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Thought for the Week: *May you have the Merriest of Christmas' and the Happiest of New Years.* Warren Weekly



TRASH PICK-UP

Trash pick-up for this week will be on Thursday morning instead of Friday.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Warren Pharmacy will be open 9AM-NOON on Friday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve. They will be CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT WCC

The Warren Church of Christ at 3rd & Wayne Sts. would like to invite the public to their Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 P.M. Friday, December 24th.

There will be Special Music, Readings, Congregational Christmas songs, Communion and a Candle-light Service.

Let's celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

The church would also like to thank everyone who came for the Community Christmas Cantata last Sunday. Nine churches were represented in the choir and program.

McNATT CHRISTMAS EVE

If your tree is trimmed, presents bought and all of your social obligations met - or even if they're not take yourself a "time out" this Friday evening the 24th at 11 pm... time to catch your breath and hear the story of the First Christmas read. Yes, you can finally sit back, watch the twinkling lights and listen peacefully to various inspirational musical selections of the holidays.

Bring the babies and follow the luminaries to McNatt Church on 800S just a mile west of SR3. Everyone in the community is welcome, young and old.

MORE RECOMMENDED

MYSTERIES

Here are more mystery writers recommended by mystery readers. Check them out at the Warren Library.

4. Monica Ferris - Needlecraft Mysteries. Betsy Devonshire goes to Excelsior, Minnesota to visit her sister Margot. When Margot

is murdered in her own needlecraft store, Betsy takes over the shop and the investigation. Includes a needlepoint pattern.

5. Dina Mott Davidson - When Goldy Bear divorced her doctor husband, she started a catering business in Colorado. Sometimes while doing a job she gets involved in solving a murder or two.

6. Patricia Sprinkle - Thoroughly Southern - In some parts of Georgia you don't have to be a lawyer to be a judge. When Maclaren Yarbrough's husband is shot, she is asked to take over his judgeship. "Mac" is in her sixties and she helps run the family feed and hardware store, in-between solving murders.

BLOOD DRIVES SCHEDULED

If you haven't donated blood before, now is the perfect time to start. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. Make a New Year's resolution to save lives by giving blood.

The following blood drives will take place:

. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Central Christian Church from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Central Christian is located at 500 MacGahan in Huntington.

. Monday, Jan. 10, at United Technologies from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. United Technologies is located at 3650 West 200 North in Huntington.

. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at United Methodist Memorial Home from 12 noon until 5 p.m. United Methodist Memorial Home is located at 801 Huntington Avenue in Warren.

. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Parkview Hospital from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Parkview Hospital is located at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington.

. Monday, Jan. 31, at the Church of Christ from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Church of Christ is located at 455 East Morse Street in Markle.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

PARENT NIGHT

8th Grade Parents Night for Salamonie School students.

Join us to learn important information about transitioning into high school: Graduation requirements, Diploma options, GQE and Much more.

Monday, January 3, 2005-Crestview Parent Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 2005-Riverview Parent Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 10, 2005-Salamonie Parent Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Feel free to attend any of these sessions that meets your schedule.

Sponsored by HNHS Guidance Department.

REMEMBER

During this special time of year, let's take a moment to remember those men and women fighting for our freedom. Freedom isn't free. Let's also remember the families who are missing them.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their final meeting of 2004 on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Council voted to transfer money from the CCI fund to the General fund.

There was a discussion about past unpaid water bills.

Officer Pat Collins presented his report and indicated both Police vehicles are running well.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported the October and November water samples had been tested with good results. Hydrants had been flushed.

Water and sewer problems had been reported at Banter Trailer Court.

Snow plowing had gone well.

Council voted to contact Quality Control to work on lift station at the Wastewater Plant.

There had been a number of problems with dogs in Van Buren.

It was indicated that there are a number of unoccupied homes in Van Buren, but the water is still on.

Representatives of the MarkleBank were scheduled to meet with Council at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 to finalize paperwork to establish a bank here. A building was to be ordered and it is expected to be here within 10 weeks.

The next Council meeting will be January 5, 2005.

WARREN COUNCIL

On Monday evening, Dec. 11, the Warren Town Council met in Assembly Hall. President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 22 and the Executive meeting of Nov. 22 were approved as submitted.

Representing the Nazarene Church, Dallas Heyde presented plans to Council for a recreation room building being constructed at the church. Because part of the church property is located in the Town of Warren and part in Salamonie Township, the Development Committee asked that a parcel of the land be annexed to the Town of Warren. Council gave their preliminary approval for the annexation, with the church to pay fees.

Bids for a Ford tractor were

opened as follows: \$1900, Barry Hammel; \$1501, Dallas Heyde, Huggy Bear Motel; \$825, Bob Edwards; \$1,003, Les Bole; \$350, Bruce Preston; \$1,000, John Strait; \$500, Ronald Martin; \$575, Chris Cameron; \$2,100, Rupley Farm Equipment; \$1,500, UTE. Rupley Farm Equipment bid was accepted.

It was reported that INDOT Culvert Project is being completed on East First Street and the street is now open to traffic.

Council nominated Mike Coolman and Fay Cartwright as Building Corporation officers. One more position is to be filled.

In a Comprehensive Plan update, Council authorized Greg Guerretog to proceed with the Electric Department financial review. Water and sewer has been completed.

Council had been notified of INDOT detour damage assessment at the corner of Third and Grover Streets, where extensive damage had been done to a lawn. The damage is to be repaired as soon as weather permits.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Office and Utilities will be closed Dec. 23, 24, 27, 31 and Jan. 3 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

Council agreed to pay \$35.00 dues for Huntington County Chamber of Commerce.

Northeast Roundtable will be held in Shipshewana.

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

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

My wife, Helen, and I would like to thank the Country Calico Club members for the gifts they gave us. Members are Linda Shuttleworth, Chris Tancrell, Carol Irick, Cheryl Breckenridge, Debie Lindhorst, Joanie Paxson, Kandy Villanueva, Melissa Freck, Cammy Ackley, Rhonda Poulson, DeDe Adams. Also, Thanks to the Methodist Memorial Home, for providing us with noon meals. Also, our friends, neighbors and relatives for their kindness and cards.

Helen & Clويد Cloud

THANKS TO ALL

On December 7th I slipped at work and when I fell I broke my left elbow. This is a new experience for me as I have never had a broken bone.

My thank you's are endless but I have been in such good hands from the time of my fall to now.

My boss Susie Shiebold and all the wonderful women I work with at Southern Wells café took care of me until the ambulance picked me up and took me to Lutheran Hospital ER. When I got there I was taken care of by another friend Ben Morton who kept me calm till Larry got to the ER. Six hours later Larry got to bring me home where numerous calls waited on us to give us hope and prayers for our situation.

Next come Peggy Schweikhardt with enough food for 3 nights of supper.

