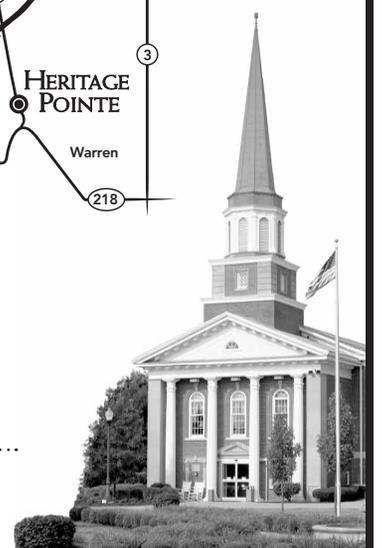
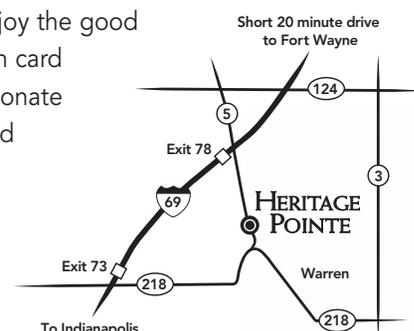
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who are leaders in public service. At the summit in Indianapolis, the students participate in workshops with other Hoosier service leaders to learn more about volunteering and then perform service activities as a group in the Indianapolis area.

The following YSA grants are available to Indiana youth:

The Disney Minnie Grant encourages the participants to focus on the environment, disaster relief, community education, public health and awareness, hunger, literacy, and other community needs. Teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth serving organizations are eligible to apply. In the past this grant has been used to fund projects in Kenyan orphan centers, combat the avian flu in the Republic of Georgia, and build schools in Iraq. The deadline for the Disney Minnie Grant is January 26, 2007.

The Youth Service America Youth Venture Program helps youth engage in community service and develop as young socially conscious entrepreneurs by providing the seed money to start civic-minded organizations. In the past, these ventures have included anti-peer pressure education campaigns and a bike repair shop with vocational training. The deadline for the Youth Service America Youth Venture Program is February 26, 2007.

A Lion in the House Community Service Grant, named after the film by Steven Bogner and Julia Reichart, helps fund youth-serving organizations. The projects funded by Lion Grants are to be led by youth, and will take place on National and Global Youth Service Day. The deadline for A Lion in the House Community Service Grant is February 1, 2007.

The Red, White, and Green Climate Change Grant is a project that promotes service and knowledge about climate change. Past recipients have changed the way their communities interact with the local environment by guiding them to expand in an environmentally friendly way. The deadline for the Red, White, and Green Climate Change Grant is March 9, 2007.

In the Senate, Bayh has co-sponsored the Call to Service Act with Senator John McCain to expand volunteer opportunities including the AmeriCorps program. In 2005, Bayh sponsored a Senate resolution to officially recognize a National Youth Service Day in recognition of the many important contributions young people make through community service.

ROY ROGERS AT LUNCH

Seniors looking for some entertainment and good company can mark their calendars for the Roy Rogers-themed seniors lunch at the Salamonie Interpretive Center, Feb. 5.

During the event, which is geared toward individuals 50 years of age and older, Jim Reeve will give guests a look at the life and career of the famous cowboy, from his birth in Ohio through his years of acting.

The program kicks off with the meal at 12:30 p.m. The meat dish will be provided by Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS). Seniors should bring a dish to pass, their own table service and a \$1 donation to help defray the cost of the provided meat dish.

Those interested should register by calling UWIS, (260) 468-

2127, or by visiting the interpretive center, 3691 S. New Holland Rd., Andrews, 46702.

The interpretive center and gift shop's October through April hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor-to-ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer questions.

The center is in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area, Highway 105, western Huntington County.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis.

CERVICAL HEALTH

Between 2000 and 2004, more than 400 women in Indiana died from cervical cancer, and more than 1,000 were diagnosed with the disease. State health officials say cervical cancer is almost 100 percent preventable, and they want Hoosier women to know how to protect their health.

"Most cervical cancer deaths can be prevented if women receive regular health care check-ups that include a Pap test to find and treat problems early," said State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. "It is important that women know the facts about cervical cancer and how they can protect themselves."

State health officials say the most important risk factor for cervical cancer is infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). Pap tests screen women for precancerous cervical changes. In Indiana, although 94.6 percent of women surveyed in 2004 by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System reported having had a Pap test at some time in their lives, only 57.7 percent said they had a Pap test within the preceding 12 months.

Governor Mitch Daniels proclaimed January as Cervical Health Awareness Month to help increase awareness of the importance of good cervical health. Senator Connie Lawson has joined the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana

Cancer Consortium in helping to educate women about the need for preventive and early detection care.

