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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Don't forget next week is the Christmas Greeting issue of the Warren Weekly. Get your order in today for your greeting to the community. What a lovely way to say thank you to your patrons, or just to say Merry Christmas to friends and family.

New Year's greetings will be in the paper dated January 4, 2002. There will be no paper dated December 28, 2001 due to the Christmas Holiday.



CELEBRATE 90TH

An open house will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 to celebrate Norma Thompson's 90th birthday. It will be held in the Fellowship Lounge of the United Methodist Memorial Home from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Norma, a graduate of Warren High School and a long time resident of the community, was an employee of the Home for 25 years.

Cards may be brought to the open house or mailed to 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.

STORY TIME TO MOVE

Story Time at the Warren Library is moving to a new day and a new time in January, 2002. Thursday afternoons at 2:30 will be the time to bring all the preschoolers to the library for stories, fingerplays and

other activities. The same wonderful story tellers will be on board. Mrs. Joan Boyer and Mrs. Jane Ruble, retired lower elementary teachers, voluntarily give of their time to provide this wonderful opportunity for children. Don't let your children miss this opportunity. Thursday after noon story times replace the Friday morning sessions and will begin on January 10, 2002.

FREE BURIAL SPACES

Concern over some recent advertising has prompted a response from the Veterans' Service Office. This advertising made it sound as though there were no nearby National Cemeteries and that there was a lack of burial spaces. Neither of these things is true.

There is a National Cemetery as close as Marion, Indiana and the burial space is free to veterans and their spouses. There is also no charge for the white marble headstone nor for the concrete burial vault. All other charges must be borne by the family. The cemetery will not accept reservations but says there are enough burial spaces to last through the year 2045.

The other National Cemeteries in Indiana, located at New Albany and Indianapolis are not accepting any further burials.

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs has recently opened the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Madison, Indiana. Burial spaces and burial vaults are provided free-of-charge for veterans and their spouses There is no charge for the burial of the veteran, and only a \$300 opening and closing fee for the spouse. Reservations can be made in this cemetery.

Further details about any of these Cemeteries can be obtained by calling the Veterans' Service Office at 358-4863.

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Ex-POWs May GET BACK-PAY

The Navy announced recently that some World War II exprisoners of war may be due back-pay for promotions earned while in captivity.

The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for FY01 directs the Department of the Navy to pay back-pay to persons interned in POW camps during World War II, who were selected for promotion but were not available to accept the promotion.

The bill authorizes payment to the former member or a surviving spouse of the deceased former member. If there is no surviving spouse, no claim will be paid.

The period of eligibility for World War II is from Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946. A surviving spouse is defined as a husband or wife by lawful marriage who outlives the other spouse. Eligible veterans, retirees or surviving spouses should contact Tom Applegate, the Huntington County Veterans' Service Officer, at 358-4863 to obtain an application. A special section within Navy Personnel Command has been established to handle the requests.

Applegate warns that the process of determining promotion eligibility and the computation of the amount to be paid will require the Navy to research each request by hand and sift through hundreds of documents in the member's personnel and pay records. The bottom line is that this will take time, so veterans or survivors are advised to be patient.

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO 4-H 4-H members planning to con-

4-H members planning to continue their educational efforts after high school have an opportunity to apply for scholarships and financial aid. Additional information about the

following scholarships is available from the Huntington County Extension Office:

- * State 4-H Club Scholarship current high school seniors who are planning to attend Purdue University in either the School of Agriculture or Consumer and Family Sciences. Application deadline is January 15, 2002
- * Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship - current high school seniors who are enrolling in any post high school training or studies. Scholarship amount is a minimum of \$250. Applications are due January 15, 2002
- * Area XI 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship - eligibility is the same as the Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Indiana 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship any 4-H member in grade 10 or older may apply. Application involves submitting a cover letter, informational page and 1-2 page resume. Scholarship amount is a minimum of \$500. Applications must be submitted by January 15

The Huntington County Extension Office has additional resources to help 4-H members in completing these applications. To arrange an appointment to review the resource materials, contact Linda Aldridge at the Extension Office, phone (219) 358-4826 or email at linda.aldridge@ces.purdue.edu.