Two days later along with some other get well cards was a card that brought tears to my eyes. It came from the Warren branch of the MarkleBank employees. I have always known how important the bank and its employees have been to me but never knew I was important to all of them.

What a wonderful place to live. Warren and the people who live around here never cease to amaze me. We have been here almost 8 years now and we are still learning from everyone.

Thanks to all my Church family at McNatt and all my other friends for all you have done for Larry & I.

Special thank from the bottom of my heart to my husband Larry. Besides all these people I know I was in God's hands too! I could have been hurt so much worse than I was.

Merry Christmas & Love to All
Ann Blackmond.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As I am stepping down from the Board of Huntington County Baseball at the end of the year as representative from Warren I would like to thank some people.

I started in Huntington County Baseball in 1959 as the manager of the Little League Team. Over the years I have coached Little League, Pony League and Girls Softball.

I have to thank all the sponsor's we have had over the years. Without them we wouldn't have a program.

The people I really thank is the people I worked with. Chuck Booher, Larry Campbell, Bill Dysert, Paul Guy, Perry Spahr, Jack Roberts, Max Boxell, Gene Cady, John Vickrey, Mark Mickrey, Jim Stoffell, Andy Gebhart, Chod Boxell are all coaches I have worked with. If I missed anybody I am sorry.

I have to really thank my wife Eloise and my family for putting up with me being gone from home so much.

The last one's I have to thank is all the great boys and girls who played for me. I will always remember you and all the good times we had. All the parents for all your help in getting the kids to games and practice.

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

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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

Sunday Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
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 Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathie Jones, Pastor

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor

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

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Joe Hartley, BS Supt.

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

DILLMAN UNITED BROTHERS
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375-2779
Dick Case, Interim Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

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

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 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
Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

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 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.

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

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Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

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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
Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

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

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
Student Pastor - Eric Dubach

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the November financial report.

The Municipal Utility report for the year was presented to Council.

Council agreed to pay IIMC membership dues.

Curtis Day reported from the Utility/Street Departments. A manhole cover had been installed on Grover Street due to sewer backup. Leaf pick-up had been completed and work had started to improve drainage at Tower Park.

Fire Chief Tim Ford reported from the Fire Department. He thanked Council for allowing the Department to hold a Christmas supper at Assembly Hall. Officers for the Department are Fire Chief, Tim Ford; assistant Fire Chief, and treasurer, Lee Poulson.

The Department had decided against the purchase of a used tanker at this time.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, evening, Dec. 18

SIC HOLIDAY HOURS

The Interpretive Center at Salamonie Reservoir is open for the Christmas and New Year Holidays! Bring your family out to enjoy nature, see what is new in the building, and enjoy the holiday decorations. The Salamonie Interpretive Center is regularly open Wednesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Center is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please join us at the Salamonie Interpretive Center to see opportunities available for fun and involvement in the environment. The building features new exhibits with staff available to discuss our natural and cultural resources and management. The Interpretive Center is located in the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit our web site's new address at www.in.gov/dnr/uwis/ for more

information about available programs or call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127.

COLD CRITTERS

Enjoy learning about nature in an active and exciting way with your child or grandchild. Register him or her in this special program designed for youth, ages 3 to 5. Join the fun as we talk about how animals handle the cold on Monday, January 4 or Wednesday, January 26 at 10 a.m. This program is offered twice to accommodate more children. In this one and a half hour program, children and their parents or caregiver enjoy activities focused around nature in winter and the letter C, go outside, hear a story, enjoy a craft and tour the interpretive center and wildlife viewing window.

Parents are asked to pre-register for this event and stay with their child throughout the program. Participants can choose to bring their lunch to eat together after the event.

The Salamonie Interpretive Center is open Wednesday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October through April. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor to ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

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EARN CERTIFICATION

Local dog trainers Judy Archer-Dick of Grabill, Beth Hough of Fort Wayne, and Susan Sharpe of Huntington have earned Level I certification through the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers (CCPDT), the first national certification for dog trainers. Judy, Beth and Susan now join the more than 700 Certified Pet Dog Trainers in the United States, Canada, Singapore, Japan and The Bahamas.

Judy, Beth and Susan are the lead trainers of Canine Companion by Certified Trainers which conducts dog training classes and private consultations in Columbia City, Fort Wayne, Huntington and the surrounding areas.

Up until the creation of the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers in 2001, there was no true certification process for dog trainers. Many schools teach dog trainers and offer certification for their specific programs. These certificates, therefore, reflect the teachings and quality of a specific school. Other organizations offer take-home tests for "certification". The trainers are not monitored to make sure they are com-

pleting the test without any assistance or collaboration, nor is the testing process standardized.

This unprecedented process was originally implemented by the APDT, the largest association of dog trainers in the world, founded by noted veterinarian, behaviorist, and author Dr. Ian Dunbar. Early on, the APDT recognized the need for certification for its profession. Pet dog trainers needed a credible means of measuring their knowledge and skills and the dog-owning public needed a credible barometer for choosing a trainer. A task force of approximately 20 internationally known dog training professionals and behaviorists worked for three years to research and develop the comprehensive written examination. The APDT also hired Professional Testing Corporation to ensure the process met professional testing standards. It then created a separate, independent council the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers - to manage the accreditation and pursue future development.

Candidates who pass the exam earn the title Certified Pet Dog Trainer and may use the designation, "CPDT" after their names.

As creators of the examination, the task force members have also earned the use of the CPDT designation. All certified trainers must earn continuing education credits to maintain their designations, or take the examination again in three years.

The Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers administered its first test on September 28, 2001. The most recent administration was

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|---------------|--|
| Dec 24 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Dec 27 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall |
| Jan 7 | No Warren Weekly - due to health issues |
| Jan 14 | No Warren Weekly - due to health issues |

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Walking in the Gym** 7 - 11 a.m. daily

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held in various cities in the United States, as well as Singapore. All test sites are professionally secured and moderated by Professional Testing Corporation of New York.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Little Panther Pre School attended with two classes on Wednesday December 15, 2004 to the Van Buren Public Library for Storytime.

Karen read The Christmas Story from the "Growing Reader Phonics Bible" by Joy MacKenzie, This Bible can be found in the Children's Department of our library. It is nice to know the children know that Baby Jesus is what Christmas is all about.

The book "Santa's Surprise Book" by Joan Potter Elwart was read. We talked about how some people put Santa in the center of Christmas and how nice it is to know the truth that Santa should bow down to Jesus, just as we do.

The library staff gave Christmas presents of a bookmark and a sucker to each child. We want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas!

