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Thought for the Week: You only keep what you give away. R.E. Phillips

SUPPER CANCELED

The Jefferson Center United Methodist Church Soup Supper, scheduled for February 13 was cancelled due to weather. It will be rescheduled – so watch the Warren Weekly for more information.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A community Lenten Bible Study of the Book of First Corinthians will take place on Saturday nights starting February 24 and continuing through April 1 at Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe, Warren. Each session will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be broadcast over closed circuit television to residents. The study is co-sponsored by the Heritage Pointe Chaplaincy department and area churches. Rev. Edwin Clark, retired after 45 years in the active ministry in Indiana, including 25 years with the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, and currently on staff of the Chaplaincy department, will be the presenter. First Corinthians was chosen because the issues raised in the book [such as division within the church, marriage responsibilities, speaking in tongues, sex and sexual improprieties, the way of human love, the Lord's Supper, proper use of spiritual gifts in life and worship, and the issues of death and resurrection] are also issues being raised within the modern church, calling for all people of faith to meditate on their personal relationship with the Church and God Himself during the forty days of Lent and beyond.

Members of all churches and their friends, residents of Heritage Pointe, Dogwood Villas, and Woodridge, citizens of Warren, and the surrounding community are invited to attend.

RESULTS IN

The Results of the Great Warren Survey are in!

Over 250 people responded and shared their views on what they wanted in Warren.

The front runners in the survey were: Grocery store, license branch, restaurant and hardware store, rounding out the rest were requests for tanning beds, copy store, coffee shop, meat shop, bookstore and carwash.

Thank you for your overwhelming interest. We will use the results of this survey to draw businesses to our community. The committee's next goal is to obtain the status of our available downtown retail spaces.

COUNTY BASEBALL

Huntington County Baseball Sign up and call out.

Baseball Ages 7-17

Girls Softball Ages 6-16

Saturday, Feb 17th and Feb 24th 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Civic Center Players and coaches needed.

Questions call: Tim Leidig 375-3340 (New and current players need to register at one of these times)

CLOTHING SWAP

Do you have a closet full of clothes the kids won't be able to wear this spring? Maybe you finally lost the 10 pounds that just wouldn't go away and your clothes don't fit anymore. The First Baptist Church located at 727 N. Wayne Street in Warren has the solution for you. On Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., we will be hosting a clothing swap. The church will be accepting clothing donations the week prior to the swap. Don't have any clothes to donate. No problem, come and shop anyway. Clothing drop off times will be the week of March 5th on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Clothing should be clean and free of holes. Please call 375-3340 with any questions.

VB LIBRARY NEWS

The library has state and federal income tax forms available. Just stop in to get what you need. We also have the free 2007 Indiana Travel Guide.

The Van Buren Public Library has received monies from the Grant County Community Foundation. Eastbrook Junior High student Davis Guebert, and counselor Kathy Wood wrote the grant for the library. The library will purchase Young Hoosier Award books with the funds. Thank you for thinking of and supporting the library.

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Warren United Church of Christ is having a Pancake and Sausage Supper on Tuesday, February 20th, at the Knight-Bergman Center, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Price is: adults - \$5.00; kids ages 5-11 - \$2.50; and kids under 5 are free.

This is on Fat Tuesday, also known as International Pancake Day. Fat Tuesday is the end of Mardi Gras and the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This day is the day that people would finish up yeasts and fats of food preparation and start a blander diet for Lent. It was a sign of what you would give of yourself for your faith in Jesus Christ.

This giving up is ages old and is a reminder of what Jesus gave up as He came to earth to serve humanity and to give up His life for us to have a ground for redemption.

In England, Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday, was a day for celebration before Lent. Communities challenged each other to see who could be the best at

flipping pancakes while running a race.

So, enjoy this day by coming to this supper and may you be ready to observe a Holy and Meaningful Lent.