POETRY CONTEST

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) - The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Warren area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is February 28, 2002. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19913, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by February 28,2002. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

A.A.'s BIG BOOK

The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous announces that the fourth edition of Alcoholics Anonymous (commonly referred to as the Big Book) is now available. It is one of the top nonfiction bestsellers of all time. In the 25 years following publication of the third edition of A.A.'s Big Book, significant changes have occurred in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous-its membership has quadrupled and expanded in diversity.

This new edition reflects these changes. As in previous editions, the basic text remains the same. It is the balance of the content, personal stories of A.A. members, that has changed, vividly presenting the broad range of ages, ethnicity, backgrounds, beliefs and occupations of A.A. members today. Of the 42 stories of recovery from alcoholism (including those of A.A. cofounders Bill

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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.

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank family and friends for the flowers, food, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery.

> Thank You, Dianna Bradford

THANK YOU

I want to take this time to say Thank You to the multitude of friends and family who were so very kind to me during my recent illness and surgery. To those who prayed for me your prayers were answered by an awesome God. Many of you sent cards of encouragement and it warmed my heart, some phone or stopped by to check on me and others brought food and well wishes. Flowers and balloon art brightened our home, but most of all, every one of you made my spirit glow and brought tears of joy to my eyes and made me humble before God.

> With Love, Barbara Robinson

To the Editor:

I would like to say that this is not a letter but a sincere heartfelt apology. Since being incarcerated at the Huntington County Jail, I've had plenty of time to reflect on my actions. Upon reflecting on my actions I felt a huge pile of guilt set in on me and it made me feel really bad about myself. For sometime now I've been feeling this way and I tried to figure out a solution to stop feeling so bad about myself and the solution was to ask for forgiveness. I've asked God to forgive me and I'm pretty sure he has, but now I want to ask the people of this community to please accept my apology or to please take my apology into serious consideration. I want to say I'm sorry for not setting a positive example for today's youth. I'm 22 years olds and considered an adult, but my actions on a night in October were not that of an adult. I feel really bad that I wasn't acting like an adult that night because any adult with a good sense of judgement would have known better to let what happened go on because inside I knew it was wrong.

Again, I say I'm sorry, I don't want anybody to think I have no feeling of remorse for what took place, because I will feel sorry about what happened for a lifetime. Please and thankyou.

> Sincerely, Ryan M. Nolan

HOW TO STAY HAPPY AND GET THINNER DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

It's hard to get through the holidays with your waistline intact. Even worse, what you gain between Thanksgiving and New Year's could stay with you, maybe forever.

Here are some old and new ideas on how to prevent weight

- * Get steady sleep for steady weight. A study at the University of Chicago School of Medicine shows that men who slept only four hours a night showed high levels of blood sugar, meaning the fuel wasn't getting into their muscles.
- * Eat breakfast to get your metabolism started early. Breakfast eaters tend to be leaner, consume less fat, and gel more fiber in their diets. If you eat cereal, look for whole grain and low sugar
- * Get soup whenever you can. It takes the edge off hunger. A Penn State University study showed those who ate soup before

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765-934-2199 Rev. Pat Mullen, Interim Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:40 a.m.

ALLIANCE — Majenica 468-2160

Rev. Kelly Wiley Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship9:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School10:00 a.m. JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

Corner of 900S & 300W Kathie Jones, Pastor Sunday School9:00 a.m. Gary Riley, Pastor
Worship Service10:00 a.m. Sunday School9:30 a.m. WARREN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice5:00 p.m. Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022 Stephan Leininger, Pastor Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:45 a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m.

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Lynn Mefferd, Pastor Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor Sun - Pastor's Prayer Closet...7:30a.m. 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study9:00a.m. Wed. Midweek Service.......7:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) Adv. Club (4yr-6th).....6-7:30p.m. McNATT UNITED METHODIST

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Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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www.hows.net/46792WCT Rev. Bill Barlow. Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sue Brown, Children's Ministry Evening Praise Hour......6:00p.m. Worship10:15 a.m. Hour of Power (Wed)7:00p.m. Children's Church10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship6:00p.m. Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs)..7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study7:00p.m.

