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Thought for the Week: *Success is just a matter of attitude.* Darcy E. Gibbons

ARE YOU PROUD?

Proud to be an American? Proud to live in a "Small Town with a Big Heart"? Show that pride! Grab your family, your friends or your co-workers and be a part of the Salamonie Summer Festival Parade!! Show everyone how much you love being a part of "Our Town". Call 260/375-3900 for entry form or questions.

BE A READER

It's just about summer reading time! Help your children use their reading skills through the summer by encouraging them to participate in the Warren Library's program.

Record sheets can be picked up after June 1. Story/activity times will be held weekly. Having completed the requirements, children will receive a paper back book to keep and lots more.

Encouraging your child to read introduces him to a friend for life. "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends, the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers." — Charles W. Eliot

FINAL WEEKEND

This is the final weekend to experience the captivating comedy "Room Service" at the Pulse Opera House in Warren, IN. The show features an all-star cast that combines perennial favorites with recognizable TV personalities. "Room Service" is a production true to The Pulse's reputation for fine theatre and creative flares. The ensemble cast brings the show, set in the 1930's, to life. "Room Services" spell good wholesome humor performed in the quaint 1900's circa opera house. Come early and enjoy the pre-show mellow tunes of Barry Jamison!

For reservations call the box office at 260-375-7017. Tickets can also be purchased at Handcrafters Marketplace, located downtown Warren. Showtime is 8:00 pm. The lobby opens at 7:00 pm and the box office opens at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for those 12 and under.

For more information about this show or upcoming events at the Pulse visit us at www.pulseoperahouse.org.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

In honor of the observed Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, members of various veteran's organizations will begin placing flags in local cemeteries on Thursday, May 22nd, the Huntington County Veterans' Council announced today.

Flags will be placed in an Avenue of Flags at the entrance of each cemetery. Family members can remove a flag from the avenue and place it at the grave of the deceased veteran. Those who wish to keep the flag after Memorial Day may do so. Flags will remain out until after the traditional Memorial Day, May 30th.

The veteran's organizations and their cemetery responsibilities are as follows. Individuals who have questions concerning the flags or the cemeteries should call the responsible organization.

Garden's of Memory and the Mount Etna Cemeteries are taken care of by the caretakers. Jackson Township, American Legion Post 160, 219-672-2298; Lancaster, Warren, Union, Dallas and Clear Creek Townships, VFW Post 2689, 358-1206 (temporary number at American Legion Post 85); Polk and Huntington Township and the City of Huntington (except for Greenwood Cemetery), American Legion Post 7, 356-8226; Greenwood Cemetery, VFW Post 2689 Auxiliary, 358-1206; Rock Creek Township (except for Markle Cemetery), American Legion Post 85, 358-1206; Markle Cemetery, Markle VFW Post 6671, 260-638-4311; Salamonie Township (Springhill, Red Man, Masonic, Woodlawn, Thompson, Mitchell and West Union cemeteries, including Jefferson Township's Taylor Cemetery, Tom Applegate, 375-2035.

Flags can also be obtained in person at the Veterans' Service Office, 354 N. Jefferson St., Room 102.

The Huntington County Memorial Day Program will be conducted Monday night, May 26th. The program, which begins at 6:00 p.m., will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1555 Flaxmill Road, Huntington.

This annual ceremony, sponsored by the Huntington County Veteran's Council and supported by funds appropriated by both

Huntington County and the City of Huntington, honors all veterans who have passed away, but will focus on those who passed away in the year 2002.

The program opens with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. This year a special tribute will be paid to the seven Indiana service-members who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their names will be read and pictures shown of each one during the wreath-laying ceremony. A cannon salute will be fired by VFW Post 2689 and Taps will be sounded by bugler Marvin Hall.

109 Huntington County veterans passed away in the year 2002. A surviving member of the family of each veteran will be presented with a special personalized certificate. Most families will also receive Presidential Memorial Certificates signed by the President of the United States.

The program concludes with special pictorial and musical tributes to all those honored and their families.

The public is invited to this program which honors all deceased veterans but focuses on the following veterans who passed away in the year 2002. Hiram Adsit, John M. Aleman, Claude L. Amos Jr., Scott A. Bard, James E. Barnes, Ronald D. Bartom, Richard E. (Dick) Beaty, Theron M. (Zip) Bechtold, Michael J. Bell, John B. Bitner, John Paul Bolinger, Gary W. Bonam, Denny D. Bonewitz, Harris W. Bontrager, Alvin Gene Brown, Walter Buchholz, Max R. Buffington, Bruce E. Caley, Everett D. Caley, John P. Carroll, Paul D. Christ, Bennie L. Cole, Terrance Cozad, Clarence W. Crook, Larry W. Davenport, Paul Dekker, Myron D. Dolby, Warren T. Earhart, William T. Eckman, Ramon G. Emery, Garl E. Ervin, Richard E. Fulton, Amos B. Garner, J. Ben Good, Vernie H. Gray, Gene P. Haflich, Herbert O. Haneline, James E. Hansen, Robert L. Harman, Emerson F. Harrell, Earl D. Hart, Emery Donald Hedges, Harold W. Hiers, Dewey D. Hoffman Jr., Robert R. Hoffman, Richard L. Holzinger, Kenower R. Hughes, Robert E. Hunnicutt, Robert M. Jennings, Ray E.

Johnson, Charles D. (Jack) Kannapel, Howard (Hod) Kaylor, E. Lewis Kester, Larry M. Keyser, Richard N. Kline, John Knop, James Kendrick Kramer, Earl R. Lhamon Jr., Donald H. Lineback, Michael G. Martin, Ralph E. Mautz, Dr. Robert F. Mayne, Robert A. McKay Sr., Steven W. McKinzie, Robert K. Meese, Maurice W. Morton, Robert R. Myers, Clayton A. Penn, Carl S. Peting, Ivan D. Pinkerton, John F. Pinkerton, Samuel E. Pugh, Richard G. Rader, Cameron G. Rogers, Truman D. (Bud) Ross, Rex A. Rudolph, Paul R. Sailors, R.D. (Don) Sands, William E. (Bill) Schaffer, Ramon (Ray) Schmid, Clarence L. Schoeff, John A. Schoeff, Mark A. Schoeff, Paul W. Schoeff, Richard E. Schoeff, Russell A. Searles, Edward P. Shultz, Frederick E. Shumm, Leon J. Simpson, Durand Lee (Randy) Smith, Donald P. Snider, William Max Spade, Melvin A. Springer, Theodore K. Stabler, Alpha Louise Wooten Stader, Harold E. Stephan, James L. Stouder, Rex D. Swing, Clayton Treat, Gary R. Weaver, James R. (Jim) Wehr, Ralph V. Wesco, Wilbur T. White, Max W. Wiley, Richard S. Wilkinson, Dale E. Wilson, Mark B. Winebrenner, Verlin W. Witherow, Harold W. Wolverton.

SEWER CREDITS

Sewer credits for lawn sprinkling will be issued for 2003. Application for sewer credit must be made in the Warren Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall between June 1st and August 15th with credits made on the July 1st, August 1st, and September 1st billings. Based on an average of the past six months of water usage, at least 1,000 gallons over that average must be used for a credit to be issued with the current sewer rate being \$3.94 for each 1,000 gallon of water used. No credit is issued for water consumption.

WASTEMETER MEETING

A third public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2003 in the Town Hall Annex at 131 N. Wayne Street at 7:00 p.m. for continued discussion related to the wastewater separation project currently underway. These public meetings are being scheduled for discussion related to con-

nection of laterals and specifications as well as any topic related to the projects. Additional meetings will be scheduled as necessary. Questions related to the meetings and the project should be directed to Darrel Bice, Town of Warren Utility Manager, 375-3424.

INDIANA YORKSHIRE CLUB

Those interested in becoming the Indiana Yorkshire Queen need to complete an application. The age requirements are 16 to their last year of 4-H eligibility. Contestants must be single and never married. Contestants must have been involved with the swine project for at least 5 (five) years. The applicant needs to contact Lisa Farrer; 6891 W County Rd 325 N; Royal Center IN 46978 for an application. Her telephone number is 574/643-9965.

The applicants will be judged on their application only. This is due by June 9th.

The Indiana Yorkshire Club Queen will receive a banner and a tiara. She will compete in the Indiana State Fair Pork Queen contest. She will be responsible for passing out awards during the 4-H show and the open show at the Indiana State Fair. She is welcome to pass out ribbons at the National Junior Swine Spectacular in Louisville. She will be eligible to participate in the Indiana Purebred Queen Contest.

ATTENTION M€PLAN MEMBERS

The M€Plan has threatened to remove the Warren Pharmacy from the M€Plan Pharmacy Network as of June 1st. The Warren Pharmacy has served M€Plan patients faithfully, in spite of the formulary hassles & low reimbursements. Warren Pharmacy offered to negotiate fair & reasonable terms with M€Plan. Dr. Stan Muchnikoff, the Pharmacy Director has stated that his newly revised 22-page agreement is not negotiable! And while he states that he "values" us as a provider, he just doesn't value us enough to negotiate fair & reasonable terms. If you are an M€Plan member or employer and would like to have the Warren

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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

KUDOS TO OUR TOWN COMMITTEE

Those members of the Our Town Committee deserve a big "pat" on the back for a job well done in this past weekend's festivities. From everything that this reporter saw the festival was a huge success – even though the weather threatened early in the day. Congratulations and we'll be looking forward to next year's event.

THANK YOU

The Cheesecake Committee of the Gingham Gals Club would like to thank all of those responsible for making our Cheesecake Sales such a success.

We appreciate all the efforts of the Gingham Gals for providing the delicious Cheesecakes and womanning the booth.

We want to thank all our customers for the wonderful compliments. A Big Thank You to Brady Smekens for organizing this great day for the Warren Community.