Those attending were: Jenna Boucher, Trevor Brane, Lavonte Cox, Matthew Dieckman, Ethan Embry, Scott Garrison, Tala Garrison, Alex Jones, Dylan Joseph, Parker Kelly, Levi Marley, Broc

Miller, Emilee Morgan, Rose Nevil, Joshua Pluimer, Morgan Richwine, Isaac Roush, A. J. Smith, Jade Stuber, Timothy Taylor, Tylon Wright, Ali Anderson, Matthew Ashley, Christian Bratcher, Robert Carr, Jeffrey Duckwall, Abbie Gressley, Jarod Hastreitler, Tori Hinshaw, Emma Huffman, Wyatt Jackson, Alton Jones, Zach Jones, Cash Lee-Suddarth, Nicholas Monks, Sydney Pattison, Pandora Rhodes, Jake Taylor, Levi Theurer, Ian Thomas and Jacob White.

BAYVIEW READING

The Bayview Reading Club met December 14 in the Calico Room at the United Methodist Memorial Home where we were served our lunch at lovely decorated tables. Velma Lindstrom won the door prize. Meeting was called to order by the president Helen Stokes with the reading in unison of the Club Collect.

The roll call was answered by fifteen members and one guest, each sharing a Christmas memory. The minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report were given and approved. A card of thanks from the Food Bank was read and a vote to give our card chairman extra money for cards and postage was passed.

The program committee of Helen Stokes and Iva Mae Wygant gave an interesting Christmas program

of the reading of the book "A Cup of Christmas Tea" interspersed with the singing of favorite Christmas Carols and the history of the writing of the same.

Dorothy Garretson, our "poet laureate" shared an original poem of Christmas memory.

Iva Mae Wygant's daughter, Jayle Allen, was a guest who shared music while we ate and also for the singing. The committee served us tea and goodies, in keeping with the book theme "A Cup of Christmas Tee."

The committee for January are those members who are over ninety years of age and this will be on January 11th.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Twenty-nine children came to the Van Buren Public Library on Friday December 17, 2004 for our Christmas Party.

Karen read the Christmas Story, The Birth of Jesus from the Bible in the book of Luke Chapter 2. The children were then ready for the video "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" while they enjoyed the movie they had their treats of pretzels, candy and pop.

Those attending were: Kayla Shafer, Nixon Smith, Icily Baker, Autum Smith, Amy Kerr, Breanna Davis, Caitlyn Hoffheins, Austin Hoffheins, Mandi Beck, Taylor Beck, Rikki Rumble, Justin Smith, Ashley Kerr, Nathan Smith, Cathryn Anderson, Cassie Davis, Randon Timmons, Haley Timmons, Gaige Colburn, Andrew Rumble, Faith Wiggins, Jared Taylor, Jarren Griffith, Anthony Gray, Cassie Davis, Jacob Gray, Alie Gray, Delta Oswald and Jaedyn Beck.

We want to wish all of our patrons a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Their will be no story time while the children are out of school for the holidays. Next story time will be January 7th. We will celebrate the New Year 2005.

RAIDER OF THE DAY

Children chosen to serve as Raider of the Day during November and December at Southern Wells Elementary were:

Kindergarten: Adam Leyman, Camryn Marcus, Cody Bass, Dalton Dolby, Alexander Elliott;

1st: Brandon Bryant, Kristen Johnson, Kira Mounsey, Kayla Culbertson, Savannah Ocasio, Ashley Rugg, Jacey Dunnuck, Allyson Hamilton, Gavin Barcus;

2nd: Bryar Hedrick, Kiara Leas, Zane Herr, Lela Knowles, Timber Tucker, Mercy Stevens, Korbin Gephart, Codie O'Neal, Daniel Shultz, Molly Stoffel;

3rd: Taylor Thompson, Jessie McClure, Zach Penrod, Aly Zoda, Chet Owen, Ashton Prible;

4th: Shea Merchant, Daniel Abenath, Trevor Quinn;

5th: Kaitlin Bonewit, Austin Trosper, Caleb Pinkerton.

GATHERING HELD

Descendants of Charles and Clara Love Brown held their annual Christmas gathering at the Sportsman's Club in Warren on December 11, 2004. The Floyd Brown family served as hosts for the evening. Attending were: Floyd and Waneta Brown, Pam and Nick Keister, Karen Brown, Terrill, Teresa, Brice and Ethan Brown, Betty Brown, Harry Dean and Lois Brown, Jim and Sheryl Brown, Robert Brown and guest, Helen and Richard Schnitz, Ron and Marilyn Eppard, Ray and Dawn Eppard, Von Brown and Pat Furnish, Dale and Janice Brown, Judy and Mike Banter, Kenny and Pam Brown, Brittany Gunn, Mildred and Eldon Wall, Janet and Paul Dewitt, Steve and Sarah Dewitt and sons, Joyce and Larry Keiffer, Tammy Brown, and Shirley Stanley. Waneta Brown and Lois Brown provided favors for all attending.

INDUCTED

Seven students from the region covered by Warren Weekly qualified for induction into the Spring 2004 National Honor Roll.

They are: Whitney Gayle Brubaker of HNHS and from Southern Wells, Adam Boxell, Paul Douglass, Tiffany Gentis, Hanna Renner, Britney Ripple and Els Rooyackers.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. For students in the 2003/2004 school year, National Honor Roll set aside \$100,000 to be shared among 100 of its qualifying inductees. All members were entitled to compete for one of these National Honor Roll Awards for Academic Achievement, which were awarded in September. National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service notifies the admissions offices of as many schools as the inductees designate that they have been accepted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with the notification.) Each state governor and U.S. senator receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor Roll. And complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

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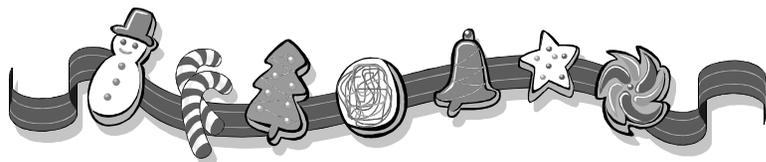
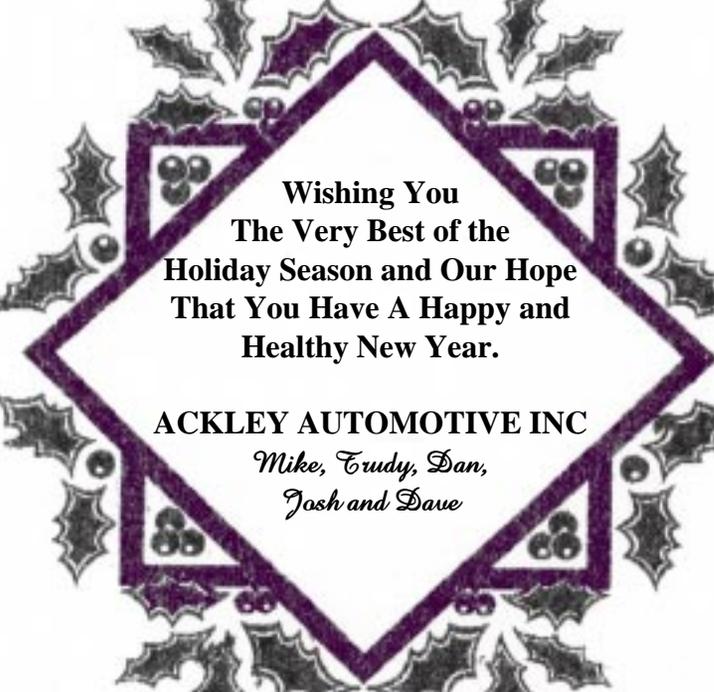
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The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 62% of the inductees in the Spring, 2004 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 38% averaged B through B+. 17.1% were Seniors (Class of 2004); 36.6% Juniors (Class of 2005); 25.7% Sophomores (Class of 2006); 18.4% Freshmen (Class of 2007); and 2.2% were from the Class of 2008.