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Interim Pastor Dan Sommer Mon. Bible Study (women).... 9:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mark S. Bendes, Pastor

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758-2085

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Sunday School10:45 a.m.

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

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Sunday School10:30 a.m.
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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship......8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship......9:45 a.m.11:11 a.m. 3rd Worship Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

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468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor

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

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings7:00 p.m. UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

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AREA NEWS

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W. and Dr. Bob S.), 24 stories are new. Inclusion of the new stories is the result of four years of effort and wide-ranging input—the stories were selected from narratives submitted by more than 1,200 A.A. members in the United States and Canada.

These A.A. members recall in their personal accounts what they were like during their drinking, including the denial, the alibis and self-delusions; what happened to cause them to turn to A.A.; and what they are like now as they continue to live sober, productive lives. Common patterns emerge even though the storytellers are diverse. From the teenager who climbed out of a dark abyss of despair and the septuagenarian who got a late start in A.A., to the Mic-Mac Indian whose feeble prayer brought undreamed-of joy in sobriety, their differing tales are without exception the stuff that hope is made of.

Over the years the Big Book itself has opened the way to a life of comfortable sobriety for alcoholics who might otherwise have floundered hopelessly. It offers convincing evidence to relatives, friends and employers that compulsive drinkers can recover; and furnishes revealing insights to doctors, clergy, courts and others who work with alcoholics.

The Big Book was written by A.A. co-founder, Bill W., with much input from the small group of barely sober, sometimes contentious, members, who miraculously found a single voice. Since publication of the first edition in 1939, close to 22 million copies have been sold. It took 35 years to sell the first million copies of the Big Book. Now A.A. distributes more than a million copies each year in English alone. The nearly 600-page volume has been published in 43 other languages, including Arabic, Croatian, Hindi, Mongolian, and Punjabi. Translation into Simplified Chinese, used throughout the People's Republic of China, is currently underway. Today A.A. has more than two million members, and its Fellowship has served as a model for Twelve Step programs addressing other problems.

The fourth edition of Alcoholics Anonymous costs \$5.00 in hardcover, only \$1.50 more than it did 62 years ago; a softcover edition sells for \$4.60. Copies of the book and information about Alcoholics Anonymous may be obtained at a local A.A. service office, listed under Alcoholics Anonymous in the phone book, or through A.A. World Services, Inc., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, www.aa.org.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, in the Council Room at Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Tony Manry called the meeting to order and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about the number of street lights out throughout the town.

Officer Pat Collins reported from the Police Department. He said the '99 Ford cruiser was in need of back tires.

Officers Bosley, Werthington and Hicks had attended a class on domestic violence on Tuesday evening. Officer Collins attended a class on Wednesday morning.

It was reported all stations had been restored for basic

Engineer Ken Smith reported to Council on local projects to date.

Senator Ford is scheduled to be at Town Hall on Jan. 19 and Feb. 23 for a meeting at 3 p.m.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. Three water meters had been installed. Other activities included: general repairs, chemical testing, all hydrants flushed and cleaning sewers.

Cleaning of Black Creek was reported to be progressing.

Snow plows were reported ready and the back hoe had been repaired.

Taylors had assisted with putting up Christmas decorations in the downtown area.

Animal control included two written warnings and one animal picked up.

Council voted to donate \$100.00 to IACT Foundation. The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday evening,

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Dec. 19.

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

December 17 Fruit juice, scrambled eggs, buttered toast

December 18 Orange juice, blueberry muffins

December 19 Apple juice, egg/cheese/ham bagel

December 20 Pineapple juice, pizza December 21 Fruit cup, pancake/sausage on a stick w/syrup

Lunch

Each meal includes milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/crackers and fruit basket choice.