Sincerely,
 The Cheesecake Committee
 of The Gingham Gals

RAINBOW STILL ALIVE

Yesterday, I had the great joy of sending 40,157 (23 pounds) pop tabs to headquarters of Indiana Order of the Rainbow for Girls. These tabs will be delivered to the Shriners. The Shriners will convert these tabs to cash. This money will be donated to Riley Children's Hospital or to the Ronald McDonald House.

My sincere thanks to each and every person who delivered these tabs to me. Some gave 10, some 40, some sent 100 or more. Every tab counts! Mr and Mrs James Legg topped the contributions list delivering several 2 pound coffee cans full of tabs.

A special thank you is due to the local Post Office personnel who graciously assisted me with counting, and to the friends at Salamonie Mills who weighed them for me.

Not one of the little ones who will benefit from this contribution will ever know the name of anyone of us who have contributed but each will smile with joy at the care and healing these "throw-away pop tabs" will pay for.

Our Guide Book says, "I say unto you inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my Brethren, ye have done it unto me."

God Bless this community – with a big heart! Keep tabin'
 Irene Treat

MEMORIAL DAY: THE MOST DRAMATIC SALUTE

Few tributes are as moving as the traditional flyover at a military funeral or important public event. The flyover is even more dramatic when one aircraft zooms out of formation in the "Missing Man Salute." The missing man formation had its early beginnings during the World Wars, when observers would watch for returning aircraft to see empty positions in the formations.

During the Korean War, when one member of the 35th Fighter Group was killed, a formation of three Mustangs, rather than four, flew over the pilot's funeral ceremony. By the war's end, the "missing man" was taking its place in military salutes.

In April of 1954, Air Force General Hoyt Vandenberg was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with several departures from the prescribed military funeral. The traditional horsedrawn caisson was not used. As part of the new tradition, a flyover of jet aircraft with one plane missing from the formation honored the General.

The formation is usually flown by four to six aircraft in a V formation. The flight leader is at the point of the arrowhead. As the formation approaches the gravesite or ceremonial area, the wingman following to the leader's right leaves the formation in a spectacular pull-up, suggesting the hero's soul going up to God.

In addition to military aircraft, at least one civilian unit has performed

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199

Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday..... 6:00 p.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.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathie Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Eric Vitz, Interim Minister
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m.
 Evening Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 "Circle of Friends"
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330

www.hows.net/46792WCT
Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sue Brown, Children's Ministry

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Gary Riley, Pastor

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Bard, Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor
Bob Brewer, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

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

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching
& Discipleship
Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-2031

Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.
 www.vanburenumc.org

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

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

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726

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

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:

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

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Wayne Wright, Pastor

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

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
Pastor - Eric Dubach
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship
 6:30 p.m.

Attend the Church
 of your choice

AREA NEWS

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Pharmacy serve *MEPlan* patients with the highest quality Pharmaceutical Care, and avoid causing them a 30-40 mile round trip just to fill a prescription, you may need to switch to an alternate insurance plan!

FOREIGN LOTTERIES

The Better Business Bureau Serving Northeastern Indiana is issuing an alert concerning foreign lotteries. The BBB has received several phone calls and emails about foreign lotteries. These lottery offers are coming out of Germany, Netherlands, Canada and Africa.

Many of the lotteries are asking for money (any where from \$22 to \$1020) to purchase tickets. The German lottery is advertising guaranteed 99.3% chance of winning.

Some of the lotteries ask for your bank account number, others ask for personal information that has been used by ID theft rings.

The BBB warns consumers to be very cautious about any offer from a foreign lottery. Contact the BBB if you have any questions.

SAVE A LIFE

It can be done on the way to work or while reading the morning paper, yet only 5% of the eligible population currently gives blood. The current demand for blood products is growing at a much greater rate than supply. In response, the Red Cross has launched one of the largest initiatives in its history, a national campaign called the Save A Life Tour 2003, to encourage Americans to help save lives through regular blood donation.

Huntington County will join 345 communities around the country to help the Red Cross achieve its overall goal of 3,000,000 blood donations nationwide. Huntington County's goal is 973 donations, with special recognition for higher participation. The Save A Life Tour 2003 is a six-month nationwide campaign to boost public education of the nation's critically low blood supply and encourage all eligible individuals to donate blood regularly.

A blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 29 from 12 noon until 5 p.m., at United Methodist Memorial Home. United Methodist Memorial Home is located at 801 Huntington Avenue, in Warren.

The results of the entire campaign are being tracked nationally. Community participation will be measured and recognized based on the increase in blood donation over the same period last year.

If you are 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are

in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. For more information or to schedule your appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1.800.448.3543).

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The lawn of the Van Buren Public Library will be the site for a Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 25, at 11:00 a.m. The services will be provided by The American Legion Post of Van Buren. The Eastbrook Junior High Band will provide the music. Bring your lawn chair and join in the recognition of those that have served the U.S.A.

BASKET BINGO PLANNED

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma is having a Longaberger Basket Bingo during the Salamonie Summer Festival on July 5, 2003 at the Knight Civic Center Auditorium located at 132 Nancy St. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and games begin at 1:00 p.m. There is a \$10.00 donation for 20 games. One original Longaberger Basket will be awarded for each game. Concessions will be available. Tickets are available from any Beta Delta Member, Gebharts Floral Barn or by calling Dianna Bradford at 260/375-3992. All proceeds go to community projects.

NEW HOURS

The Warren Post Office is announcing new hours of retail window operations effective Saturday, May 31, 2003 as part of the United States Postal Service Transformation Plan. Monday through Friday, the retail service counter will be available between 8:30am - 10:30am and 12:30pm - 4:30pm daily. On Saturday, the retail counter will be available from 8:30am-10:30am. There will be no change in the box lobby hours, which will be 6:00am - 9:00pm every day.

The USPS Transformation Plan calls for the organization to take one billion dollars in costs out of the system in each of the next five years. The Postal Service and Congress are working closely at the national level on a new business model that would replace its 30-year old operating structure and our Congressional delegates have been informed of the changes we are making in Indiana. On the local level operations have been analyzed and adjusted to better match the workload and revenue associated with the post offices and mail facilities in our area. Small post offices generally don't make money but cost the USPS to operate, those costs being offset somewhat by larger, metropolitan offices. And, unlike other federal agencies, the Postal Service does not receive tax

money, but pays for all its cost through revenue generated by retail sales and mailings.

In 2002, the Postal Service took over 2.8 billion dollars in costs out of the organization by trimming its career employment rolls by over 23,000 employees. You may remember a time when the Warren post office had a full-time postmaster, a full-time clerk and two part-time clerks. Currently, staffing has been reduced to the postmaster and two part-time clerks and it is likely that we will one day have a postmaster and one part-time clerk. We will continue to make every effort to deliver your mail as early as operationally feasible, but modified employee staffing in this office and the mail processing facilities may cause delays on some days, such as Mondays, first of the month, days after holidays, etc. Our target time for all properly addressed mail to the Warren Post Office Box section is no later than 10:00am daily. Customers can help us by using their correct addresses, especially PO Box numbers, so mail can be sorted at the plant by automated machinery, requiring less time to handle locally.

Some other suggestions to help customers adjust to the changes are: buy stamps in books of 10 or 20 instead of one or two at time; remember, we accept debit and credit cards. Rural customers can buy stamps from their carriers, as well as mail parcels, buy money orders, etc. Stamps by Mail envelopes will be placed in the box lobby of the Warren Post Office; customers may order stamps with cash or checks, place the envelope order forms in the TOP SLOT in the lobby collection drop and their order will be placed in their box the following morning.

We will also attempt to place as many parcels as possible in the parcel lockers they may be picked up when the service counter is closed. For parcels too large to fit in the lockers or your mailbox, a trusted friend, relative or neighbor may pick them up for you, or you may pick them up on Saturday mornings. You can also have a relative or friend pick up certified letters, etc. as long as they are not restricted delivery (this will be noted on the salmon-colored form). Some items need not be brought to the service counter, and can be left in your rural mailbox or dropped in one of the collection boxes. These include unopened (parcel or invoice) REFUSED packages (please mark "refused"), misdelivered mail (place in top slot in lobby), and PO Box payment envelopes or completed, signed "No-Fee Renewal Notices" (place in top slot in lobby), along with Stamps by Mail envelopes.

There are also a number of ways to buy stamps and mail parcels

without ever setting foot in a Post Office. You can order stamps by calling 1-800-STAMP24. You can also purchase and print PC Postage from your computer-information about this service is available at www.USPS.com. At the USPS web site you can order stamps, gifts, philatelic products, and print labels and postage for many classes of mail through "Click-N-Ship." Best of all, Delivery Confirmation is free or at a reduced cost through this service. And if you're looking for a zip code, post office locations and hours, or other information, you can call 1-800-ASK-USPS or check the web site.

We appreciate that these changes may require some getting used to, but the US Postal Service is committed to becoming more efficient, increasing revenue and decreasing costs so mail service will be available to everyone in every location at a reasonable cost well into the future.

ANGELS HAVE WHEELS

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

TAKE TIME TO CARE

Aging and In-Home Services will sponsor a FREE seminar at the Senior Center Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Along with them, Norwood Nursing Center will of-

fer free weight and blood pressure screenings, pinch and grip testing, and checks on oxygen saturation levels.

The seminar will cover taking care of your own needs. This includes understanding the interaction between certain foods and your medications.

The screenings will answer the questions "How are your breathing and heart rate?" and "How strong is your grip strength?"

This will be an informative event, free of charge. Plus, we will have some great snacks - healthy of course! Call 356-3006 for more information and reservations.

COUNCIL NOTES

The May 12 meeting of the Warren Town Council was held in Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about a property on Jefferson Street where the grass had not been mowed and a junk car on the premises.

Ruth Herring reported on a Park

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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.

May 21 Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.

May 26 Memorial Day

May 30 Warren Recycle Day

Jun 13 & 14 Van Buren Community Rummage Sale 7-5, 7-?