BASKET BINGO

P.I.E. (Partners In Education) of Southern Wells Elementary School will be sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Saturday, March 3 at Southern Wells Community Schools in the high school cafeteria. The address is 9120S 300W, Poneto. Cost will be \$15 for 20 games. One original Longaberger basket will be given away for each game. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., games begin at 10 a.m. Concessions will be available. You must be 18 years or older to attend. For tickets, contact Katina Samsel 765/348-1333 or 765/499-1072, Jean Lefebvre 765/728-5708 or 260/403-6924 or Southern Wells Elementary office 765/728-2121. Raffle tickets will be available in house – length of one arm for \$5.00

Proceeds benefit Southern Wells Elementary.

COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd
The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 7. President Tony Manry conducted the meeting which opened at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A discussion was held concerning guard rails in front of the Fire Station and Town Hall. Fire Chief Rex Huffman suggested a rail be placed in front of the fire hydrant. The hydrant had been destroyed recently when it was believed to have been hit by a semi. The guard rails will prevent large trucks and semis from turning around in the lot.

Bob White announced that seven new members are in training for the Fire Department.

Council passed Resolution 1-2007 to raise mileage rate to 40¢ per mile.

The next Council meeting will be held Feb. 21.

TRACTOR MEETINGS

Huntington County 4-H Tractor club meetings will begin on Monday, February 19 at Dennis Grain, 587 E 800 N, Huntington. Three additional meetings will be held on Monday, February 26 at Koenig Equipment, State Road 9 North, Huntington; Tuesday, March 6 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park; and on Monday, March 12 at Wertenberger Tire, 1400 S Jefferson Street, Huntington. All four meetings will be from 7:00-8:30 pm.

The 4-H tractor program provides youth with educational information about tractors and machinery that develops project skills (i.e., principles of engine operation, hydraulic systems, electrical systems, safe operation) and life skills (i.e., decision making, using science and technology, developing communication skills). Youth may choose to focus on small tractors (lawn & garden) or on larger tractors (farm & ag). In both categories, youth have the opportunity to participate in the tractor operator's contest and to display a poster at the annual Huntington County 4-H Fair for an exhibit. The County Tractor Operator's Contest will be Sunday, July 8 at the Show Arena, Hier's Park.

Any youth in grades 3 through 12 is encouraged to participate in the 4-H Tractor project and the four winter classroom meetings. For more information, contact the Huntington County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202 or phone 260-358-4826 or email laldridd@purdue.edu.

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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

THE HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Special thanks to American Greetings.

Hope you remembered your Valentine this year — if not you could always blame it on the weather.

TIPS TO BUILD READING SUCCESS

(NewsUSA) - Children have limitless imaginations. They may dream of time travel and seeing prehistoric creatures up close. Perhaps they want to become mysterious sorcerers who cast binding spells. Parents can easily accommodate these whimsical wishes by encouraging their children to read.

When students turn the pages of a book, they unlock the door to a reading wonderland. Indeed, fostering a love of reading can mean more than succeeding on a school assignment; cherishing the power of words on the written page can be the catalyst that leads to success in school and life.

But for some parents, it is difficult to get their kids excited about reading.

"Reading should be a daily occurrence, just like brushing your teeth," said Reg Weaver, president of the National Education Association. "If you work with your children to make the activity fun, the rest will fall into place."

Resources for parents are available through NEA's Read Across America program, now in its 10th year. This year-round literacy campaign stresses the importance of motivating children to read and helping them master basic reading skills. The organization offers

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 6:30 p.m.

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8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor

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

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
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Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085

Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

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

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

Pastor Anna Kroencke

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

**THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY
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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.

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

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m.

Wed - Circle of Friends
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

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

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

HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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

Clyde Gunn, Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

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

**JEFFERSON CENTER
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 Corner of 900S & 300W

Kathy Newton, Pastor

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

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

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

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

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

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.

Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Dan Helm, Pastor

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

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

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

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

THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto

Steve Sutton, Pastor

765/728-2065 for more info

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

Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE
 CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102

Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor

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

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

Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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Jeff Wass, Pastor

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

Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.

Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431

Pastor Blake J. Neff

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

Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.

Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.

UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.

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375-3022

Gerald O. Moreland, Minister

Todd Winkler, Youth Minister

Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.

Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of
Preaching and Discipleship

Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of
Family Life

Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m.

Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

BUS TRIP

The Salamonie Summer Festival committee has a few seats left on the March 17, 2007 fundraising trip to The Resort Casino in East Chicago. Cost is \$50 per person with the bus departing the Knight Bergman Civic Center at 8 am. Coffee, juice and rolls provided prior to departure. Lunch provided at the casino & snacks provided on the return home. Please send check or money order to: Salamonie Summer Festival, PO BOX 40, Warren IN 46792 by February 23, 2007.

Include name, address, phone & date of birth. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Grim @ (260) 375-3900.

HUNTER ED COURSE

A Hunter Educator course will be offered Monday, March 5th, Wednesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 8th, 6-9 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park.

Participants completing the class will receive certification which is required to obtain a hunting license in Indiana and other states.

Pre-registration is required by calling 260-824-0692. The class is free and open to the public. Youth who are under age 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. Attendance at all classes is required for completion.

Class instructors will include certified instructors Mike & Jodi Pinkerton, Rich Falk, Tracy Myers, and Indiana Conservation Officer Kenny Wireman. The event is organized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. For more information and details, call 260-824-0692.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

4-H volunteers in Northeast Indiana have an opportunity to participate in a special training "4-H 101: Building on Success".

The training will take place at three locations that include: March 12, Huntington County Fairgrounds (Hier's Park), Family Living Building, 551 S. Briant

St., Huntington; March 6, Whitley County 4-H Center, Squawbuck Road, Columbia City; and March 19, Steuben County Extension Office, 317 S. Wayne St., Angola.

Time at all of the locations will be 7-9 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

The training session for 4-H volunteers will include: today's 4-H structure; parts of a 4-H club meeting; club planning; parliamentary procedure and consensus building; experimental learning and updates about what's new for 2007.

Registration for the three training sessions is due March 1 at the Purdue Extension Service, Huntington County, 260-356-4826 or Wells County, 260-824-6412.

Information and registration forms are available at all Purdue Extension Service Offices located in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley counties.

The event is organized by the Extension 4-H Youth Development Staff in Northeast Indiana.

BEEF ID DAY

The Wells County 4-H Beef Identification Day will be held Saturday, February 24, 2007, 9 AM - 11 AM. The event will take place at the 4-H Park Multi-Purpose Arena located behind the Horse Barn. Snow date will be March 3rd at the same time and place.

All beef steers, dairy beef steers, and market heifers must be ear tagged, nose printed, and weighed to be eligible to show at the 2007 Wells County 4-H Fair, July 14-19. In addition, animals planning to be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must be retinal eye scanned.

Commercial heifers (non-registered) will also be ear tagged, nose printed (retinal eye scanned if showing at the State Fair).

Registered heifers do not need to be brought to the ID Day. These animals will be identified by their registration papers which includes their animal ear tattoo

number.

Official livestock enrollment forms will be available at the ID Day and may be completed there or turned in to the Extension Office by March 9, 2007.

Members who participated in the Dairy Feeder Steer Calf project are also encouraged to enroll their animals in the Dairy Beef project. These animals will exhibit in a separate show at the 4-H Fair. The Beef Show at the Wells County 4-H Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, and the Dairy Beef Show will be held Monday, July 16.

Youth may also enter a calf in the Beef Starter Class. This special class is for calves born after January 1st and up until June 1, 2007.

For more information about 4-H or the 4-H Beef project, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, 260-824-6412 or Beef Superintendent Brian Clark, 824-0908.