December 17 Breaded tenderloin/bun (hot ham/cheese), California blend, orange wedges, pudding December 18

Chicken nuggets (quarterpounder w/cheese), baked potato, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, bread/butter, jello cubes

December 19 Cheese toastie (ham salad sandwich), green beans, apple wedges, cake w/frosting

December 20

Deluxe hamburger/bun (nachos w/cheese or quarterpounder w/cheese), french fries, baked beans, Oreo cookies

Jingle Jingle Jingle

Give Teleflora's Jingle Bell Sleigh Bouquet

We also have Fresh & Silk Arrangements, Poinsettias, Hanging Baskets, green & blooming plants, corsages, balloons, greeting cards, Angels, music boxes and many more gift ideas.



PJ's Flower & Gift Shop

M-T-W-F 9-5: Th & 5 9-12 114 N Wayne St. Warren (219)375-2702

December 21 Footlong coney dog (Tony's pizza), carrots w/dip, corn, Cook's Choice Dessert

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice

December 17 Pancake/sausage stick December 18 Cinnamon toast

December 19 Scrambled eggs, toast w/but-

December 20 French toast sticks December 21 Super donut

Lunch

Each meal includes milk December 17

Nachos w/chili & cheese, buttered peas, juice, cookie December 18

Ravioli, peanut butter sand-

wich, green beans, sliced pears December 19

Panther burger w/cheese, french fries, pineapple tidbits, cookie

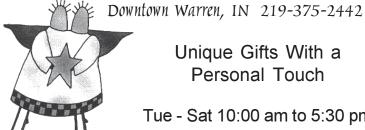
December 20 **Christmas Dinner** December 21 Cook's Choice

CHILDREN TO PERFORM

The children at the First Baptist church have prepared a precious Christmas program about a toy store, a little girl and the true meaning of the giving season. They invite the community to attend either the 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15 performance or the Sunday December 16 at 10:30 A.M. that will replace the worship service for the day.

The kids ask that you bring a new unwrapped toy as an admission fee to be donated to local charity.

Handcrafters Marketplace



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SUPPORT THE SOUTHERN WELLS STATE CHAMPS

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce has set up an account at the MarkleBank called the "Champions Fund."



This account will help pay for the awards (rings, patches and banner) for the Class A State Champs Football team. Anyone wishing to contribute, personal or business, can make a donation at the Warren or Bluffton branches of MarkleBank.

CONGRATULATIONS RAIDERS!



Community

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 onetime \$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

Dec 14 Warren Recycle Day

Dec 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

Dec 27 Warren Town Council, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Warren Recycle Day Dec 28

Mar 22 Salamonie PRO's Carnival:food 5:15-7, games 6-8 Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday &

Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC StoryTime at Warren Public Library - Friday mornings at 10 Walking in the Gym - 6am - Noon Mon - Fri

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

GIFT IDEA

Boy Scout Popcorn can still be purchased at the Warren Pharmacy!! A variety of sizes and flavors are available, including the famous Chocolate Caramel Crunch popcorn. Profits from popcorn sales supports local Boy Scout & Cub Scout activities!!

PHARMACY CALENDARS

The Warren Pharmacy of Warren, IN still has the 2002 PPRB Pharmacy Sweepstakes Calendars available! These calendars include a monthly sweepstakes coupon. Every month winners are chosen from Independent Pharmacy entries across the country to receive one of 104 possible prizes, including a 20" Color TV w/remote.

If you have picked up a calendar, PLEASE bring in the December Sweepstakes coupon this week!! If you do not have a Warren Pharmacy Calendar, stop by now to pick up one for the year 2002! The Warren Pharmacy has had multiple winners over the past 5 years in this national sweepstakes!

HELD PARTY

The Warren Pharmacy annual Christmas Party was held Sunday, December 9th, at 12:30PM at the historic Rittenhouse Restaurant in Bluffton.

Your pharmacist, Terry Daniels, gave a Christmas message from Galatians 4, and spoke about the founding of the pharmacy, 6 & 1/2 years ago, and its fundamental commitment to serving the pharmaceutical needs of the greater Warren community. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the employees of the pharmacy who have dedicated themselves to care for our patients. Gifts were exchanged and excellent food & fellowship were shared by all.