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 **Story Time at WPL** - 10 a.m. Fridays

Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **KCC Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.

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Board meeting held prior to the Council meeting. Two new members of the Board are Kendra Flemming and Mandy Maddock. Both girls are expected to be working at the Park.

Council granted permission for the purchase of small garden tools for work at the Park.

It was reported the netting on the backfield at the diamonds needs to be of a heavier material.

Flyers about the Park are expected to be passed out during the Arts Festival.

According to reports, the Electric Project, Pole Inspection upgrade project is coming along good.

Council accepted a bid from AEP for work on Utility pole inspection and tagging.

Change order Number five for the Wastewater Project was accepted. This was for Indiana Construction for construction in the amount of \$7,002.00.

A Public meeting was set for May 14 at 2 p.m. in the Annex at which time questions were answered on sewer updates.

Council voted to waive the \$25.00 connection fee for sewer connection permits.

According to reports, United Methodist Memorial Home connection fees should be ready by the next Council meeting.

Plans were being completed for the Arts Festival on May 17. The town employees were asked to hang a sign for the event.

The local Chamber of Commerce had announced plans for Christmas lighting upgrade. It was estimated it would take \$2388.00 to complete lighting around windows in the downtown area. Council agreed to support the fund and pay the additional cost for the project in the amount of \$650.00.

The annual Indiana/Michigan Distributors Association meeting was announced for May 29 in Niles, Mi.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison reported submitted a quote for \$4,495.00 for utility billing program upgrade computer windows. Council accepted the quote.

In the Utility/Street Departments report, it was noted the compost site needed to be certified. Council voted to move forward with a recycling grant for compost certification by June 24.

Announcements included: May 27, Council meeting; Day, Office, Utilities closed.

RESPECT FOR LAW CAMP

The Bluffton Optimist Club is encouraging interested youth to attend this year's Respect for Law Camp for students in Grades 4 through 6.

This unique camp provides a close up look at law enforcement and the legal system. Police officers staff the camp and focus on topics such as personal safety, drug awareness through the Indiana Students Taught Awareness Resistance (I-STAR) program and exciting demonstrations including police dogs, police helicopter and

bomb squad.

Camps are held at major universities around Indiana and offer a unique early glimpse of campus life. Camp dates for 2003 include: June 12-14 at Hanover College, Vincennes University and University of Southern Indiana; July 10-12, Taylor University at Fort Wayne and Anderson University; July 17-19 at University of Indianapolis; and July 24-26 at Notre Dame University.

Applications are available from Laura Gentis at Farm Credit Services, Bluffton and Roger Sherer, at the Wells County Extension Service, 4-H Park, Bluffton. For complete scholarship details contact Bluffton Optimist Club President Sandy Harris at 260-694-6149.

LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Families interested in showing beef, dairy cattle, sheep, and swine in 4-H at the Indiana State Fair, August 6-17 must complete an entry form and mail by June 1st. The entry date is early so that forms can be processed for the livestock shows.

An entry fee of \$15 (per specie) must accompany the entry. A fee of \$50 must accompany entries postmarked June 2-July 31. Only hand delivered entries will be accepted from August 1 until check-in time and must be accompanied by a \$50 late fee plus an additional fee of \$50 per animal.

The July 1 entry deadline remains the same for 4-H Boer Goats, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Cats, Dogs, Llamas, Pigeons, Pygmy goats, Poultry, Rabbits, and Waterfowl. 4-H Horse & Pony entries are due July 31st or three days after the county fair. NOTE: 4-H Cat entries are due JULY 1st at the State Fair-this is a change from last year.

New this year is the State Fair Web Page where you can obtain all the rules and entry forms. The address is: www.indianastatefair.com

Entry forms may also be obtained at the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton, telephone number

(260)824-6412, office hours are 8:00 AM. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

4-H CAMP

Youth who are just finishing grades 3 through 5 are invited to participate in this year's Wells County 4-H Camp.

The event will be held June 9-11 at Camp Mack, located near Milford on Lake Waubee in Kosciusko County. Camp activities will include swimming, boating, crafts, recreation, nature hikes, rocketry, tin-can ice cream and more.

Staff at the seven-county (Wells, Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Noble, LaGrange and Steuben) 4-H Camp will include 4-H Junior leader counselors, 4-H Extension Educators, nurses, and Camp Mack staff. Junior Leaders serving as Camp Counselors from Wells County are Tami Fausz, Andy Gouty, Melanie Day and Jessica Meitzler.

Cost of the camp is \$50 which includes three days, meals, insurance and activities. Registration is due June 4th. Check-in time at the camp will be at 3:30 PM on June 9th and campers will be dismissed at 3:30 PM on June 11th. Carpooling with other Wells County families will be available.

For more information about 4-H Camp or to register, call the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 260-824-6412, office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

BLACKFORD CO. FAIR

What: 4-H Fair Merchant's Tent
When: July 21-25, 2003
Where: 4-H Building, 310 E. Park Ave., Hartford City, IN
Deadline for Registration: July 11th

Cost: \$100 per booth
Time: Booth times Mon-Fri., 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Blackford County 4-H Fairboard would like to invite the public to enter their local business in our County Fair Merchant's Tent. The Fair dates are July 21-26th. The Merchant's Tent will be open July 21-25th from 6-9 p.m.

Your booth space fee of \$1 00 is for the whole week. Please call to request a contract to reserve your space. The deadline for registration is July 11th or until all spaces are full. We would like for you to participate in our Blackford County 4-H and Open Fair. We hope to hear from you soon.

For more information: Blackford County Extension Service 119 N. High P.O. Box 643, Hartford City, IN 47348, (765) 348-3213

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

Load up the car with friends, family and fishing poles this June 7-8 and enjoy a free weekend of fishing.

Indiana resident adults do not need a fishing license to fish on public waters during Free Fishing Weekend. Children under the age of 17 do not need a license at any time.

To celebrate Free Fishing Weekend, many parks, reservoirs, fish and wildlife areas and recreation areas are planning fun fishing derbies, clinics and fish cleaning and cooking classes. Some properties require pre-registration. Call your favorite property for details.

ARMISTICE DAY

The Korean War Commemoration Committee is pleased to announce a special program scheduled for Armistice Day Weekend, July 25-27, 2003, in Washington, D.C., honoring Korean War veterans and their families.

This celebration officially kicked off three years ago on Jun. 27, 2000 when the Korean War Commemoration Committee began a

series of events celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The 3-year event culminates on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2003.

American involvement in the Korean War, originally called the "Korean Conflict" or a police action, started on June 27, 1950. The Armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, ending the war, but, officially, American troops still patrolled the demilitarized zone (DMZ) along the 38th Parallel, the dividing line between North and South Korea, until Jan. 31, 1955. Actually they are still there to this very day.

The Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Sep. 22, 1998, directed that any and all references to the "Korean Conflict" should be officially changed to read the "Korean War". Since that date the Korean War is officially to be called a war.

Free Tickets for Saturday's National Salute at the MCI Center can be ordered by calling 1-866-751-4403. All tickets that can be will be mailed in advance. Tickets not mailed will be available at the will-call desk at MCI Center.

All other events are open to the public and do not require tickets. For discount hotel reservations veterans and their family members may call 1-800-554-2220 extension 102.

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FIRST AID CLASS

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety course at the Courthouse Annex (354 N. Jefferson St., 2nd floor meeting room) on June 7, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Participants will learn first aid procedures, how to check a victim for consciousness, how to perform rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious obstructed airway procedures, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on an adult, child and infant.

The Red Cross provides visual, auditory, and manual learning tools to increase your learning process. The training is standardized and recognized by many national, state and local authorities.

Payment of \$45 per student is due at the time of registration. The registration form and payment must be turned in to the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750 by Wednesday, June 4. To obtain a registration and payment form, please call 260-356-2910 or visit the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203. Registration forms may also be obtained by e-mailing a request to red.cross@huntington.in.us.

Use the handy order form on Page 11 for your Classified ad

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

To help improve the safety of young children left in the care of adolescents, the Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Babysitters Training on Saturday, May 31 from 8:00 -3:00 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital (basement classrooms), 2001 Stults Road. This course instructs youth on how to care for infant through school age children by teaching them how to prevent injuries and what to do if an emergency arises.

The American Red Cross Babysitters Training is designed for youth age 11-15. It provides adolescents with a range of injury prevention, first aid, and basic childcare skills. Participants work on projects such as identifying safety problems around the house and yard, and selecting appropriate toys and games for children of various ages. Babysitters Training also builds decision-making and leadership skills and addresses the business of babysitting and how to seek babysitting jobs in a professional manner.

The Red Cross is offering Babysitters Training not only to equip youth with the knowledge of how to keep children and themselves safe but also to give parents the peace of mind they need when leaving their children at home with a sitter.

Payment of \$30 per student is required at the time of registration. All registrations are needed at the Red Cross office, 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Hunting-

ton by Wednesday, May 28.

DEMONSTRATES 150 YEAR-OLD HAY PRESS

The oxen standing on the dirt floor in the lowest level of the barn lean into the yoke and the six-foot diameter wooden wheel at the base of the hay press starts to turn. The great half-ton oak weight within the press starts to rise toward the roof of the large barn and soon will be released to free fall several feet starting the 19th century version of baling hay.

Pressing hay was one of Indiana's earliest and most dramatic agri-businesses. This animal-driven technology will be used again for the first time in nine decades May 31 at Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area near Corydon.

The Leavenworth-Lang-Cole hay press and barn was built in 1850 next to the Blue River in Crawford County near the Ohio River town of Leavenworth. Dr. Jack Cole donated the press and barn to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

With assistance from the Cook Group the barn was dismantled and moved to Wyandotte Woods. The Indiana Department of Transportation provided a \$1.3 million grant for the re-assembly of the barn and press.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon and First Lady Judy O'Bannon will join DNR Director John Goss at Wyandotte Woods SRA on the 31st for a dedication ceremony celebrating the opening of the restored hay press and barn.