"We now have breakthrough technologies, such as an FDA-approved vaccine against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer, as well as an HPV test for use in screening," said Senator Connie Lawson. "With these new tools, we have a tremendous opportunity to eliminate cervical cancer. However, it is imperative that all age-appropriate women are educated about cervical cancer, HPV and the need for screening and vaccination, regardless of socioeconomic status."

State health officials say cervical cancer rates are higher among uninsured, underinsured, and minority women, who are less likely to receive regular preventive and early detection health care. A 2005 National Cancer Institute report found high cervical cancer rates indicate broad problems in access to health care, such as not having a usual source of health care and receiving lower rates of preventive health services, including cancer screenings.

"Increased awareness about cervical health and early detection are major elements in preventing cervical cancer," said Laura Morris, M.D., with the Cancer Center at Goshen Health System and co-chair of the Indiana Cancer Consortium Breast and Cervical Cancer Committee.

The new HPV/cervical cancer vaccine, Gardasil, was licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in June 2006 and has been approved by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC). It is recommended for girls and women between the ages of 9 and 26.

SIGMA PHI

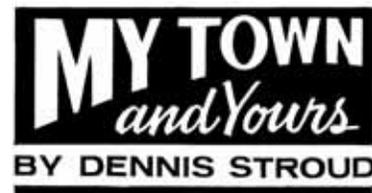
The regular monthly meeting of the Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority was held Tuesday, January 2 at the Knight Bergman Center.

President, Beth Ostermeyer, presided.

Thanks you had been received for our Christmas donations from Love Inc, Food Pantry, Lydia Bradford, McKenzies Hope and Friends House.

The Chapter will be serving the Sunday luncheon April 1 at the Knight Bergman Center.

Members attending included: Sandy Booher, Sharon Gebhart, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Georgia Poulson, Susan Ralston and Rosemary Zeller.



Some people have asked "where do I get my information for my articles?" Some information comes from people whose relatives lived in Warren years ago. Some information I get from the stories people tell at the museum. But most of my information comes from the old newspapers. The museum has about every Warren paper that was printed and I do a lot of reading.

The first copy of the Warren News was printed in 1878. Mr. Carl Sinnigar was the publisher for two years. The paper was then sold to John Surran, who ran the paper until 1902. Mr. Monroe Wiley bought the Warren News in March of 1902 and later merged with A.W. McCulloch who ran the Warren Tribune. They were together for four years and Mr. McCulloch moved to Alabama and sold his interest to Mr. Wiley.

Monroe Wiley was born in Warren in 1874 and graduated from Warren High School in 1892. He attended Danville Normal School for eight weeks and Indiana University for four weeks and then taught school for ten years in Rock Creek and Salamonie Townships and Warren Schools.

Monroe took a prominent part in public, church, lodge and political affairs in Warren for many years. Monroe wrote a weekly column called "Sundry Subjects" that appeared in the Tribune. He, also, wrote subjects of historical interest about the Warren Community. Mr. Wiley sold the paper in 1945 and continued to write his column until his death in 1948. If Monroe hadn't taken the time to research and write about our town we wouldn't know much about Warren's history. Mr. Wiley was another great citizen who lived in Warren his entire life.

SIGMA PHI SOCIAL

The January social for the Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma was held Tuesday, January 16th at the sorority room in the Knight Bergman Civic Center.

Hostesses for the evening were Sondra Zabel, Sharon Gebhart and Georgia Poulson.

The evening was spent socially and playing 7Up. Prizes won were: Low - Jenny Plummer; High - Rosemary Zeller; Door Prize - Susan Ralston.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Beth Ostermeyer, Tara Korporal, Carol Irick, Jenny Plummer, Opal Brubaker, Susan Ralston, Suzette Gephart and Rosemary Zeller.

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Do you have piles of dirty laundry in your bedroom floor that just keeps growing? Do you want to know why they continue to multiply? You have too many clothes,

because you have compensated for not doing laundry by buying more clothes to cover this problem. Then you struggle for two days to finish it all, but it never really gets put away, because your drawers are too full to put anything away. So then you live out of a clothes basket or the piles on top of the dresser or dumped on your bed or in a chair. After a while you can't tell the dirty from the clean ones. So they all get tossed back into the dirty clothes pile.

How in the world can I stop you from doing this to yourself?

Let me tell you how I quit doing this to myself.

1. I cleaned out one drawer for

myself and one for each family member.

2. Then I labeled the drawers, so I would know where to put the clothes.

3. At one time, when I lived alone, I would have everything I owned dirty, before I would go to the laundry and do them. (I did not have a washer or dryer!) I mean two huge garbage bags of dirty clothes. Did I tell you I had too many clothes? Then I would go to the laundry mat and spend half a day getting them done. At least they were done, but I would start the vicious cycle all over again. It was so draining. I could go several weeks without doing the laundry.