Present were Terry Daniels (Pharmacist, CEO), his wife Melinda Daniels (R.N., CFO), Vernon Byer (Pharmacist) and his wife Joann (the former owners of Byer Prescription Shop), John & Midge Decker (Pharmacists), Tony Chambers (delivery clerk) & his wife Norma, Eula Conwell (clerk) and her husband Brian, Sarah Lance (clerk) and friend, Cheryl Campbell (pharmacy technician) and her husband Mark, Donna Jones (pharmacy technician) and her husband Scott, Marcy Rosen (pharmacy technician) and her husband Troy.

Home School Basket-BALL

On Tuesday (12/4) the H.A.H.E. Eagles (Huntington Area Home Educators Basketball team) played North Manchester Marksmen. The Boys Junior Varsity Eagles overcame the Marksmen 43-33. The Girls Junior Varsity HAHE Lady Eagles succumbed to the Lady Marksmen 16-28.

On Friday, December 7th, HAHE boys played the Kokomo Eagles. The HAHE Junior Varsity lost 20-34. The HAHE Varsity won 55-41.

The Varsity Lady Eagles played Harland Lady Hawks and won 24-14.

SIGMA PHI

The regular meeting of the Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority was held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the meeting room in the Knight Civic Center. The following were in attendance: Tara Korporal, Peggy Sue Clark, Debbie Haupthof, Sallie Ford, Glendora Booher, Dianna Bradford, Carol Irick, Sharon Gebhart, Georgia Poulson, Betty Yoder, Sandy Booher, Sondra Zabel, Sandy Eichorn, Beth Ostermever. Peg Maddock, Elise Smith, Shelly Stafford, Opal Brubaker and Susan Ralston.

President Shelly Stafford presided at the meeting. It was announced that our Christmas social will be December 18th at the civic center. Members are reminded to bring gifts for their secret sisters. The party will be at 7:30 p.m. and work will be done on our province decorations.

During the business meeting it was decided that invitations would be issued for our Guest Night Social in January. Also, we voted to make Christmas merrier for several deserving individuals.

The next business meeting will be held at the center on January 8, 2002.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Seven children attended the After School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday, December 7th. The theme was to learn about Saint Nicholas. He was born in Turkey. He was very rich. At midnight he would come out and put clothes on poor people's doorsteps. Karen shared some different ways Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated. A family in Dublin, California celebrates it. The children place a towel on their bed before they go to school. If they were good for most of the year, they would

receive fruit, nuts or sweets. If they were bad they would get an onion, a rotten potato or a pile of coal. We decided we would rather be good and get the sweets. Saint Nicholas Day also reminds us that Christmas Day is soon to come.

The children were able to help decorate the Christmas tree in the children's department of the library. We had made some ornaments out of felt and put some pictures of ourselves in the center of them. They were really neat. We were able to color pictures for the windows. We have pictures of the Nativity Scene, Christmas Trees, and a Santa with a candy cane. We also sent some of our items we made along with a card to Joel McMillian who is in the service stationed in California. Karen Conwell read a story to the children called "The Christmas Star" by Marcus Pfister. She also shared how Jesus is the reason for the Christmas Season.

For a treat we had cookies, suckers and bubblegum. Bobby Tate won the attendance prize. Next After School Story Time will be December 14th. We will be celebrating the Boston Tea Party. The children also met the marble challenge and pizza will be served. Hope to see you! Attending were; Danielle Scott, Nathan Scott, Cassie Davis, Britni-lynn Davis, Kayla Purvis, Bobby Tate and Connor Pannell.

STORY TIME

Joan Boyer provided Christmas stories and crafts for the children at Story Time at the Warren Public Library on Friday, December 7. She read Melinda's Christmas Stocking, The Friendly Beasts, The Night Before Christmas, The Polar Express and Merry Christmas Laura to Spencer Sharpe, Johnna Cummins, Quintin Surfus, Mary Surfus, Sam VanHaften and Alex Tolen. Each child received a bell necklace to remember The Polar Express and had a stocking craft project.