"This hay press demonstrates an important part of Indiana's history, particularly how we maximized our geographic and natural opportunities to strengthen our economy," said First Lady Judy O'Bannon. "We can be inspired by this historic equipment and venue and see how Indiana will continue to be a leader in the future."

The demonstration of the working hay press will follow the 11 a.m. (local time) ceremony. Visitors will also have an opportunity to tour the barn and the attached interpretive center after the demonstration.

"We not only have preserved local history, but this hay press serves as another excellent reason to come to Wyandotte Woods," said John Goss, DNR director. "We've got the caves, camping and outstanding trails already in place. Now, cultural history gets its place and we are very proud to make this available."

There will be no charge for attending the dedication ceremony

or demonstration aside from the entrance fee to the property.

\$1.95 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT

Bluffton Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce plans for a \$1.95 million renovation project that includes creation of a new intensive care unit (ICU), as well as relocation of skilled nursing and inpatient physical therapy to the first floor of the medical center.

The state-of-the-art seven-bed ICU will be designed with individual rooms featuring glass doors to maximize both patient privacy and the nursing staff's visibility of every patient. This design, in conjunction with new telemetry equipment and other features, will enable staff to provide a new level of care in a private setting.

"Renovation of the ICU will afford the local community with state-of-the-art intensive care equipment and monitoring, plus increase the space available for patients in need of close observation and care," stated Donald Dian, M.D., chairman of Bluffton Regional's board of directors.

The new ICU will be located on the third floor of the medical center, in the area currently occupied by Bluffton Regional's skilled nursing unit and inpatient physical therapy department. These areas will be relocated to the first floor, creating a more self-contained, inviting atmosphere for residents that even includes an enclosed patio. The new area will also be more readily accessible to visitors.

Design teams comprised of medical staff members and Bluffton Regional associates are currently developing plans with long-time medical center architect Jim Wallis, who was also involved in the design of River Terrace Estates. Construction surrounding the new skilled nursing and physical therapy areas is slated for late summer, with anticipated relocation taking place by year's end. Once these areas are relocated, construction of the new ICU will begin. The ICU is scheduled to open in late spring 2004.

"This renovation project is the latest in a series of capital investments in the future of Bluffton Regional Medical Center," stated CEO Tom Clark. "Coupled with the new MRI, digital mammography and numerous other facility upgrades, it represents our continued commitment to the health and well-being of the communities we serve."

This plan is the first phase of a

multi-phase renovation project involving the expansion and remodeling of OB Hospital, expansion of the medical surgical unit to all semi-private or private rooms and a new eight-bed pediatric unit.

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

May 26

Memorial Day

May 27, 28, 29

Cook's Choice

May 30

Summer Vacation Begins

Lunch

Each meal includes milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/crackers, peanut butter/jelly sandwich and fruit basket choice.

May 26

Memorial Day

May 27

Bacon cheeseburger (chicken salad croissant), french fries, baked beans, ice cream

May 28 & 29

Cook's Choice

May 30

Summer Vacation Begins

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice

May 26

Memorial Day

May 27

Cereal, toast w/butter

May 28

Pop tart

May 29

Scrambled eggs, toast w/butter

May 30

French toast sticks

Lunch

Each meal includes milk

May 26 - Memorial Day

May 27

Pizza, buttered peas, pineapple tidbits, pudding

May 28 - Manager's Choice

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STORYTIME AT WPL

Curious George was the storytime theme, May 16, as Jane Ruble read Curious George Flies a Kite, Curious George Goes to an Ice Cream Shop, Curious George at the Railroad Station and Curious George and the Puppies to Dylan Hutson, Lily Sabinske, Fletcher Sabinske and Uriah DeWeese. The children received a coloring paper of Curious George and a treat.

The last spring story time will be held Friday, May 23. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be our guest.

IDLE HOUR CLUB

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining Room of the UMMH on Monday, May 5, 2003 for lunch with Mildred Gilbert as hostess.

The afternoon meeting in the Calico Lounge was opened by Pres. Edna Alfeld introducing the three new members. She also read Food for Thought. Mildred Gilbert also gave two readings.

Roll call was taken and Treasurer's report given. Bills were paid to Marjorie Lieurance.

7-Up was played with Martha Bruneau high and Marjorie Lieurance low.

All members were present and received a small vase of flowers from Mildred Gilbert.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Wilodene Birkey, Freda Finley, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Ruth Brooks, Miriam Rice, Georgia Poulson, Devonna Leas, Clara Mossburg, Marjorie Lieurance, Evelyn Schweikhardt, Helen Trout, Violet Yoars, Jean Boxell, Martha Bureau, hostess Mildred Gilbert.

Next meeting, June 2 with Helen Trout as hostess at the home.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Van Buren Auxiliary 368 held their meeting Thursday night, May 1st, 2003.

We started with a salad supper. Lots of good food was brought.

President Waneta opened the meeting in regular form. Secretary's report was read and corrected.

Cards were sent around for members to sign for Barbara Stevens and Eulla Belle Farr. Flo reported Eulla Belle is in the hospital. Ruth asked that everyone try to send her a card.

This month is poppy month. You will be seeing the auxiliary at the post this month with poppies. Poppy days for the street corner is May 16 & 17. Please give as much as you can. This money goes to help our veterans in our community.

The auxiliary is to decorate the library for Poppy Days and Memorial Day. This will be in the library the month of May.

It was announced the Past President's Party dinner will be at Post 10 Marion, June 9th at 6:30 p.m.

We ran a big Easter Basket off at the Post. It was won by Susan Cragun. The proceeds go to Children and Youth programs.

Linda Long reported she turned

in 23 bunnies to the Harvest House for Kids in our town on Easter.

Toni reported on pull tabs we have been saving for Riley Hospital. The time to turn them in is May 1st, so we won't need any more tabs. We turned in about 60 pounds of tabs.

Toni has a van full of things to take to Salvation Army to be sent to our armed forces.

Sheri Flinn gave the rules for the fishing and camping weekends. Sheri also reported on the new chairs we want to get for the post.

Rummage Sale was discussed again, no final plans were made.

Sheri asked for donations of baked goods from the Auxiliary for the S.A.L.'s hog roast on Saturday, May 17th.

Irene asked permission to get lumber to extend our Past Presidents pictures in VIP room.

The auxiliary was honored at our meeting with two guests: Loree Corbat, Department membership chairman and Irene Davis, 5th District President.

Election of officers for year 2003-2004 are President Toni Jones, Vice President Shirley Shinholt, Secretary Sheri Flinn, Treasurer Irene Pickard, Chaplain Waneta Linton, Historian Royce Holmes, Sgt @ Arms Joyce Loftic. Installation June 7th at 8 p.m. at the Post 368.

Those attending the meeting were: Loree Corbat from Syracuse, Irene Davis from Jonesboro, Royce Holmes, Susan Cragun, Ruth Bole, Sheri Flinn, Shirley Shinholt, Flo Doyle, Trudy Ann Plummer, Toni Jones, Linda Long, Waneta Linton, Lequita Taylor, Martha Sparks, Irene James, Sally Bancroft, Joyce Loftis and Irene Pickard.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club held their May meeting at the home of Joan Huffman with twenty members present. President Lou Ann Shafer led the group in reciting the Club Collect. The reports of the treasurer and secretary were read. The new officers for the coming year will be President Karen Hunnicutt, Vice President Oma Zent, Treasurer Roberta St John, Secretary Alice Whitmore. For the June 6 meeting the Club will be traveling to Huntington College. Those wishing to carpool should meet at the Methodist Home in front of the Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

The program was given by Ann Spahr. She gave a very interesting report on Lew Wallace, an Indiana author. Wallace was well known for his historical novels, the most notable, Ben Hur. He was born in Brookville, Indiana in 1827. One of his school masters encouraged him to read the bible and many of his novels had biblical plots. He traveled a great deal and achieved much fame for his exciting stories.

Joan served delicious refreshments to Barbara Baer, Janet Beavans, Ann Brauchla, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, Jean Cress, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Mary

Emma Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Florence Mott, Roberta St John, Lou Ann Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Bertha Turner, Alice Whitmore and Oma Zent.

PULSE IN INDY

The Pulse Players once again took their show on the road. "Scapino" was entered in the 2003 Indiana Community Theatre League Festival. Other entries were from Carmel, Clinton, Elkhart, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Michigan City, Muncie, South Bend, Terre Haute and Valparaiso.

Pulse director Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok was recognized for her "Courageous Choices and Topical Wit." Mark Esch was recognized for his "Comic Creativity."

Indiana was well represented at the Regionals in Wisconsin. Elkhart Civic's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" won first place and will be representing our region in Nationals in Connecticut this summer.

NEW ICTL OFFICERS

Pulse director Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok was elected President of the Indiana Community Theatre League (ICTL) at the recent annual meeting on March 30. The ICTL board oversees the annual statewide theatre festival and coordinates theatre workshops throughout the year. The Indiana Community Theatre League is a part of Region Three of the American Association of Community Theatre. Her term begins in June, 2003 and is a two year term.

Cynthia has been involved with ICTL since 1998. She has served as Treasurer for the past four years. At the Pulse, Cynthia spearheaded the renovation efforts in 1986 and has been responsible for the fundraising, directing and costuming on most of the shows since the opening. She is also the Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service in Fort Wayne.

Randy Neuman was elected ICTL Secretary. Randy has appeared in many Pulse productions as well as being webmaster, photographer, props master and board member. He works at the Huntington College library.

STATE CONVENTION

The 55th State Convention of Tri Kappa was recently held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Council President, Pat Greener of Elkhart, presided. Members of Alpha Rho Chapter were hostesses.

Representing Warren Chapter were Debbie Ledbetter, delegate and Karen Campbell, alternate. Also attending was Karen Hunnicutt, advisor.