INDOT PREPARES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - AAA estimates that nearly 63 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home this upcoming holiday weekend, including 51 million by car or motor vehicle. With a winter storm in the forecast, Hoosiers could find the drive especially challenging.

"Whenever Indiana is hit with snow or ice this winter, INDOT crews are prepared and ready to keep Indiana roadways open and safe as possible," said Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner J. Bryan Nicol.

In the next 48 hours, INDOT will monitor road conditions through pavement sensors which transmit surface temperature information to local transportation offices around the state. Even before the first flakes fall, snow plow drivers will be dispatched to pre-treat roadways with salt brine. The simple salt water solution prevents ice or snow from bonding to the pavement when the snow starts falling. This winter, INDOT will fight snowy and icy driving conditions with 1,100 snow plows, 2,000 snow plow drivers and 330,000 tons of salt.

For motorists, INDOT offers the following winter driving trips:

- Buckle up, drive sober, and drive at a safe speed given the roadway conditions.
- Plan ahead. Before making

your trip, check on road conditions by visiting these websites: www.in.gov/isp/roadinfo/weather.html and www.in.gov/isp/districts/

- Allow extra travel time to your destination.

- Do not use cruise control in wintry conditions.

- Exercise winter driving skills even in a 4X4 vehicle. Many 4X4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehicles and may take longer to stop.

- If possible, stay off roads during winter storms. If snow is falling at a rate of one inch an hour or more, Indiana State Police may ask motorists stay off the roads.

- Drive slowly on bridges and overpasses as they can freeze much sooner than the rest of the roadway.

- Avoid passing snowplows when driving on a two-lane road. If you see or hear salt hitting your vehicle when following a snowplow, you are too close. Leave at least one car length for every 10 mph of speed between your car and the one ahead of you.

- Keep winter supplies in your car such as blankets, a flashlight and extra batteries, first-aid kit

and snacks. If you become stranded, stay with your vehicle and call 911 for help.

GOLF PRIVILEGE CARD

Golf Card Proceeds Benefit American Lung Association of Indiana

Sales are underway for the 2005 Golf Privilege Plus Card. The card gives free and discounted golf at over 300 courses in and around Indiana. Additionally, the 2005 card offers discounts on driving ranges and golf instruction at participating courses. Through December 31, the card will be discounted to \$35. The card will return to the regular \$40 rate beginning January 1.

For 21 years, the Golf Privilege Plus Card has been a fundraiser for the American Lung Association of Indiana. Funds raised from the sale of each Golf Card helps the fight to improve Hoosier's air quality and reduce lung disease in Indiana.

In addition to the single card special discount, the Lung Association offers the Foursome Special - buy 3 cards at the regular \$40 rate and get one card free. The 2005 Golf Privilege Plus Card

is valid for the entire year. To view a list of courses, visit www.GolfPrivilegePlusCard.org.

To order a Golf Privilege Plus Card, call 800-586-4872. Orders can also be placed online on the Golf Card website.

For 100 years, the American Lung Association of Indiana has been the lead organization working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. Lung disease death rates continue to increase while other leading causes of death have declined. The ALA of Indiana funds vital research on the causes of and treatments for lung disease.

With the generous support of the public, the American Lung Association of Indiana is "Improving life, one breath at a time." For more information about the ALA or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-586-4872) or log on to www.lungin.org.

VACCINE AVAILABLE JAN. 3

State health officials say that adults aged 50-64 and close contacts of persons in high-risk groups will be eligible to receive flu vaccine in Indiana on Monday, January 3.

On Friday, the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) expanded the list of priority groups recommended to receive inactivated influenza vaccine this flu season, depending on the availability of influenza vaccine in state or local health jurisdictions. The new list of priority groups is effective nationwide on January 3.

"It is important that adults 65 years or older and other individuals in the present high risk groups get their immunization as soon as possible, because after January 3rd, the vaccine supply may rapidly decrease," said State Health Commissioner Greg Wilson, M.D. "Even though the incidence of flu has been low so far this season, it is still early, and the level of influenza activity can change at any time."

The new groups, adults aged 50-64 and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups, will join the list of priority groups already in effect:

- * Adults aged 65 years or older;
- * Children aged less than 2 years;

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BRENTON

A native of Liberty Center, Leonard Louis Brenton Jr., died Nov. 24, 2004 at his home in Leesburg, Texas, after a battle with leukemia.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, the former Barbara Chism of Liberty Center; four sons, three grandchildren, two step grandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

Services are pending due to the release of his remains from the Willed Body Program affiliated with the Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas, Tex.

her husband, Robert M. Eaton on Dec. 7, 1982 and twin brothers Leon G. and Leo Alexander.

Surviving are a son, Glenn E. Eaton of Hartford City, a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Connie E.) Gaby of Argos, two sisters, Eloise Runkle of Plymouth and Helen James of Upland and one grandchild.

Services were held at Waters Funeral Home in Hartford City with Pastor Richard Dickson presiding. Burial was at the Hartford City Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.



50 YEARS

G. Les Ackley and Ruthann (Brubaker) Ackley will celebrate 50 years of marriage January 1.

They were married in Warren, IN January 1, 1955.

Recently they celebrated the occasion with a Western Caribbean Cruise along with their children and spouses.

The couple are parents of Mike (Cammy) Ackley, Warren, (Jim) Michelle Heaston, Warren, and Steven (Kara) Ackley, Uniondale. They have eight grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Les retired from General Motors, Marion in 1996. Ruthann retired as a beautician from UMM Home, Warren, 2003.

The children and spouses will host an Open House for friends and family January 9 at Knight Bergman Civic Center, Warren, 1-4 p.m.

The family requests that gifts be omitted.