WEED MANAGEMENT

The Blackford County Extension Service will be hosting a Farmer Update on February 20th at 6pm at the Blackford County Fairgrounds. Dr. Bill Johnson, Purdue weed science specialist will present information on Glyphosate Management and Herbicide Resistant Weeds. In addition, he will also discuss other "hot topics" in weed science. A presentation on Protecting the Water Supply on Your Farm will be presented by Stacy Clupper, Blackford Co. Extension Service. This program is approved for PARP, private pes-

ticide applicator credits. Please RSVP to the Blackford County Extension Office by February 19th at (765) 348-3213 or cluppers@purdue.edu.

LOCAL WOMAN TAKING GAY RIGHTS ROADTRIP

Warren native, and current Fort Wayne resident, Cylest Brooks will be participating in the 2007 Soulforce Equality Ride.

Taking note from the Freedom Rides of the Civil Rights Movement, Equality Ride utilizes grassroots activism in its attempt to end discrimination based on sexual identity. The ride, which spans two months and takes two separate busses (one to the East coast and one to the West), will visit over 30 colleges and universities in the US that have policies condemning a homosexual lifestyle. "Our goal is not to change school policies," says Brooks, who will be traveling along the West-coast, "but to engage the student body in dialogue. In other words, we hope to bring a face to the issue, so that students and faculty can see that there is more to a person than his/her sexuality."

Equality Ride is now in its second year. Last year a group of 33 students traveled to some of the country's most conservative

schools, including Liberty, Regent, and Brigham Young Universities. BYU is on the list again for this year.

"It is important for me, as a straight person, to make this effort. In May of last year I heard the news that an old friend of mine had killed himself. He was gay. It hit me hard and I decided that, while he may no longer have the voice to speak out with, I can surely use my gifts to prevent someone else's life from ending. It's not so much a choice for me to join this effort as an obligation to those who are suffering."

"In the same way that it is not the sole responsibility of African Americans to fight against racial discrimination, it is not only gays and lesbians who should be standing up against this injustice" said Brooks. "Martin Luther King, Jr. said it, too: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere'."

More information about Soulforce, the Equality Ride, or Cylest Brooks can be found by visiting www.soulforce.org or www.equalityride.com. Financial contributions can be made to Cylest by visiting www.soulforce.org/cylest_brooks.

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Community Calendar

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Feb 16	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 19	PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 21	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Feb 24	Warren Sportsman's Club Soup Supper, 5 to 8 p.m.
Feb 26	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 2	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 7	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Mar 7	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Mar 10	KBC Board Meeting 8 a.m. at KBC
Mar 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 13	Our Town Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 16	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 17	ST PATRICK'S DAY
May 12	Warren Alumni Banquet - 5:30 p.m. Jim Howell 375-3048

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **After School Adventure** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene **Preschool Story Time** - Warren Library 10:30 Fridays **Walking in the Gym** - at KBC 7-11a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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AREA NEWS

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EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Joyce Willman. Phyllis Dickey won High, Marge Jones had Low and Sharon Gebhart and Nancy Willman tied for most Lones. Others enjoying the evening were Rosemary Helm, Mary Ann Monce, LuEllyn Pond, Doris Tyner, Sue Cavanaugh, Janie Lieurance and Carolyn Carroll. Next month we will meet at the home of Sharon Gebhart.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club met February 2, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. President Jane Ruble opened the meeting asking everyone to repeat the creed. Roll call was answered by 20 members and 1 guest sharing a memory of a School Valentine Box.

Secretary report read. Treasurer reported a balance of \$191.02 on February 2.

Motion by Barbara Baer that the treasurer purchase checks, second by Ann Brauchla, motion carried.

Mary Emma Huffman shared old papers from Chautauqua meetings. She gave them to Jane to look through.

Motion by Nancy Bonham that Chautauqua give \$50.00 to the Food Bank. Second by Elaine Eckman, motion carried.

Oma Zent introduced Della Mae Thomas who gave a very interesting lesson on oil painting. Della lives here at Heritage Pointe, coming here in September from Michigan. She also gives art classes at Heritage Pointe. She painted a beautiful picture and shared many helpful painting tips.