There were tours to Riley Hospital for Children and the White River Gardens. Entertainment was provided by The Indianapolis Children's Choir.

The Council officers for the 2003 - 2005 term were installed. They are: Karen Molter of Kentland, President; Mary Jane Polsgrove of Kokomo, Vice President; Kathy

Chorba of Speedway, Secretary and Julie Reeder of Boonville, Treasurer.

The Adviser will be Pat Greener of Elkhart.

It was announced that Tri Kappa has donated over \$2.5 million during the last two years at the local and state levels to philanthropic projects in Indiana.

Tri Kappa is a statewide philanthropic organization known for its work in charity, culture, and education. In its 103rd year Tri Kappa has over 10,000 members in 146 active and 131 associate chapters throughout the State of Indiana.

The Warren Chapter has 18 members. Its projects are: selling nuts, MM Home Bake Sale and Sunday Lunch.

Donations in the local community are made to: Small World Nursery, KCC Basketball, Summer Baseball and Scholarships to high school seniors.

Several business sessions and educational workshops were held during the three day meeting. There were informative and historical exhibits demonstrating Tri Kappa's work throughout the state.

A major project of the Philanthropy Committee of Tri Kappa is Riley Hospital. The project this term was funding a hemodialysis machine and monitoring devices. Over \$32,000 was given to Riley Hospital.

The Scholarship Committee reported that the state committee and local chapters have given over \$5 million in scholarships to students in the state of Indiana since 1914.

The Mental Health Committee donated to Indiana Special Olympics, Mental Health Association of Indiana, Jr. Mental Health Association of Indiana, Indiana Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Woman's Shelters) Alzheimer's Associations of Indiana and several state hospitals.

The Fine Arts Committee has been actively involved in Hoosier Salon since it was organized in 1926. The Committee also pre-

sents art and music scholarships every spring.

The Gifted and Talented Committee has presented monies to Purdue University, Indiana State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Indiana Academy at Ball State University for scholarships to their summer gifted and talented programs. "We The People" enrichment program also receives funding. This program is designed to engage high school students in a rigorous six week study of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill Of Rights.

TRI KAPPA MET

The May meeting of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa convened at the First Baptist Church in Warren, Tuesday, May 6.

President Debbie Ledbetter, Karen Campbell and Karen Hunnicutt each gave a discussion on what they experienced at Convention. They also expressed to the members how much they enjoyed going.


Stacia Perry announced Spring and Summer swim lessons will be offered at Salamonie pool.

Three high school seniors were selected to receive college scholarships. Those awarded include Ashley Keller, Luke Pinkerton and Shannon Knight.

President Debbie Ledbetter passed around sign-up sheets for members to select committees for next year.

In addition to regular business meeting, the evening included a pledge service for new initiates Sheryl Horst, Lauren Jones and Lora England. They will be inducted into Tri Kappa at the June meeting.


Those in attendance were Nancy Bonham, Rita Bolinger, Judy Bradford, Karen Campbell, Eula Conwell, Deb Furnish, Karen Hunnicutt, Jane Jones, Debbie Ledbetter, Karen McCoy, Stacia Perry, Kristina Smekens, Bridget Swaidner and Lynette Walter.



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GENEALOGY REPORT

SHELLEY

Mrs. Alma M. Shelley, formerly Smith/Thorp, age 77 of Palmetto, Florida went to be with the Lord after a long and courageous battle with cancer on May 5, 2003.

There was a memorial service held on Friday, the 9th in the afternoon, at the First United Methodist Church of Palmetto. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Ellenton.

Born in Limon, Colorado on May 1, 1926, as one of 12 children, Alma came to Palmetto from Mt Pleasant, Michigan in 1985. She was a former Michigan Bell Telephone Company employee for 14 years in Flint, Michigan. Upon moving to Mt. Pleasant, she was employed as the audiovisual director at Beal City Public Schools before retiring with her husband, Woodrow W. Smith to Florida. Mr. Smith preceded her in death in 1991 along with her stepson Gary L. Smith in 2002 and nine of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband, M. Dean Shelley of Palmetto, her son and daughter in law, Bruce and Shirley Smith of Kalamazoo, Michigan; her daughter and son in law, Brenda and Steve Williams of Hamilton, Michigan; two stepsons, Don Shelley of Sarasota and Dan Shelley of Fishers, Indiana; two sisters, Geraldine Schumacher of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Frances Harris of Colorado along with many nieces and nephews.

BIRTH

Travis Hummer and Kristen Decker, Bluffton, are the parents of a son, Traxten Leyvi James Hummer, born at 5:46 p.m. May 8, 2003 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The baby weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Curt and Rae Jean Corle of Bluffton and John Decker of Huntington and James E Hummer of Bluffton and Debra Hummer of Marion. Great-grandparents are Ray and Beverly Holzheuer, Warren, Clifford and the late Linda Runion, Huntington, Doug and Joy Patterson of Bluffton, Lucile and the late James E. Hummer of Portland, Fred and Carrie Paxson of Penville and Doris Traughbor of Bluffton. Loren and the late Helen Decker of Bluffton are the great-great-grandparents.

SCHEIBER - VICKREY

Haley Scheiber and Nicholas Vickrey are engaged to be married June 14 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne. She is a student at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, where she plans to graduate in May 2004 with a degree in dental hygiene. She is employed at the Huntington Pizza Hut. Her parents are Daniel and Deborah Scheiber, 1404 Guilford St., Huntington.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Huntington North High School. He is a student at Ball State University, Muncie, where he plans to graduate this May with a degree in secondary education mathematics. He is employed at Bob Evans in Fort Wayne. His parents are Mark and Kathy Vickrey, 3278W-1000S, Warren.

60 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John Burl (Betty P.) Hite of 2508 Washington Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 27, 2002. An open house was held Dec. 29, 2002 at Don Hall's Guest house for family and friends.

John and the former Betty Herring were married Dec. 27, 1942 at the parsonage in Liberty Center.

Mr. Hite is a retired guidance counselor from the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Mrs. Hite owned and operated a beauty shop.

The couple have three children, Michael Hite of Saint Joe, Pat Hite of Plano, Texas and Cheryl Hite of Angola. They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

90TH BIRTHDAY

Mary Studebaker, of Warren and formerly of Markle, celebrated her 90th birthday with an open house on Sunday, April 6. The event, hosted by her nieces and nephews, will take place at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Studebaker was born April 8, 1913, in Browns Corner, Hun-

tington County, to Joseph and Oessie Kemp Taylor. She graduated from Rock Creek High School, Huntington County, and is a member of the Markle United Methodist Church. She is the widow of Ed Studebaker of Markle.

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the salute hundreds of times. The Missing Man Foundation at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif., performs it in their matching T -34 Korean War-era Trainers.

Foundation pilots wear crisp, identical black flight suits to honor departed pilots at their funerals. All pilots and crew involved in the salute are seasoned combat veterans.

LADIES MET

The Women's Fellowship of the Warren United Church of Christ met in the Church lounge on April 28, 2003.

President, Roselyn Poulson called the meeting to order with a reading, "Make Up Your Mind".

A thank you note was received from the Church World Services for the pencils and money that we had donated. A thank you note was also received from Susan Berghoff and the Lutheran Oncology Department for the turbans made by Roselyn and given to them. Roselyn will be making more turbans if anyone would like to help her.

The Mother and Daughter dinner will be held on May 19th. Maxine Jones made a motion, seconded by Marjorie Guard, and it was carried, for our group to donate \$50 to the kitchen shower for the Ebenezer Church in Ft. Wayne.

There was discussion about purchasing program books, redecorating the bath room, and replacing curtains in the lounge.

Janice Brubaker presented the program and showed pictures, fabrics, a lei, and other items from her trip to Hawaii.

The meeting was closed with a poem, the love circle, singing of "Have Thine Own Way", receiving of the love gift, and the Mizpah Benediction.

Hostesses Ruthann Ackley and Cammy Ackley served refreshments to Janice Brubaker,

Roselyn Poulson, Rosemary Zeller, Maxine Jones, Marjorie Lieurance, Sandra Zabel, Patty Butler, Marjorie Guard, Eileen Dye, Peggy Wilson, Opal Brubaker, and Betty Parker.

WHS ALUMNI

The Warren High School Alumni held their annual banquet on Saturday evening, May 10. The event was held in the Knight Civic Center, formerly Warren High School.

A social hour was held at 5:30 p.m. in the gym, followed at 6:30 p.m. by a banquet in the auditorium.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated in a blue and white color scheme, Warren school colors. A number of red geraniums accented the decorations and later given as special prizes to various honored guests in attendance.

The graduating classes of 1943, 1953 and 1963 were honored throughout the evening.

The Mossburg family from Markle presented a very entertaining program of violin music, following the meal, followed by recognition of the honored classes and special guests.

The evening closed with more than 280 Alumni members singing the school song.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, hosted by Warren Wesleyan Women, was held on Tuesday evening, May 13, in Fellowship Hall.

A 6:30 p.m. a delicious bread and salad supper was served.

Speaker of the evening was Mrs. Mary Deisler. Piano and vocal music was provided by her granddaughters.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The 77th Annual Jefferson Center Alumni Banquet was held on May 3, 2003 at the Warren Civic Center in Warren, IN.

A delicious meal was served by Kim's Katered Affair. The Fort Wayne Scottish Rite Choir provided the entertainment for the evening.

Honor classes for 1933 (70 years); 1943 (60 years); 1953 (50 years); and 1963 (40 years) were given special recognition.

Those attending from Warren, IN: Dwight & Helen Holmes, Maurice & Janet Holmes, Don Ruble, Dale Brown, Ron & Myrna Neff, Larry & Sharon Sprowl, Steve & Mary Ann Holmes, Marjorie & Arthur Gard, Esther Martin, Mary Ann Yeiter, Dale Buzzard, Roger & Freda VanWinkle, Mary Kathron & Frank Minnich, Bonnie & Ronald Boxell, Agatha & James Miller, Rex & Sharon Sisson, Jeanette Lee, Nancy Surfus, Mary Brown & Barbara Preston, Pauline & Howard Adsit, Dylett Boyer.