MURRAY

The mother of William Murray of Warren, Barbara Christine Murray, 82, Huntington, died at 12:35 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Born in Biddford, Maine on April 1, 1922 to James W. and Edna Schear Small, she married William W. Murray on Feb. 2, 1945 in Angola; he died on July 5, 1992. She was a homemaker most of her life. She was also a professional dancer and worked in retail for several years.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Karrais; and a brother, Harry Small.

There will be no visitation. A graveside service was held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren. Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren was in charge of arrangements.

BIRTHS

Shawn and Jamie (Schwichtenberg) Irwin, 1920 N Salisbury Rd, West Bend, WI 53090, are the parents of a daughter, Madison Mae, born December 14, 2004 at St Joe's Hospital in Wisconsin. She weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces. She joins two sisters, Megan and Morgan, age 19 months.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Kathy Irwin of Warren. Maternal grandparents are Scott Schwichtenberg of West Bend, WI. Paternal great-grandparents are William and Madonna Campbell of Anderson, IN and Betty Irwin of Warren.

Wilbur and Sarah Bittner Wright of Warren are the parents of a daughter, Abagayle Caitlin, born Monday, December 6, 2004 at 12:38 pm at Lutheran Hospital. Abagayle Caitlin weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and measured 19 inches long. She joins a brother, Lane Colten, age 2½.

Bob and Paula Bittner of Huntington are the maternal grandparents. Jim and Pam Wright of Huntington are the paternal grandparents. Bill and Arlene Switzer of Huntington are the maternal great-grandparents. Alice Lane of Huntington and Geneva Wright of Markle are the paternal great-grandmothers.

EATON

A native of Wells County, Evelyn D. Eaton of Hartford City died at 12:23 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after an extended illness.

She was a 1941 graduate of Van Buren High School and the daughter of the late Roy R. and Blanche Cochran Alexander. She was a member of the Wesleyan Church and a member and past president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

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- * Pregnant women;
- * Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- * Children aged 6 months-18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- * Health care workers involved in direct patient care;
- * People of any age who have certain underlying health conditions like heart or lung disease, transplant recipients, or persons with AIDS; and
- * Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children 0-6 months of age.

RECALL OF KID'S NECKLACES

State health officials today reported that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and manufacturer Raymond Geddes Company, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland have announced a voluntary recall of about 155,000 of the company's children's metallic necklaces.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the necklaces contain high levels of lead and consumers should immediately take these necklaces away from young children and contact the company to receive a refund.

U.S. Product Safety Commission regulations ban children's products from containing high levels of lead, due to the risk of lead poisoning resulting from con-

tact with these products. The necklaces also contain a sharp point, posing a laceration hazard to young children.

Health officials warn that elevated levels of lead in blood are dangerous for children, especially for children younger than six years of age, whose developing brains are particularly vulnerable. In addition to injury to the brain and the nervous system, lead can cause damage to the kidneys and affect hearing, learning, and behavior.

The U.S. Product Safety Commission said the company has not received any reports of incidents, and that the recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

The recalled necklaces, which were manufactured in China, have medallions that came in four different designs: frogs, dolphins with a small bead on the tail, a sunshine smiley face, and an alien face on a starburst. The medallion is on a black rope chain surrounded by a metallic bead with a coil section. The necklaces were sold through mail order catalogs in the United States and on the Internet from August 1998 through November 2004 for about one dollar.

Consumer can contact the Raymond Geddes Company toll-free at 1-888-431-1722 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday or by e-mail at: consumeraffairs@raymondgeddes.com.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission Recall Hotline is 1-800-638-2772.

DELIGHT IN THE SEASON

It's de rigeur these days to complain during the holidays about how commercialized the season has become. In fact, complaining about the holidays has become as much of a tradition as the holidays themselves.

Well let's break tradition for a moment.

Call it commercial if you want, but when your family members gather around the Christmas tree, each one hopes the gift he gives delights the receiver. Call it commercial, but when you light the last candle of the menorah and give the last gift, you hope you have given light and joy.

So this year, maybe we should complain less, delight in the giving more, and then lift up our hearts to God and be thankful for the season - maybe a little commercial but also a lot of fun.

Merry Christmas

DRINK LIGHTLY

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

During the Cold War, Russian scientists tried to develop a pill that kept their spies from getting drunk. They failed in that, but their supplement did reduce hangovers.

In 1999, RU-21 became available to consumers in Russia, and it became available in the U.S. in 2003. It works by helping the body break down a toxic byproduct of alcohol into water and carbon dioxide.

Some things you should know about the use of RU-21:

- . It does not prevent drunkenness from drinking alcohol.
- . It must not be counted on to

prevent health consequences of excessive alcohol consumption.

. It does not increase the ability to operate a vehicle while intoxicated.

Clinical studies on RU-21 are limited. The exception is a recent study published in Archives of Internal Medicine. It says the HPF Hangover Prevention Formula reduced some but not all hangover symptoms.

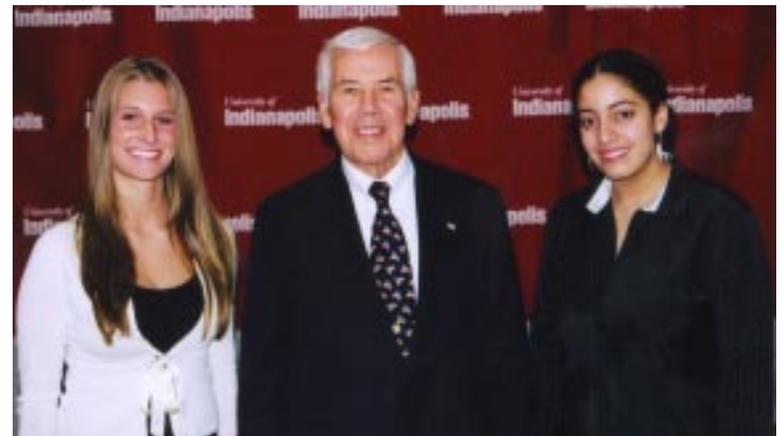
Not overdoing it is the surest way to avoid hangovers. If do you indulge, be sure to drink on a full stomach and drink lots of water before going to sleep. There is also some evidence that lighter drinks with fewer toxic elements such as highly filtered vodkas versus darker bourbons and

Scotches produce fewer symptoms.

If you will be attending a function where alcoholic drinks are served, plan ahead to have a designated driver in your group.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an alcohol-related traffic death occurs every 30 minutes in the U.S. An alcohol-related traffic injury occurs every two minutes (in 2002).

During the holiday season, be very careful not to become part of these statistics.



LUGAR HOSTS STUDENTS

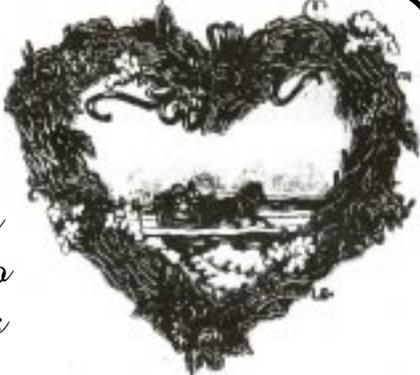
More than 450 high school juniors and 116 accompanying adults attended the 28th Annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders held December 11 on the campus of the University of Indianapolis.