4. My remedy was to cut out some of the steps that would trip me up and keep me from taking the first step to doing the laundry. Sorting!! As I took off my dirty clothes, I would sort them into a dark basket and a light basket. Yes I actually have a dark colored and a light colored basket to remind me to sort. Robert does it too. In fact, I think he taught me this. He also taught me to take my socks off, right side out. Push them down over your heels and then pull the toes. Poof your socks are right side out. No more having to turn socks after they are washed. I love this part.

5. Now as a basket gets almost full, I can do a small load and it actually takes less time to do a small load as a huge one. It is no longer overwhelming to me. It gets put away much faster too.

The socks are easier to mate as well. I hated that part, but not anymore.

6. Now you have to have a simple routine to accomplish this. I have it included in my morning routine. As I leave my bedroom in the morning, I grab one of the baskets that looks almost full and take it to the basement. Turn on the washer, then come upstairs and set my timer for 40 minutes. This is how long it takes for my washer to do a load. Do not leave the washer running while you are going to away from home. Just stop the washer and let them soak. Do not leave appliances running when no one is home. Also have a smoke alarm in the area of washer and dryer. Many home fires are started because of this.

7. After the washer has stopped. We need washers with buzzers, did you know that men must design these appliances or maybe born organized people. Grab some hangers and head for the dryer. Put the clothes in the dryer. Now when the buzzer goes off, you will already have the hangers at the dryer. Now here is the rule! You have to go to the dryer when you hear the first buzzer. No excuses. Hang up the good clothes first and put the rest in the basket and go to the room where they belong. I have a secret, I do not fold underwear. I just put it in the drawer. Then I mate the socks and fold everything else in the small basket. I have timed me and I can do this

in 2 minutes. I'll wager you can too.

I don't have to do a load every day, but I check my baskets to see if I do, every single day. It is so much easier to do, when you just get a routine for it. This is why I have 3 reminders every day, to keep you on top of your laundry. It is so easy to forget. This reminder is one of our most beloved.

I hope this will help you to FLY Through your Laundry struggles. For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her new book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

When I first started thinking of ideas for this article I was sitting in the sunroom enjoying the nice warm sun coming in and it certainly felt good. Now we are experiencing the first real snow of the season and I am in the warmer part of our home, but still enjoy looking outside to watch the squirrels and the birds come to the feeders. It seems that I do not have as many song birds this year. When I was out a few days ago for walk I heard a robin singing but couldn't see it. Maybe it was a stray that didn't make it to the south, but it made you think spring.

Watching the news of the terrible weather in other areas and people without electricity for so many days made me think back to younger years at home where it was not unusual for us to lose electricity any time of the year. If it wasn't from a storm it was an animal getting in the transformer. We always keep lanterns and oil lamps filled for such times. On those days especially in the winter we got our chores done before dark and after the evening meal we got our school home work done then we played games at the kitchen table sharing one oil lamp. My friend always liked to come to our house at that time thinking it was fun using the oil lights.

I always made her help with the chores usually she fed the chickens and gathered eggs. We would bring in extra coal and wood for the stoves, but dad never let her milk the cows. He did have us shell corn and bring down hay for the animals. She thought it was fun, to me it was work.

Our games we played was card games, Chinese checkers and we would do shadow figures on the wall and try to guess what they were. Mom would make a pan of peanut butter fudge and pop some corn for treats. Cooking was not a problem as we had a stove that used kerosene which also helped to keep the kitchen warm on those cold nights. We would also tell scary made up stories often it was really scary when we could hear the wild animals cry out in the woods near the house. That was definitely a time when we did not venture to the outhouse no matter how bad we had to go.

If we got enough courage to go out we took our faithful dog Queenie to protect us. She was a companion and a great hunting dog for my dad. Some day I may write a story about her.

Enough about memories for this time and hope the snow and storms do not become as severe as the ones out west. My sweet brother in Texas got a refresher course on how to use a snow shovel I'm sure it has been a while for him. Just hope he took one with him when he moved there years ago.

Everyone enjoy our winter and remember each day that passes is closer to spring.

This recipe is one my mom had written in her Farmers Guide cook book.

It was always a treat when she made it. Us kids would nearly fight over who got to clean out the pan seemed it was the best part.

Peanut butter Fudge

Blend together 1 cup white sugar 1 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup peanut butter, blend till very smooth add 3/4 cup sweet milk and cook until forms a soft ball tested in water. Stir as little as possible while cooking.

Remove from heat and let set about 5 minutes add 1 teaspoon vanilla and about a tablespoon butter beat until creamy and pour in greased pan. Let cool and cut in squares.



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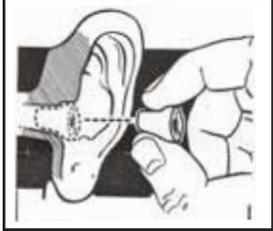
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