From Huntington, IN: Ruby Stephen, Robert & Carolyn Allen, Carol Buzzard, Jack & Janis Davis, Dudley & Pharaba Campbell, Jay & Jo Ellen Allen, Larry & Mary Ann Banister.

From Marion, IN: John & Norma Moon, Rollie & Evelyn Wehr, Dean & Barbara Hart, Mrs. Robert Sprowl, Anita Hughes, Carolyn & Jim Hewitt, Joan Veach, Carolyn & Robert Jones, Dr. Gary & Lynette Adsit,

From Van Buren, IN: Dorrell & Jene Allen, George & Doris Moon.

From Lafontaine, IN: J e a n Howell, Howard & Gail Kem.

From Fort Wayne, IN: Christie Lake & Beth Lake, Max & Mary B. Ulrich, Martha Harrold, Roger & Margaret Detamore.

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TOOTH TIPS
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Q. WHAT IS A ROOT CANAL?

A. A "root canal" is a generic term for endodontic therapy. A root canal is the removal of the tooth's pulp, a small thread like tissue that has nerve and blood vessels. The pulp is important for development of the tooth and its nourishment. (Good health)

Once the pulp is removed, it's sealed with other materials that keep bacteria from entering through the top of the tooth or the end of the root.

How is the pulp diseased or injured? This happens because of decay, crack in the tooth, or injury. If it can't be repaired through filling or other dental treatment, it will die and subsequently bacteria will cause an infection inside the tooth. An abscess with pain (hot/cold), sensitivity to bite on, and swelling are possible symptoms.

At this point, it will have to be determined by your dentist if a root canal will save the tooth or an extraction is necessary. Root canals are done by your general dentist or referred to a specialist called Endodontist. After treatment is complete your dentist will need to fill and/or crown the tooth. Today, root canal therapy enables a dentist to save many teeth that in the past would have been extracted.

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From Brookston, IN: Harry & Mary Allen

From Corunna, IN: Rosemary Hartman

From Andrews, IN: Juanita & Mark Anson, Gary Brinneman

From Gas City, IN: Nona & Bob Kreisler

From Hartford City, IN: Harry D. & Lois Brown

From Muncie, IN: Ardath & Harold Muller

From Upland, IN: Doris Rupel, David & Joanne Huber

From North Manchester, IN: Dorian & Ruth Wagner

From Ossian, IN: Sharon Jones

From Urbana, IN: Naomi & Lee Miller

STORY TIME AT VBPL

Six children attended the After School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday May 2, 2003 to celebrate bike month and to prepare for Saturdays Bike Rodeo.

As the children entered into the Children's Department they each received a picture of children on bikes to color. These pictures are on display in the library windows.

Cady Swagger read the book "D.W. Rides Again! By Marc Brown. We had fun sharing our own experiences of riding our bikes. Karen shared important rules to riding a bike. Some children didn't realize we are to ride our bikes the same direction as the cars travel. Wearing a helmet is a very important rule we should follow too. The children did a bicycle search a word with Alison Stout winning a prize. There was a crossword on the back of the search a word that a few of the children did.

Each child was able to take home a hand held game to enjoy.

Those who attended were Cameron Riddle, Korisa Kitts, Cady Swagger, Alison Stout, Mary Rose Bums and Sarah Pearson.

After School Story Time on Friday May 23rd we will be making cards for our service men and playing games. Come and have fun.

PROMOTES FIVE

MarkleBank President & Chief Executive Officer Travis Holdman recently announced the promotions of five staff members following the annual organizational meeting of the Directors of MarkleBank.

Controller/Cashier Jeff Humbarger was promoted to Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Vice Presidents Doug Wilcox and Debra Milholland were promoted to the level of Vice President.

Credit Compliance Officer Beth Van Osdol and Bluffton North Manager Melissa Smekens were both named Assistant Vice Presidents of the \$195 Million community bank headquartered in Markle, Indiana.

Locally, Assistant Vice President Debra Milholland was also promoted to the level of Vice President. She has been Manager and Personal Banker at the bank's Warren office since it opened in 1998. Prior to that, she served as a Teller and Customer Service Representative.

Milholland has also served as MarkleBank's Deposit Compliance Administrator since April of 2002. Milholland is currently working on her degree through Huntington College's EXCEL program. She is a 2000 graduate of the Huntington County Leadership Academy, a 2001 graduate of the Midwest School for Community Bankers and a 2002 graduate of the Community Bankers School of Compliance. She was named to the Who's Who of American Business Professionals in 2001. Milholland came to MarkleBank from Standard Federal, working as a New Account Representative in Bluffton and Fort Wayne. Milholland lives in Murray, Indiana with her husband, Greg, and two children, Kyle and Casey.

MarkleBank is the bank subsidiary of MarBanc Financial Corporation. MarkleBank operates five full-service community banking centers, the main office in Markle, two offices in Bluffton, one in Warren one in Huntington, Indiana.

MarkleBank offers investment services through a partnership with MarkleFinancial and Investment Centers of America, Inc. with full-time Investment Advisors available to meet with clients at any MarkleBank office. MarkleBank also operates Markle Insurance Services, a full-service insurance agency. Markle Insurance is located next to the bank's main office in Markle and has satellite offices at the bank's Bluffton North, Warren and Huntington facilities. MarkleBank, Markle Insurance Service and MarkleFinancial can be reached by calling MarkleBank's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-(888) 758-3111.

TAKING CARE OF THE CAREGIVER

Caring for a loved one can be a risky business. The National Family Caregivers Association found that between one-fourth and two-thirds of caregivers in a survey suffered physical, emotional or

mental problems as a result of their responsibilities. Depression was the most common complaint, but caregivers reported a wide range of symptoms, including headaches, stomach disorders, sleeplessness, and back pain.

At best, caregiving is challenging; at worst, it is overwhelming. But being a slave to your loved one's needs-and losing yourself as a result-is not part of the caregiving bargain. Being an effective caregiver means taking care of the caregiver first, setting limits, learning to say no and asking for help.

1. Acknowledge your feelings. Do not think: "I shouldn't feel this way or that." Accept those feelings as a normal part of caregiving.

2. Keep your sense of humor intact. Not only is it all right to laugh, laughter boosts the immune system, increases circulation, and improves one's outlook on life.

3. Ask for specific help: a casserole for dinner, a regular visit, an hour of yard work, or a respite while you go out.

4. Consider hiring a home health aide for a few hours a week as an investment in you, like hiring a babysitter for an afternoon out when the kids were younger. If you can't get out, invite friends in. Host a luncheon or an afternoon of board games.

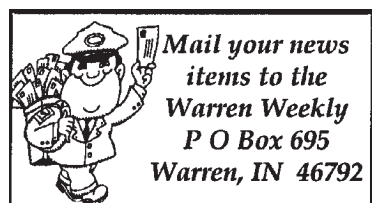
5. Regard everyone involved in your loved one's care as a team player with you as the coach. This includes health care professionals, as well.

6. Promise yourself some "alone time" every day-and keep your promise. Take a walk or read the newspaper. You need that time and you deserve it.

7. Lower your standards. You don't have to be perfect.

8. Consider the positive aspects of caregiving. Caregivers feel useful because they are engaged in a role that makes a difference. In addition, there is a sense of accomplishment and competence to be had when one is better able than anyone else to manage complex caregiving tasks. Ultimately, being a caregiver gives you the chance to convey feelings of empathy, intimacy, and love, which is not only positive-it's priceless.

The above article was provided by Cindy Pond, Outreach Coordinator for the Family Caregiver Program of Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana Inc. 1-800-552-3662 or cpond@agingihs.org



ART EXHIBIT

Call to visual artists in tri-state area: The Fort Wayne Artists Guild announces its 26th annual Ventures in Creativity Exhibition to be held July 1 to August 14, 2003 at the Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, IN. This is a jurored show of all painting media, drawings, hand-pulled art, collages and hanging art with cash and merchandise awards of over \$2000.

Registration is Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from Noon to 4pm at the Performing Arts Center.

For additional information and/or prospectus contact show co-chairs Ron Snyder (260)627-8177, Teresa Burkard (419)399-2154, or Chuck McGrew (260)637-5809.

DIABETES & WOMEN

One third of the nine million women who have diabetes don't know it, aren't getting treatment, and are at risk of serious problems.

With a package of three publications from the Federal Citizen Information Center and the U. S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health, you'll get the facts on this condition, its symptoms and how to manage it. The package contains information for you to assess your risk for diabetes, and a checklist to help you manage your medications-learn when to take them, and if they have any side effects. Also included are tasty recipes for healthy meals.

You may not think that losing weight without trying is a bad thing - but it can be a symptom of diabetes. Other symptoms include frequent urination, being hungry or thirsty all the time, blurred vision, cuts and/or bruises that are slow to heal, feeling tired most of the time, and tingling and/or numbness in the hands or feet. Most people with diabetes don't notice the signs. But if you have any of these symptoms, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you need a diabetes test.

Diabetes changes the way your body uses food, affecting its ability to produce or respond to insulin.

The food you eat turns to sugar, which your blood takes all over the body. Insulin helps get sugar from the blood into the body for energy. So when your body doesn't get the fuel it needs, your blood sugar stays high. High blood sugar can result in kidney problems, blindness, stroke, and heart attacks.

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SENIOR WINNERS

The Warren Pharmacy participated in the Wells Senior Expo on Thursday, May 8th at the Wells County 4-H building.

We gave away a \$10 bill every hour!! Winners were chosen from people who registered at our booth. Eileen Guntle, Helen Hamilton, Connie Beckler, Margie Stucky, Sarah Kipfer, John Beckler, Paul Couch each have won a \$10 bill. It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy!!