Story Time will be held on Friday mornings, December 14 and December 21. There will be no story time December 28. Story time will resume in January on a new day and a new time. Beginning January 10, story times will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2:30 instead of Friday mornings.

CARD CLUB

The Jackson Township Ladies Euchre Club met at the home of Phyllis Dickey. Winners were Marge Jones – high, Marjorie Michaud – low, and Jackie Huffman – most lones. Others attending were Jo Banter, Carolyn Carroll, Jane Lieurance, Mary Jo Zoda, Joan Huffman, Florence Taylor, Venita Banter and Sharron Roush

A gifts exchange was held and Christmas Carols were sang. Next months get-together will be at the home of Sharron Roush.

New Books

New books received at the Warren Public Library are:

Adult Fiction – Last Man Standing by Baldacci, Christmas Vows \$5.00 Extra by Copeland, Skipping Christmas by Grisham, October Song by Lewis, Violets are Blue by Patterson, A Rose by the Door by Bedford, Deep Dixie by Jones, Saving Grace by Jones, To Rome With Love by Smith, Mystic Warrior by Bittner, The Way of the Coyote by Kelton.

Adult non-fiction – The Complete Book of the Winter Olympics; Germs: America's Secret War; Love Stories of World War II; God's Most Precious Jewels Are Crystalized Tears; Consumer Reports Home Computer Buying Guide 2002; Circuits: How Electronic Things Work; Controlling Your Emotions Before They Control You; Decisions, Decisions; Holy War, Inc: Inside the World of Osama; A Lynching in the Heartland

Children/Teens – George W. Bush; Mayor for a Day; B. Franklin, Printer; Junie B. Jones: First Grader (At Last); Gun Control: The Pros and Cons; The Ugly Caterpillar; Teen People Faith Stories; Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me; I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie.

Large Print Adult – The Last Swan in Sacramento by Bly; The Red and the Green by Murdoch; Angel Behind the Rocking Chair by Vredervelt; Blackout by Nance; Mrs Jeffries Takes the Stage by Brightwell; A Little Yuletide Murder by Fletcher

Videos – The Alphabet Jungle Game and The New Swiss Family Robinson

BAY VIEW CLUB

The Party Room at the Methodist Memorial Home was the gathering of members and guests of The Bay View Reading Club for their monthly meeting on November 20th, 2001.

President Martha Rumple opened the meeting with the Bay View Collect, followed with the October minutes and Treasurers report by the Secretary-Treasure, Helen Strassner, after which Juanita Schrope, Flowers and Card Chairperson, gave her card report of encouragement.

A quotation for this meeting states: "Today, pray for inspiration and guidance for leaders of our city, state and nation."

Rhonda Landrum, guest vocalist, sang two selections that were quite appropriate for such time as this: "God Will Make This Trial A Blessing" and "You've Got The Power To Save Me."

Rhonda blessed the group with her charming personality and also revealed her recent award of 'First Place' in a Talent Contest in Marion, Indiana at Sunny Crest Church where she received the honor of going to Nashville for a recording session in December. One no doubt will recall her talented appearance in the Pulse Opera House production of "It's a Grand Night For Singing."

Besides Rhonda's singing dates she is a Clinic Aide for Salamonie Elementary and Middle School; she resides in the area of Majenica, Indiana. Hostesses for Bay View were Marian Dawson and Jeanette Weaver, thanks was expressed by the President and sanctioned by the following members and guests: Maxine Alexander, Adeline Holm, Karlene Henry, Lavona Myers, Martha Rumple, Juanita Schrope, Helen strassner, Marjorie Witty, Minette Hartle, and guests Helen Stokes and Mary Evelyn Lewis.

Refreshments served by the hostesses was a delicious carrot cake with hot cider, nuts and mints. A flag sticker in an autumn napkin defined Marjorie Witty as winner of the

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GENEALOGY REPORT

POND

Alice L. Pond, 77, 414 E. 1st St., Warren, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday (Dec. 3, 2001) at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center after an extended illness.