Jane closed the meeting with this thought: Keep your faith in all Beautiful things: In the sun when it is hidden, In the Spring when it is gone.

The next meeting is March 2 with hostesses Martha Shafer and Lou Ann Shafer, Program Sue Blair.

Lovely refreshments were served by Sharon Gebhart and Lu Ellyn Pond to: Barbara Baer, Janet Beavans, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Elaine Eckman, Phyllis Hubartt, Karen Hunnicutt, Jane Ruble, Roberta St John, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, Mary Emma Huffman, Bertha Turner and guest Della Mae Thomas.

MY TOWN and Yours

BY DENNIS STROUD

March 11, 1885 George Kriegbaum came to Warren and began his business venture in a career that extended over many years. The business, hardware and implement, progressed well using a German background and an eagerness to succeed. He was previously employed in Springfield where they were developing the Champion line of reapers. This provided a good item for selling and a good improvement for the farmer.

After two years, George moved to a building that stood in back of the present town hall. By then he had added a good supply of oil well supplies and widened the implement business. He moved the store three more times, down by the river, into Dr. Hupp's one story building, and to the three stories building on the corner of First and Wayne.

Early in the 1900s, George purchased the hardware stock from McIlwain and the building that housed it. This was located in the brick building of Warren Service and Supply. Over the years there were many changes in the business. It was not uncommon for the company to sell four or five car loads of wind pumps in a season. Selling buggies, carriages, and wagons, were a big business and threshing machines, tractors, and trucks added to the sale.

George's brother, Albert, joined him and George's sons, also, worked in the company. Ralph was the bookkeeper and Clarence specialized in the self hardware of the store. Long time employees of the store were Henry Roush, Henry Ruble and Curtis Fox. Other sales clerks were Bill Younce, Bill Winningham, Frances Parker, Lloyd Cook, Meredith Thompson, Elbert Blair, Joe Clevenger and Frank Simon.

George and Albert retired in 1940. Ralph and Clarence took over the business and were joined, in 1945, by a sister, Bertha, who did clerical work. This business was very successful until 1966, when it was sold to Vernon Kaehr, who operated the business for

two years. The building was sold to Warren Service and Supply which ended the run of the old time hardware.

CLOSET MUMBLINGS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Our journey through life starts with our first breath and it ends with our last one. Since our birth we have packed many bags for our trip. We are born naked but then we have to put clothes on our bodies. These clothes tell our history; from the baby shoes we took our first steps, to the dress we wore to the prom, our wedding dress and then to the pregnant clothes we wore when we gave birth. I'll wager that your closet recounts many of the chapters of your life.

Our closets are filled to overflowing. Each time we open our closet door we have a conversation with those clothes. If the truth be known we actually wear only a few items in our closet. The rest are there to beat us up and pretend to rescue us. Our clothes have a way of making us feel bad.

Just think about your wedding dress that no longer fits your body. What are your first thoughts? How could I let this happen to me? I looked so good that day. Then I want you to think about how you starved yourself to death to fit into that dress in the first place.

Why do we do this to ourselves? Why can't we just be happy with ourselves just like we were? We were trying to fit into an unrealistic picture that only stays with us for that fleeting moment.

Those nasty conversations go on each time you walk into your closet. If it isn't about a wedding dress it is about another favorite outfit that you paid good money for that is too tight. It is time for us to quiet these beratings and get on with our flight without feeling guilty.

There is an easy way to banish these voices from your head; get them out of your closet and only keep items of clothing that you absolutely adore and feel like a million bucks in when you wear them. Decluttering your closet is not going to kill you; in fact it may just save your life.

It is time we packed for our journey. Our closets are no longer going to stand in our way of

traveling light and enjoying our trip. Most of us only wear about 10% of the clothes we have stashed in there anyway. Let's lighten our load and get rid of those nasty voices once and for all; Out of sight, out of mind! We can do this.