Lugar opened the day speaking without notes and answering students' questions for 70 minutes. During his address, he outlined for participants the current economic pressures facing the United States, including a convergence of a weak dollar, a budget deficit and a trade imbalance. Additionally, he went into detail concerning the current state of U.S. relations with the countries of the world. Lugar then fielded a variety of questions from the student participants.

In smaller discussion groups, students exchanged ideas and debated opposing views on ten different topics including U.S. Leadership in the World, juvenile crime, homeland security and media responsibility.

Pictured with Senator Lugar are Chelsea Kennedy and Shannon Goings, both of Huntington North High School.

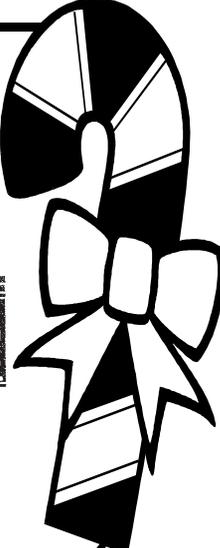
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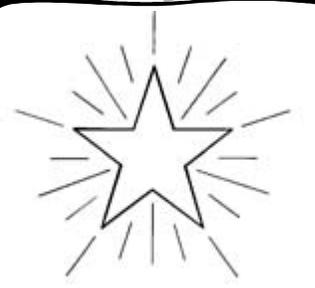
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FRUITCAKE HAS FANS!??!

Question: Why is a fruitcake like history? Answer: Because they are both filled with dates!

Oh, yeah, go ahead and laugh at the fruitcake, but take care, because you are having a bit of a joke at the expense of a treat that has sustained travelers and delighted children for a thousand years.

Because of the ongoing social disdain for the fruitcake, there are lots of fruitcake pretenders out there, like wimpy yellow cakes with a few candied cherries. This is not a fruitcake.

Fruitcakes are at the decadent end of the cake family, and they are easy to recognize. First, they are soaked with an alcohol such as rum, whiskey, bourbon, or a flavored liqueur. Second, fruitcakes are dense, moist, heavy concoctions filled with (surprise) fruit and nuts. This is not diet food. One puny ounce usually has about 100 calories.

Third, a fruitcake must be aged for at least four weeks in an airtight container while the cake soaks up its liquor. A fruitcake that is soaked with liquor every four weeks can last for years, according to What's Cooking America by Linda Stradley (Falcon Books).

Legend has it that Queen Victoria waited a year to eat her fruitcake because it demonstrated restraint to her subjects. At least that is what she said.

If you dare to risk a social blacklist, you'll find lovely fruitcake recipes in old cookbooks and online. But here are some tips for great fruitcakes:

- . You don't have to use candied fruit. Fresh and dried fruit work well.

- . Store your cake in a tin with powdered sugar. Wrap it in liquor-soaked cloth.

- . Fruitcakes freeze well, but they won't mellow after you freeze them. Age them first.

- . Soak fresh fruit and nuts in liquor overnight. Use the liquid in your cake.

- . You can be creative with your fruit choices (as long as the fruits are the weight the recipe calls for).

- . To get the fruitcake shine, use a sugar-syrup glaze.

HOLIDAY STRESS BUSTERS

What should be a relaxing time with friends, family, and football can turn out to be anxious days with too much to do. You can't will stress away, but you can head it off before it gets to you.

Two keys to remaining in control:

- Keep a positive attitude and decide that you are going to have an enjoyable time no matter what happens.

- Don't take on more than you have to. Order some of your gifts over the Internet or give gift cards or cash. Use gift bags instead of wrapping presents. Buy holiday

foods instead of baking. Skip some of the decorating, especially outdoors. If you're really pressed for time, take everyone out for Christmas dinner.

- . On the job, get as much done as you can before the last week before Christmas. Encourage others whose work you depend on to do the same. Make a must-do list and a should-do list. If time is short, some of the should dos can wait.

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. If you are traveling, allow extra time on the road or at the airport. Travel light.

. Get enough rest. Don't eat a lot of food, drink alcohol, or exercise within three hours of bedtime.

. Limit the caffeine. It interferes with sleep and makes you nervous.

. Put your New Year's resolutions into perspective. Skip resolutions that you load with self-blame for what you haven't accomplished.

Make just one or two resolutions and be specific with some time deadlines involved. Decide what the obstacles involved will be and how you will overcome them.

Then be a little easy on yourself. Even if you don't reach all your goals, you'll be better off for having tried.

SEVENTEEN WAYS TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Many of us have friends from other lands. Some live in our country, and some live elsewhere, but with inexpensive international long distance calling and e-mail, you could take this opportunity to wish them greetings of the season in their own language. Here's how to say Merry Christmas in other languages:

- China: Sheng Dan Kuai Le
- Denmark: Glaedelig Jul
- Finland: Hauskaa Joulua
- France: Joyeux Noel
- Germany and Austria: Frohlich Weihnachten
- Greece: Kala Christougenna
- Hungary: Kellemes Karacsonyi Unnepek
- Italy: Buon Natale
- Japan: Meri Kurisumasu
- The Netherlands: Zalig Kerstfeest
- Norway: Gledelig Jul
- Poland: Wesolych Swiat
- Portugal and Brazil: Boas Festas
- Russia: 'S Rozhdestvom Khristovym
- Spain, Mexico, and other Spanish speaking countries: Feliz Navidad
- Sweden: God Jul
- US, Canada, and other English-speaking countries: Merry Christmas

THE STORY OF KWANZAA BEGINS DEC. 26

Through its holidays, each ethnic group demonstrates its interpretation of the purposes of life and ways to achieve them.

Kwanzaa is the modern holiday that allows Africa's children, scattered on every continent, a way to preserve their culture and to achieve prosperity by using ancient wisdom.

During Kwanzaa, stories of contemporaries and ancestors are reverently told. It doesn't matter whether the fruit of past experience is positive or negative, the harvest determines the direction and recommitment for the new year.

The power of culture, the planting of seeds today for the harvest

of tomorrow is exemplified. Families commit themselves to more purposeful lives under the sacred seven principles.

Expressed in Swahili, they are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

In her book, *The Complete Kwanzaa* (Harper-Collins), Dorothy W. Riley says that to achieve their goals, Africa's children must live the teachings of Kwanzaa every day.