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RED HATTER TEA

The newly opened Elizabeth's Tea Room (Purviance House in Huntington) welcomed the "Real Elegant Dames," Warren's Red Hatters this week. We were pleased with the many menu selections and delighted with the tiny red hats at each plate. Jo Chatham, Fritz Boxell, Irene Henderson, Willy Hethcote, Chris Knox, Velma Lindstrom, Lilly Nutter, Virginia Olson, Dee Pattison, Helen Jo Strassner, Maro Wall, Kay Woods and guest Velva Powell were the guests present. Kay surprised each Red Hatter with a long-stemmed red carnation, tied with a purple bow, purchased from the Right to Life group. Plans were finalized for our participation in Warren's Art Festival, 17 May in two categories of the celebration. More money has been received from the USS Salamonie Association (retired crew members of the famed oil frigate) for our use in sending more packages to our adopted servicemen overseas; have sent 12 to date. So many fun things to be involved in and such joy in doing them.

BIBLE QUIZ RESULTS

The Good Shepherd (Huntington) Junior Bible Quiz team came in first place in the United Brethren Central Region Jr. quiz meets.

Teams were formed by 1st thru 5th graders of area United Brethren & independent Churches, Union (of rural Markle) combined with Bethel Church of rural Bluffton, Dillman, College Park (Huntington) had 3 teams, & Convo (Ohio).

Quizzes over the last 4 months have been over sections of the Gospel of John.

The Final standing of the Jr. Bible Quiz teams are:

Good Shepherd (15-1), Union (13-3), Convoy (12-4), College Park-Blue (5-11), Dillman (5-11), College Park-Red (4-12), College Park-Yellow (3-13).

Participants on the Good Shepherd team were: David Ballard, Parker Kramer, Riley Kramer, Stephen Reich, Sam Doughty

The 2nd place Union (Bethel) team: Jessica Braun, Trevor Lloyd, Samuel Daniels, Jordan Braun

The Top Ten quizzers were (there are 12 due to ties): Jessica Braun, Lindsey Berggren (CP red), Jordan Braun, David Ballard, Riley Kramer, Kristen Wein (Convoy), Parker Kramer, Molly King (CP blue), Deidra Coil (Convoy), Kelsey Carey (Dillman), Mitch Vezeau (CP yellow), Stephen Reich.

Bible Quiz events for this region have been energetically coordinated by Donalynn Strine.

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SEVEN TIPS FOR CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

(NUI) - Problems have a way of taking over your mind.

Until you solve a problem - especially a complex one - it's easy to dwell on it so much that you're unable to concentrate on other things.

Fortunately, you can learn techniques that can help you solve problems creatively. The more organized and systematic your approach is, the more positive and creative you will be in solving your problem.

Here are some tips on how to solve any problem from the experts at TrueYou.com:

* Change your language from negative to positive. Instead of the word "problem," think of it as a challenge, situation or opportunity.

* Define your situation clearly. Look for the root of the problem. What exactly is the challenge you are facing? What is causing the stress and anxiety? Why are you unhappy? Approach the problem from different directions.

* Compare possible solutions. Ask yourself, "What must the solution accomplish?" Think about your ideal solution versus other possibilities that could be more feasible. Decide what would be the best thing to do under the circumstances.

* Define the worst scenario that could result from your intended solution. Before you spend much time and effort in trying to achieve your goal, evaluate what would happen if your decision were a failure.

* Accept responsibility for implementing the decision. Many creative ideas never materialize because no one is assigned to carry them out.

* Set a deadline. A decision without a deadline is just a meaningless discussion. If the solution will take some time to implement, set a series of short-term deadlines for each step in solving the problem.

* Take action. Put your ideas into effect as soon as possible. The faster you move toward your clearly defined goals, the faster you will be able to achieve even more in the future.

For more advice about problem solving and other issues, subscribe to TrueYou.com, an online collection of mini-seminars about

relationships, communications, success, business, selling, health and fitness, and serenity. TrueYou.com contains a wide selection of motivational materials, from leading self-help authors, with specific steps you can take to achieve your personal and professional goals. To learn more, visit www.trueyou.com.

CHOOSE THE BEST TENT FOR YOUR CAMPING TRIP

(NUI) - Taking your family on a camping trip can be a fraction of the cost of a major theme park vacation, not to mention a lot of fun.

For first time campers and for those who haven't looked at family tents in 20 years, new comforts have been added to maximize your enjoyment. Today's tents include features like multiple rooms and entrances, headroom for comfortable standing, and poles that are pre-connected with cords for quick assembly.

Canvas and nylon family tents are out; the fabric used in most family tents is polyester. Thus, today's tents are up to 20 percent to 25 percent lighter. Polyester also is more resistant to ultraviolet light than nylon.

In general, there are two primary types of family tents: domes and cabins.

Dome tents are usually self-supporting so the tent can be easily moved before staking down. Domes usually have less headroom than cabin tents and typically don't have canopies or separate screen rooms, but they are easier to set up.

Cabin tents usually offer more headroom and living area. Two- and three-room cabins with canopies allow for more social gathering within the tent.

Sir Edmund Hillary - who this year celebrates the 50th anniversary of his climb to the summit of the world's tallest peak, Mount Everest - has been Sears' camping equipment adviser for 40 years. A world renowned mountaineer and explorer, Hillary has gone on dozens of camping trips with Sears' camping equipment experts, testing gear and providing advice on how to improve it. His outdoor expertise is reflected in Hillary camping gear, which is available exclusively at Sears.

Hillary tents come in one, two, three or four rooms. Room dividers

provide separate sleeping quarters and areas for storing gear. The room dividers are removable so owners can convert the tent to one big room. Larger tents, such as the Hillary Anniversary Summit tent - which is available only in 2003, have three doors so people don't have to climb over one another to get in and out.

The Hillary Grand Safari Party Tent is the largest tent Sears has ever offered. The 21-foot by 18-foot, three-room dome tent sleeps 10 to 12 people.

SIX TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE WHEN DRIVING ALONE

(NUI) - Whether it's the daily commute to the office, picking the kids up from school or just a quick trip to the grocery store, women are on the road alone - or with their children - a lot more these days. In fact, female drivers increased by nearly 40 percent from 1980 to 2000, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

And while they may be logging more miles than ever, a recent survey by OnStar, a provider of in-vehicle safety and security services, reveals that nearly a third of women admit to feeling unsafe while driving alone. The majority of women drivers surveyed also said they worry more about get-

ting into an accident or getting lost while traveling alone with their children than they do about running out of gas or experiencing engine troubles.

OnStar uses wireless technology and Global Positioning System technology to link the car and driver to a call center where advisers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide real-time assistance. OnStar services include automatic air bag notification, stolen vehicle location, emergency services, roadside assistance, remote vehicle diagnostics, remote door unlock, routing assistance, point-of-interest location and online concierge.

While its in-vehicle service is an effective means for ensuring peace of mind for women traveling alone by car, OnStar offers the following easy-to-implement tips:

* Keep an eye on the weather. Unexpected storms can wreak havoc on local roads as well as highways. Always get a weather update before leaving the house, even if you're just going out to run a few errands.

* Make sure your spare tire is in good condition and filled to the proper pressure.

* Outfit your car with a first aid kit; be sure to replenish supplies

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WARREN RECREATION

Summer Swim Lesson Sign - Up
All activities at Salamonie School

Registration for Swim Classes:

Thursday, May 29, 2003

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Salamonie School Cafeteria

Session 1 - June 2 thru 13

8:30 - 9:15	Level IV
9:15 - 10:00	Level III
10:00 - 10:45	Level II & III
10:45 - 11:30	Level I
1:00 - 1:45	Level V
1:45 - 2:30	Level III
2:30 - 3:15	Level II
3:15 - 4:00	Level IV
4:15 - 5:00	Level II
5:00 - 5:45	Level I
5:45 - 6:30	Level III
6:30 - 7:15	Level II
7:15 - 8:00	Level I & III

Session II - June 16 thru 27

8:30 - 9:15	Level II
9:15 - 10:00	Level IV
10:00 - 10:45	Level III
10:45 - 11:30	Level I & II
1:00 - 1:45	Level III
1:45 - 2:30	Level II
2:30 - 3:15	Level IV
3:15 - 4:00	Level II
4:15 - 5:00	Level IV & V
5:00 - 5:45	Level II
5:45 - 6:30	Level I
6:30 - 7:15	Level II & III
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on a regular basis.

* Put together an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, flares, road atlas, bottled water, energy bars and blanket.

* It may not always be safe to reach for a cell phone while behind the wheel. A hands-free, voice-activated phone is a better and safer alternative.

* Make a plan. Talk to your children about what to do and who to call in an emergency.

For more information, visit www.onstar.com.

CANCER RESEARCH LINKED TO INCREASED SURVIVAL RATES

(NUI) - More than 555,000 people will lose their lives to cancer in 2003. That is more than 1,500 people a day and approximately 40 percent of the people who have been diagnosed with some form of cancer.

A 40 percent death rate may seem high, but compare that to an approximate 75 percent death rate only 30 years ago.

Fortunately, scientific discoveries have helped increase survivor rates and provide longer and improved quality of life for cancer patients.

Over the last 30 years, the National Foundation for Cancer Research, a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 to support cancer research from a science-based perspective, has made many breakthroughs in the understanding of cancer. The foundation has spent more than \$200 million in support of basic science cancer research and cancer prevention.

Here are some of the discoveries made over the last 30 years that have increased life expectancy and quality of life:

* Vitamin C in healthy individuals has been shown to have an anti-cancer effect.

* An explanation for how tumors induce new blood vessel growth led to discovering how blood vessels in malignant tumors differ from those in normal tissue.

* The discovery of progesterone receptors in breast cancer led to developing a new diagnostic test for earlier detection and a higher cure rate for breast cancer victims.