First we need to look at the clothes we truly love because we feel good in them. This goes for your shoes too. Pull those out of your closet one at a time and think about the words you hear in your head when you have them on. Now put them back in your closet and pull out something that does not give you the same feeling. If the item of clothing makes you feel bad, evokes feelings of guilt in you or you just don't like it; then put it in the give-away box. If you have changed careers and no longer have to get dressed into suits then donate them so others can start their new jobs and look nice. Let me warn you. Going through your closet is difficult because of all the stories that your clothes dredge up. This is why I only want you to spend 15 minutes at a time doing this. Do not spend hours this will make you feel too badly. Bless yourself by being kind to you.

Over the next week of spending 15 minutes a day culling the clothes that do not bless you any longer, you will begin to see a pattern to your favorite items. I call it your personal uniform. We all have a favorite color, fabric or style that makes us smile. Look at your clothes with an eye for your style. It is all about what you love and how you feel when you wear your clothes.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group

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DINNER HABIT

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
One of the pitfalls in trying to get a new habit going (like making dinner for example) is not being clear on the goal. It's one thing to say you're going to make dinner every night instead of eating take-out (stay away from the Chinese takeout! See last week's Dinner Diva column on my Takeout Confessional), but it's another thing entirely to quantify your goal.

Here are three things you need to do to make a new habit:

1— Make a serious commitment, not just run your mouth. As SHE's (sidetracked home executives) we are the Queens of Running Mouths. We talk a blue streak, but actually doing something about it takes a while before we get that it isn't the talking about it that will do it, it's the DOING something about it that will do it! For dinner making, that means committing to meal planning, making a grocery list, shopping and then making the time to prepare the meal. It takes a little doing, but it is well worth the effort.

2— Examine the benefits of doing all of this. It's huge-, your children do better in school, are less likely to do all the things you DON'T want them doing and are happier, more secure and nutritionally, better fed. You've heard me talk time and time again (or

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GENEALOGY REPORT

JAMES

David Eric James, 47, 10976W-800S-90, Warren, died at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 6, 2007) at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. James was a lifelong resident of Jackson Township, Wells County. He maintained a career in truck driving for a majority of his life and formerly drove for Ryder Logistics in Warren and Ormsby Trucking in Uniondale. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed Colts football and Harley Davidson Motorcycles. He was a graduate of Southern Wells High School.

He was born April 7, 1959, a son of J. Richard and Cora Lea Banter James. His mother survives in Bluffton. He married Rose L. Schlotter in Montpelier on June 16, 1984. His wife survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John "Bud" Major and Zachariah David James, both of Warren; two daughters, Miranda Gephart and Elizabeth Rose James, both of Warren; two brothers, Rodney James, Van Buren, and Roland James, Columbia City; two sisters, Mona Sink, Roanoke, and Rhonda Snover, Fort Wayne; and two grandsons.

Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren with Dan Coffman officiating. Burial was at the Jones Cemetery in Wells County.

Preferred memorials are to the family in care of Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, IN 46792.

BARTRAM

H. Bernard Bertram, 84, of Indianapolis, a former resident of Huntington County died at 2:55 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007 at Eaglecreek Health & Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis. He was a farmer in Huntington County for 25 years. He also

worked for the Huntington County Highway Department for many years, having retired in 1983.

He was born in Huntington County on Mar. 17, 1922, the son of Harry Phillip and Marie (Mygrant) Bartram. He was a 1939 graduate of Rock Creek Township High School in Huntington County. He was married in Indianapolis on Apr. 17, 1949 to Grace (Harlow) Bartram, who preceded him in death on July 22, 2005.

He was also preceded in death by his half-brother John Bartram and a half-sister Ruth Newman. He is survived by his daughter Diane (Terry) Reed of Indianapolis and by three grandchildren.