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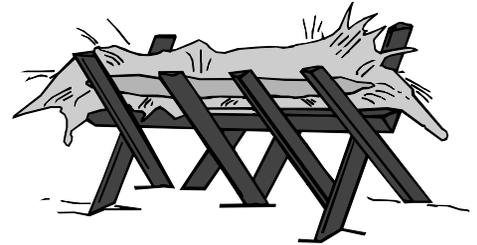
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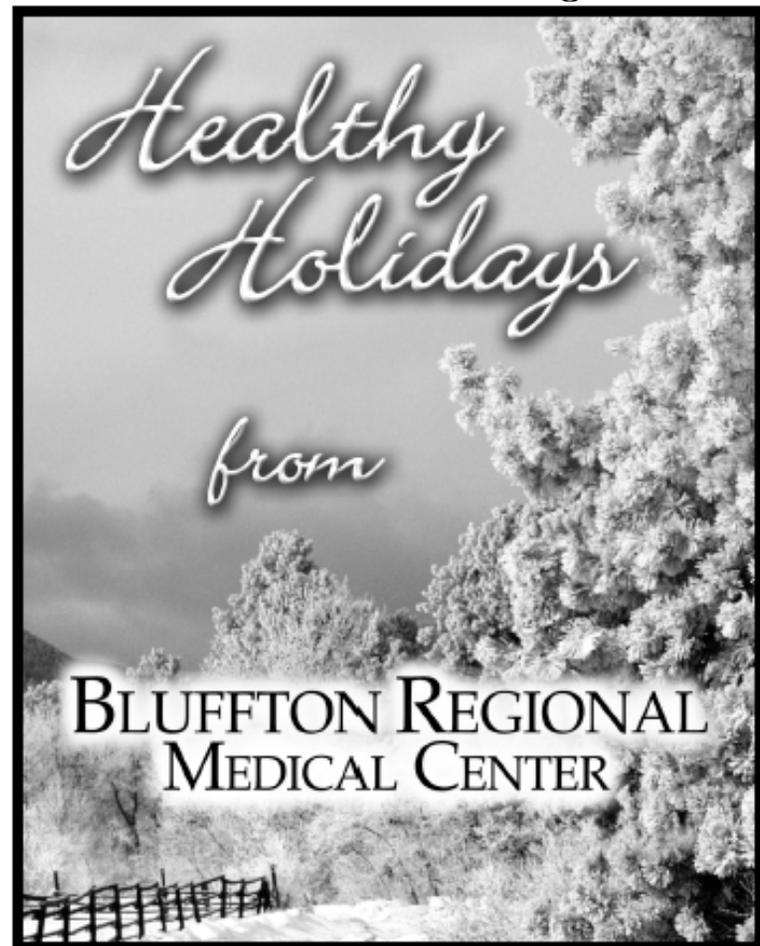


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THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE OF CHRISTMAS

More than any other holiday, Christmas has spawned a language of its own. Words like yule, noel, and wassail are reserved exclusively for the Christmas season.

Yuletide has been synonymous with Christmas since at least 900 AD, according to the Guinness Book of Christmas (Guinness). The word yule was derived from the Norse word, Jol, a heathen feast which lasted 12 days. The feast was so important that the Anglo-Saxon name for December (aerra-geola) translates to "before yule" and January (aftera-geola) means "after yule." It was the custom of the early church to incorporate local customs into Christianity rather than obliterate them. So Christmas was celebrated during the 12 days of Jol, combining the traditions.

Noel originated as an expression of joy for the birth of Christ. It comes from the Latin word "natalis" or birth. Residents of Gaul (France) dropped the "t" sound and it became "na'al" and evolved as "noel."

Wassail is the name of a beverage and was also used as a greeting such as "Wassail, my friend, and drink to a happy noel." Wassail can also be a carol.

While the white flakes 'round him whirl.
Who tells him I know not, but he finds the home

Of each good little boy and girl.
His sleigh it is long and deep and wide;

It will carry a host of things,
While dozens of drums hang over the side,

With the sticks sticking under the strings.
And yet not the sound of a drum is heard,

Not a bugle blast is blown,
As he mounts to the chimney-top like a bird,

And drops to the hearth like stone.
The little red stockings he silently fills,

Till the stockings will hold no more;
The bright little sleds for the great snow hills

Are quickly set down on the floor.
Then Santa Claus mounts to the roof like a bird,

And glides to his seat in the sleigh;
Not the sound of a bugle or drum is heard

As he noiselessly gallops away.
Anonymous 1880

THE MAGI

When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

HOLIDAY PRAYER OF THE RETAIL ASSOCIATE

Dear Lord,

So far, the holiday season has gone pretty well. I want to thank You because with Your help, I have done OK.

I've been cheerful. I have spoken with kindness to all the shoppers, even when they were grumpy. I know, Lord, they just want to make someone smile. So, I've looked up prices, found sale items, and nabbed lost children. I've been patient, too, Lord, even when the kids play with that talking reindeer.

But, Lord, in a few minutes, I'm going to be getting out of bed and it will be Dec. 2 and I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOKING

Every scrapbook is unique. Some are specifically for school events, others for vacations, and many are a family history. They preserve the cherished memories of children growing up and of holiday celebrations.

The most important thing is that the stories of the lives illustrated in the book are not lost.

Parents often feel pressured to be creative or artistic with scrapbook pages, but the simple design that gets the job done always beats the fancy one that is left unfinished. It will be a gift to your children as they look back on their growing-up experiences.

Here are some other tips from suppliers of scrapbook materials.

- Save original art and stories. Don't save coloring-book pages and worksheets.

- Reduce the size of artwork. Make a color copy or scan them into smaller versions, preferably on acid-free paper.

- If your child has made many Christmas drawings, tape them to the refrigerator and take a photo of the collection. Keep that in the album.

- For the holidays, take plenty of photos and include the best, most colorful ones.

- Make a title page in an album with small school pictures from

each year. It will let you see how kids changed from one year to another.

- Don't wait too long. Make scrapbook pages as events occur rather than waiting until the end of a year.

- Include party napkins, flattened gift bows, ticket stubs, and other mementos.

Jingle! Jangle!

What do elves learn in school?

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What nationality is Santa Claus?

North Polish.

What kind of bird can write?

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His sled has long-distance runners on each side.

Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

Because every buck is dear to him.

What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

Crisp Cringle.

What did Santa shout to his toys on Christmas Eve?

Okay everyone, sack time!!

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get?

Missletoe.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic.

HERE COMES SANTA

CLAUS!

He comes in the night! He comes in the night!

He softly, silently comes,
While the little brown heads on the pillows so white

Are dreaming of bugles and drums.