* Lycopene, the red pigment found in tomatoes, has been

shown to provide an effective defense against DNA damage; and in processed tomato products such as pasta sauce and salsa, the results are even stronger.

According to epidemiological studies, the 1950 to 1954 five-year relative cancer survival rate was 35 percent. The 1992 to 1998 survival rate was 63.8 percent. That's a significant increase and can be directly linked to the continued investment in scientific research targeted at how cancer develops and spreads.

Looking back at 30 years of progress shows how far the nation has advanced in cancer research as a direct result of the National Foundation for Cancer Research's efforts. The charity has proven that laboratory research is the quickest way to develop new medications and life-saving therapies to increase the options for doctors and patients fighting cancer.

Looking toward the future, the National Foundation for Cancer Research continues to be committed to funding innovative research and accelerating the pace at which new medications and therapies are brought to the patients who need them most. Even more, the hope is that through laboratory research, the charity will discover a cure for all types of cancer.

To learn more about the National Foundation for Cancer Research, or to make a charitable donation, log on to www.nfcr.org.

FOLLOW SIX 'PLEAS' TO KEEP GERMS OUT OF THE POOL

(NUI) - Every year, swimming pools are filled with millions of people having fun and staying cool, but unaware that they may become ill from germs in the water.

These recreational water illnesses are caused by germs like "Crypto" (short for Cryptosporidium), E. coli O157:H7 and Shigella, and are spread by accidentally swallowing water that has been contaminated with fecal matter. These germs can contaminate water in swimming pools, hot tubs, waterparks, lakes and the ocean.

Germs causing recreational water illnesses are killed by chlorine, but chlorine doesn't work right away. It takes time to kill germs. Plus, some germs like Crypto are resistant to chlorine

and can live in pools for days. That is why even the best maintained pools can spread illness.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed to protect you and your family from recreational water illnesses. Practicing these behaviors will help stop germs from getting in the pool. Follow these six "pleas" from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy Swimming Project:

* Please don't swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs into the water and make other people sick.

* Please don't swallow pool water. In fact, try your best to avoid even having water get in your mouth.

* Please wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet or changing diapers. You can protect others by remembering that germs on your body end up in the water.

* Please take your kids on bathroom breaks often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.

* Please change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool.

* Please wash your child thoroughly (especially his or her rear end) with soap and water before swimming. We all have invisible amounts of fecal matter on our bottoms that end up in the pool.

For more information about how to protect yourself and your family from recreational water illnesses, go online to www.healthyswimming.org.

THREE KEYS TO DEFEATING DEBT NOW

by Liz Pulliam Weston, MSN Money Expert (NAPSI)-Money may not buy happiness, but it can buy freedom, flexibility and independence.

That's the whole point of saving for retirement. Trouble is, most people never get this message.

As soon as they get a job, or even before, they get a credit card. Instead of saving and investing, they buy stuff-usually stuff that doesn't last as long as the payments on it.

If they manage to contribute to a 401(k), they either borrow from it or cash it out when they change jobs. As their homes increase in

value, they take out home-equity loans-offsetting most or all of the potential rise in their wealth with more debt.

Debt is a national epidemic, but it would be naive to lay all the blame at the feet of consumers. Lenders have done their part by loosening loan standards and chasing after people with poor credit in an ill-fated attempt to boost their profits. But on a personal level, it's pointless to blame the rope salesman for selling you rope if you use it to hang yourself.

Consider the average credit card-carrying household, which is holding more than \$8,000 in credit-card debt. At a typical 17 percent interest rate, that means paying about \$1,400 a year in interest. Think about that: \$1,400 a year-just for the privilege of not paying immediately. If instead, the \$1,400 each year had been invested and earned an average eight percent annual return, the savings would add up to nearly \$160,000 after 30 years.

It's hard to spend less money, regardless of how much you make.

But the Internet is full of great ideas for saving money-and moral support-for those trying to live within their means. Check out MSN Money's message boards for a community of like-minded folk.

If you're ready to tackle your own debt pile, here's the plan:

Get intimate with your debt. You should know everything relevant: your balances on every account, the interest rates you're paying, whether that interest is deductible, when and how those rates can change and whether you'll face any kind of penalties for paying an account early. Call your lender and ask questions if you're not sure. Write it all down. Prioritize your debt. Divide your debts into deductible and nondeductible piles. Credit cards, car loans and personal loans are nondeductible debt; you get no tax break on the interest. Mortgages, home-equity loans and some student loans (depending on your income) are usually deductible.

Once you know which is which, rank the debts in each pile, from highest interest rate to lowest.

Eradicate your debt. You can start with your highest-rate, nondeductible debt-or the non-deductible debt with the smallest

balance, if you need the sense of satisfaction from wiping out a bill as soon as possible. Either way, put as much money as possible toward your first debt-eradication target.

Once that account is paid off, take the same amount of money and apply it to your next target.

Keep doing this until all your nondeductible debt is gone. Then you can start tackling your deductible debt, or boost your investing, or both. By the way, this plan only works if you stop adding to your debt pile. In other words, cut up those credit cards and don't apply for any more loans.

For more information and tools that help you gain a better handle on your credit situation, visit the Planning Center on CNBC on MSN Money (<http://money.msn.com>), or use the debt reduction tools within Microsoft Money software.

Liz Pulliam Weston writes for MSN Money. To learn more, visit <http://moneycentral.msn.com>.

Paying off your debt (without accumulating more of it) is key for financial independence.

FIRED UP ABOUT BARBECUES? HERE ARE SOME TIPS

(NAPSI)-Grilling season is back in full swing. According to the Hearth, Patio, and Barbecue Association, three out of four 4 U.S. households own a grill and most Americans will barbecue once a week during the summer months. But, before the grilling begins, there are a few safety and cooking tips that will help make backyard barbecues a hit.

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Safety Tips


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- Do not smoke while handling the propane cylinder.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
- When lighting your grill, make sure the grill top is open.

Cooking Tips

- Barbecue vegetables on a "barbecue grate" on top of the grill; that way veggies don't fall into the flames.
- So food won't stick to the grill surface, dip a 2"x2" folded-up paper towel in olive oil and rub over the grate.
- For the perfect steak, let it rest for 3-4 minutes before serving so juices can flow from the center of the meat back to the exterior.
- Use tongs to lift and turn meat. Using a fork pierces the meat and lets precious juices escape.
- Never put on BBQ sauce until the last 10-15 minutes of barbecue time. The sugars in the sauce burn easily and produce a black, unappetizing crust on the food.
- Be sure to keep the lid of the grill closed. Every time the lid of the grill is raised, 15 minutes of cooking time is lost.

For more information, visit the Propane Education & Research Council's Web site at www.usepropane.com.

Propane grill owners know that the distinct flavor of barbecued food does not come from charcoal. It is instead created when meat juices drop down onto a hot surface and then vaporize back onto the meat.

KEEP YOUR CAR OUT OF THE HANDS OF THIEVES

(NAPSI)—If worries about automotive security are robbing you of your rest, there's a line of products that may help you stay in the fast lane of safety.

The amount of personal property stolen each year is staggering. The annual property theft rate in the United States is roughly \$12 billion. Auto theft accounts for more than half of that figure—a vehicle in the U.S. is stolen every 25 seconds. In addition, thieves are targeting more and more valuable items, such as tools, trailers, ladders, recreational vehicles, bicycles and spare tires. People are not only concerned about protecting their vehicles, but anything on them, in them, pulled by them or related to them.

Here are some tips to help keep your car in your hands:

- Remove your keys from the ignition after every trip.
- Lock your vehicle, no matter where you are.
- If you must leave your key with a parking attendant, leave only your vehicle's ignition key. Do not

leave anything attached to it with your name and address.

- Always park in well-lit, high-traffic areas.
- Always have your keys ready before you reach the car.
- Copy your tag number and vehicle identification number on a card, and keep it with your driver's license.
- Write your driver's license number on a business card, and drop it down the window slot to serve as identification, in case the VIN is removed.
- Consider the use of anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks and window etchings.

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If they can't steer it, they can't steal it, so lock your steering wheel to keep your car.

RETIREMENT NEST EGG LOSSES?

(NAPSI)—If you're like many Americans, you worry about your retirement nest egg shrinking. A recent survey found one out of four older Americans has postponed retirement or gone back to work. If you're feeling financial pain, start growing your nest egg again with this seven-step plan.

1. Focus on goals. If you suffered losses, you may need to reassess your expectations, work longer or save more.

2. Diversify. Although diversification alone will not prevent losses in a declining market, it is one of the best ways to protect your nest egg. Investing in different types of investments—stocks, bonds, cash, CDs or money market products, real estate, etc.—means market conditions negatively affect only some of them.

3. Rebalance your portfolio. You should have a targeted mix of investments in your portfolio: For example, 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds. Since investment values fluctuate, the initial balance can change, moving away from your targeted mix and causing unwanted changes in your portfolio's risk and return. By fine-tuning your investment mix annually you help keep your portfolio in balance.

4. Don't borrow against retirement savings. If you take a loan out against your retirement savings plan at work, you'll have to pay it back in full if you change employers. Depending on your age, you may have to pay sub-

stantial tax penalties on both 401(k) and IRA withdrawals. It could take years to replace or resave what you spent and lost to taxes and penalties.

5. Make your hobby or interest pay in retirement. As you reevaluate your retirement income needs, ask yourself if you could supplement your income by working part time at something you love. Maybe you've always wanted to work at a bookstore, sell handmade items, repair bikes or bake cheesecakes. Fulfill your dream and make extra

money at the same time. Retirement could be rewarding personally and financially.

6. Save money now. Avoid debt. Consider refinancing an existing mortgage at a lower interest rate or consolidating high-interest credit card debt under a lower-interest, potentially tax-deductible home equity loan.

7. Get advice. A good financial advisor can help you grow and protect your nest egg as well as keep you on track to meet all your financial goals.

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