Mrs. Pond retired from Memcor, Huntington, in 1987 after 23 years of service.

She was born March 11, 1924, in Wells County to George Henry and Bessie Belle Carnes Crawford. She attended Chester Center High School, Wells County. She married Forrest A. Pond in Wells County on Oct. 7, 1944. Her husband died Oct. 18, 2000.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ted (Becky) Foreman, Bluffton; two grandchildren, Ben Bennett and Jorden Bennett, Warren; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Delbert Crawford, preceded her in death.

Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. Rev. Joe Haney officiated.

Burial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the Warren Fire Department, P.O. Box 373, Warren, IN 46792.

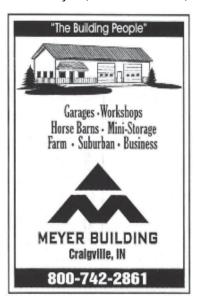
HELMS

Vaughn J. Helms, 80, of Warren, died at 5:40 a.m. Thursday (Dec. 6, 2001) at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

He was retired as a Salamonie Township farmer and in 1993 moved into the United Methodist Memorial Home. He was a 1939 graduate of Warren High School and a member of Warren United Methodist Church.

Mr. Helms was born Oct. 2. 1921 to Ernest R. and Vera Mabel Manring Helms. On July 30, 1943 he married Emily Irene Runkle, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Joan Buzzard and Mrs. James (Judy) Thomas, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers,



Meredith Helms of Warren and Max Helms of Ossian; and two grandsons.

A brother, Paul D. Helms, preceded him in death.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel. Rev. John Wallace conducted the services.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorial is to American Cancer Society, 2420 N. Coliseum Blvd., suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

PERRY

Joan E. Perry, 75, of Huntington County, died at 12:11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001 at the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren.

Mrs. Perry worked as a ticket clerk at the Warren Theatre, as a teller at the Exchange Bank in Warren and as a telephone operator for Citizens Telephone Co. in Warren. She also was engaged in housekeeping at the Memorial Home.

She was a 1944 graduate of Warren High School and had attended Marion Business College. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Warren.

She was born in Huntington County Sept. 13, 1926, a daughter of Harlan P. and Ada P. Brubaker Sprowl. Her marriage on June 7, 1953 at Warren was to Charles M. Perry, who died Feb. 2, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce, and two grandchildren, Aaron and Celesta.

Services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home with Rev. John Bellante officiating. Interment was in Red Men Cemetery at Warren.

Visitation hours were held at Memorial Home's Applegate Chapel.

Memorials to the American



Cancer Society.

Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

McCollum

Linda D. McCollum, 52, died Wednesday, December 5, 2001 in Marion General Hospital.

The Marion native and former Gas City resident worked at General Electronics, formerly of Upland. She was born August 19, 1949 in Marion.

Surviving are sons, Theodore and Jerry, both of Marion; her mother, Ella Nora McCollum, Upland; and a sister, Tina, Upland.

Graveside services were held in Riverside Cemetery, Gas City, with Dr. Blake J. Neff officiating.

There were no visitation hours.

Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St, Van Buren, handled arrangements.

BIRTHS

Garrett Adkins, Warren and Crystal Boyer, Huntington, are the parents of a son. Ethan Michael Adkins, born at 2:46 a.m. November 23, 2001 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounces at birth.



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Ryan and Stephanie (Klefeker) Jones, Lincoln, NE are the parents of a son, Dylan Matthew, born at 10:02 p.m. November 21, 2001 at St Elizabeth Hospital. The infant weighed 7 pounds and mea-

sured 19 1/4 inches. He joins brothers, Derek Mitchell, age 8 and Dustin Michael, age 4.

Grandparents are Walter Jr and Teri Klefeker of Ossian, Joe and Brenda Wehr of Warren and Harold and Kathie Jones of Warren. Great-grandparents are Walter Sr and Peg Klefeker of Poneto, Diane Enyart of Decatur, Joan Stout of Bluffton and Bill and Mick McNany of Warren.