He cuts through the snow like a ship through the foam,



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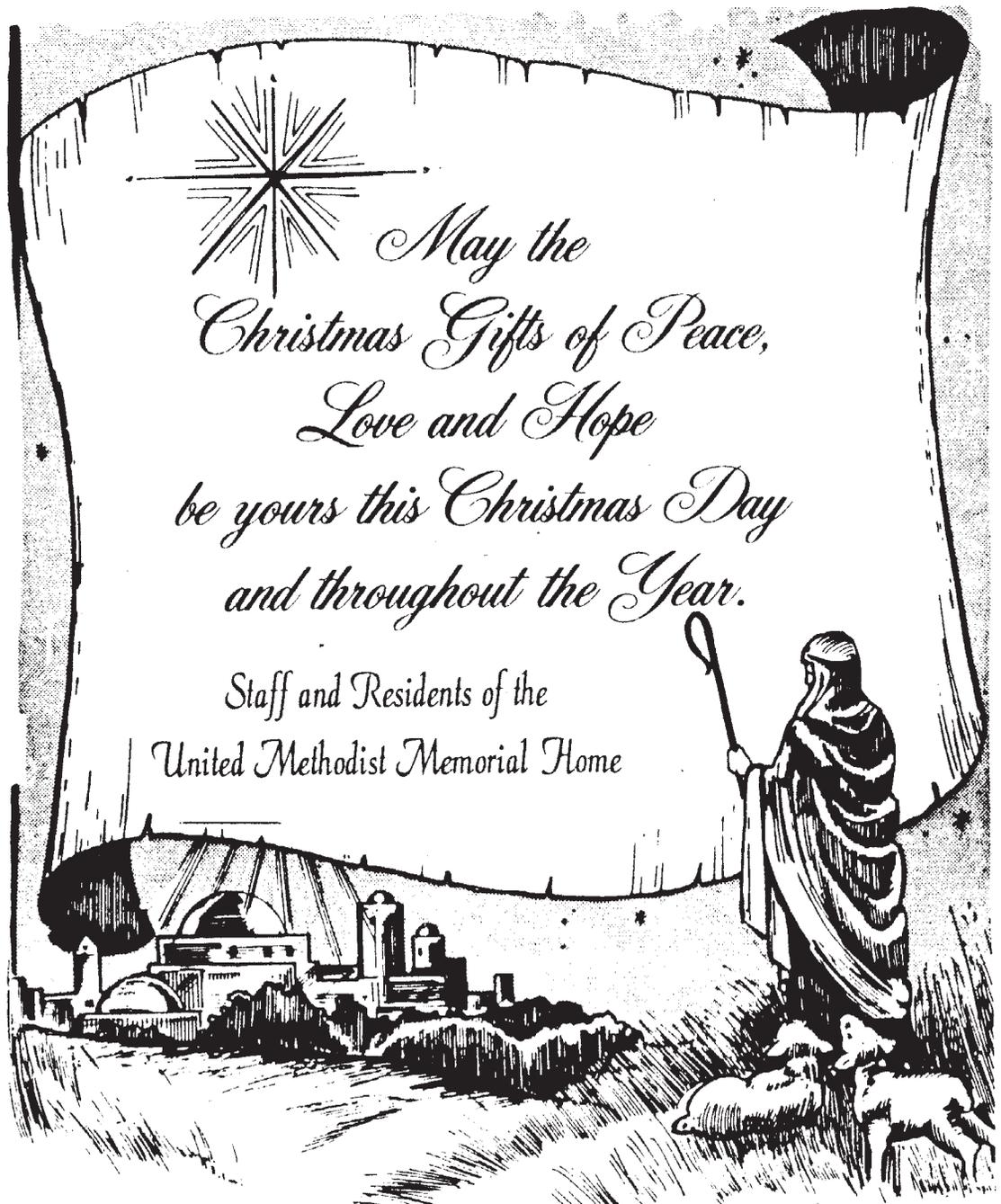
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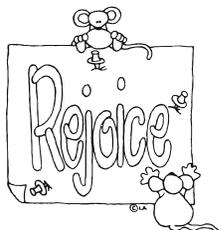
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 Ella Anders
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 George & Helen Bentley
 George Bergman
 Garnet Bergman
 Larry Blackmond Family (R)
 Dale Bonewitz
 Zada Bonewitz
 Dude Booher
 Todd Bowers
 Johnina Boxell
 Earl Boxell
 Bonnie Boxell
 Kent Boxell
 Kent Boxell
 Ernest & Irene Boxell
 Butch Boxell
 Bonnie L Boxell (R)
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 Chris & Britina Boxell Family (R)
 Ron & Judy Bradford (R)
 Donnie Brill
 Kyndall Brown
 Archie Brown
 Thelma Brown
 Mrs Jesse Brown
 Mr Jesse Brown
 Barbara Brown
 Devon Brown
 Edwin (Biggie) Brown
 Mike Bustos

George Bustos
 Pete Bustos
 Juan Bustos
 Tom Butler
 Grace Buzzard
 Doris Carroll
 Dorothy Chaney
 Daisy Clayborn
 Roy Clayborn
 Daniel Clayborn
 Bill Collins
 Loren Craig
 Cunningham Family
 Daddy
 Garl Daugherty
 Shannon DeaKyne
 Bryan Dennis
 Gary Dennis
 Bill DeWeese
 Ferol DeWeese
 Richard Douglas
 Roger Douglas
 Jake Douglas
 Harold & Zelpha Duncan
 Bill Eckman
 Mildred & Glade Eckman
 Jerry Eichhorn
 EJ & Anne Ellerman
 Edward Elliott
 Grandma Barbara Falk
 Grandpa Glen Falk
 Clyde Fiock
 Rand & Pauline Fluhrer
 Bert & Margerite Forst
 Lenora Freck
 Bud Furnish
 Burton & Elizabeth Gebhart
 Delbert (Grandpa) Glasgow
 Clint Glessner
 Haas Parents
 Ed Haggerty
 Patricia Marie Hartburg
 Bob Hemmick
 Norval & Lela Herring

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 Gwen Holmes
 Ellen Howell
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 Herman Huffman
 Bernard Irick
 Donald Jervis
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 Derek Jones (R)
 Dustin Jones (R)
 Dylan Jones (R)
 Burr Knight
 Eva Knight
 Ruby Koby
 Tim Lacey
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 David Lieurance Family (R)
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 Bo Lloyd
 Wesley Lloyd
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 Oscar Long
 Madaline Long (R)
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 Marisa Kay Martin (R)
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 Roger Meese
 Rosene Meese
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 Jenna Miller

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 Delight Parker
 Glen Perry
 Tom Perry
 Dan Perry
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 R.E. Preston
 Grandpa Preston
 Lester Preston
 Robert C. Preston
 Nova R Preston (R)
 Phyllis M Preston (R)
 Chad Rainwater
 Brandi Reece
 Brandon Lee Reece (R)
 Bruce Lynn Reece (R)
 Bernard Rennaker

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 Ada Richison
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 Ada Ruble
 Jackie Ruble
 Marcus Ruble
 Clifford & Rosie Ruble
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 Edit Schwob
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 Catherine Sell
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