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traditional door prize which was a correspondence kit; just in time for her Holiday notes!



THE WONDERFUL WORLD of Buttons!

I was supposed to attend a celebration of an anniversary for some friends of ours out of this area. I got dressed unusually better than the normal with a suit and tie. I wore a new white shirt for the first time. It was a nice shirt only a button was not sewn on properly. It was located in the "pucker area." This is the area close to the midriff, above the potbelly, between the waist and the upper chest. Wouldn't you know that this was the place, where without a button, was noticeably gaping open. I dropped my wife off and went on the look for a sewing kit, to sew on a button. I had enough time, so I got a little kit at the Dollar General store and got the job done. An extra button was sewn on the bottom of the new shirt and this was greatly appreciated. This was even hard to cut off with the cheap pair of scissors within the kit. Why didn't the shirt button, that was off, stay on that good? Anyway, I was back at the church in ample time for the celebra-

After this happening I got to thinking about buttons. They play an important part in our coming and going in our everyday life. Men usually have 7 buttons on a dress shirt. They are sewn on the right side of the front. Women's blouses have usually the same number of buttons on their blouse but are on the left side of the garment. Buttonholes seem to me as not big enough at the collar only. The rest of the buttons fit nicely in the remaining holes. But at the neck, you have an eighteen-inch neck, and buy a seventeen and one half inch shirt, just to feel smaller, and when you try to button, you almost have flesh and button within the buttonhole. I hate when this happens. When I finally get the button attached here I feel as if I have conquered Mount Everest!

Buttons come in many sizes and shapes. The colors are beautiful. A few years ago we saw a button collection in Ohio

and I mean there were more buttons there than Corn Flakes in Battle Creek! Mr. Button sure got into the business when he invented this marvel. Some are round, some are oval, some have eight sides, many are crazy sided, but they all serve a purpose.

I served in the Navy and buttons are there to stay! Fifteen buttons on the pants alone. Two to get them tightened around your waist and thirteen to attach to front flap. The front flap is like the back flap on a pair of long-handled underwear only this is in the front! After four years in Navy I would like to think that maybe now they have gone to zippers. The jumper has only two buttons, on the sleeves.

Well that's about it for this time. I hope to get into the swing of things again, soon. The events of the past few weeks have taken a toll on many of us. But I will write again. Meantime this lesson has been on buttons! See you soon.

ONLINE SHOPPING SAFETY

You've just found the perfect antique lamp online. You e-mail your credit card number and hope you receive your merchandise. Your mother has decided to begin purchasing her medicine online. Is shopping online a good idea, especially during the holidays?

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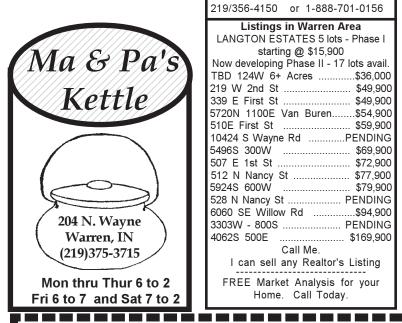
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MENTAL NOTES

by BJ Gray

Depression is more than just "feeling blue" or having a bad day, and it's different from feelings of grief or sorrow that follow a major loss, such as a death in the family or a pet. It's not a personal weakness or a character flaw. Depression is a serious health problem that impacts feelings, thoughts and actions, and can appear as a physical illness. As many as one in eight teens and one in 33 children have clinical depression, but fortunately depression in youth is treatable. Some signs of depression can

be: persistent sadness, withdrawal from family, friends and activities that were once enjoyed, increased irritability or agitation, lack of enthusiasm or motivation, decreased energy level and chronic fatigue, play that involves excessive aggression toward self or others, or that involves persistently sad themes, feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt and recurring thoughts of death or suicide. When your child or teen confides these feelings to you, please listen and know the warning signs for depression, then seek professional advice for your loved one. The Mental Health Association of Wells County has information pamphlets available and may be picked up at 223 West Washington (courthouse annex) or call 824-1514 and one will be mailed to you. Good mental health might just be a phone call away.

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