A private family service was held at Gardens of Memory in Marion with the Rev. Darren Cushman Wood officiating. Memorials may be made to the Warren Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements are from the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

CULP

A longtime Wells County resident, Raymond D. Culp, 83, of Las Cruces, N.M., died at 5:55 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at his daughter's home in Las Cruces.

Mr. Culp was a railroad worker for 30 years and helped with most of the track and switch installation in the Bluffton area. For the last four years, he was a watchman, retiring in 1972.

A Navy veteran with service during World War II, Mr. Culp was a member of American Legion Post #111. A talented musician, he enjoyed writing and singing his own songs.

Born on May 9, 1923, in Gilbertsville, Ky., he was a son of William and Lavada (Washburn) Culp, and attended Liberty Center High School. His marriage on April 19, 1944, in Bluffton was to Freda E. (Harris) Culp, who preceded him in death on July 10, 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Reta Culp of Las Cruces, N.M., and Sharon Kay (Billy Joe) Binnion of Franklin, Ark.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marion Culp and Johnny Culp.

Services were held at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Harris officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Military graveside honors will be performed by American Legion Post #111. Preferred memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

ROGERS

Garry D. Rogers, 69, of Bluffton died at 6:29 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Rogers worked for 20 years as Water Treatment Plant Operator for the City of Bluffton. He had served 20 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1975. Memberships included American Legion Post #111 and the V.F.W.

Born on July 14, 1937, in Kentucky, he was a son of William D. and Effie May (Baker) Rogers. His marriage on May 26, 1970, in Newport, Ky., was to Anita F. (James) Rogers, who survives.

Other survivors include children Will Rogers of Bluffton, Teresa A. Shidler of Warren, Charlie Sparks of Charlotte, N.C., Gary Sparks of Stanton, Ky., Dennis Sparks of Winchester, Ky., and Cathy Forbes of Fort Wayne; siblings Wanda Smith of Richmond, Ky., and Kenny Rogers, Raymond Rogers and Gladys Townswend, all of Stanton, Ky.; 21 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sisters Wilma Rogers and Arnice Kaylor; and brothers Paul Rogers, Hargis Jackson and William Jr. Rogers.

Services were held at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton, with military graveside honors by American Legion Post #111. Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

JACKSON

Ruby I. Jackson, 92, Warren, a former resident of Uniondale, died Sunday (Feb. 11, 2007) at Heritage Point in Warren.

She had been a sales clerk at numerous retail stores in Wells and Huntington counties and had also worked at Square D in Hun-

tington. She was also a homemaker. She was a member of the Uniondale United Methodist Church and the Church Women Society, and was a member of a home economics club.

She was born Sept. 22, 1914, in Huntington County, to Edgar and Ada Dale Stroud. She married Norman H. Jackson May 13, 1933; her husband survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert D. Jackson of Markle, Thomas A. Jackson of Urbana, and David E. Jackson of Bluffton; two daughters, Ann Sparks and Barbara J. Keplinger, both of Markle; and 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

A granddaughter and two brothers preceded her in death.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Revs. Troy Drayer and Joe Haney officiating. Burial will be at the Horeb Cemetery, rural Uniondale.

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you have read in my columns time and time again) of the value of the family dinner table -psychologically, socially and nutritionally. One meal can make that much of a difference!

3—Have a back up plan. There is no shame in ordering pizza ONCE IN A WHILE or making breakfast for dinner, or anything else that shortcuts your way to the dinner table. The big thing here is actually EATING together.

And please remember this. No one likes a dinnertime martyr anymore than they like the housekeeping martyr. Don't be afraid to tell "your people" what you need. Have your kids help with dinner (hands on nutrition; life skills that will serve your children forever), have your husband help with grocery shopping and everyone pitch in for dishes. Dinner and meal making can be a family affair if you will help orchestrate it. Have a family meeting, get your crew on board and go for it! It's worth the effort!

Here's an easy recipe to get your dinner going in the right direction:

Roasted Vegetable Cheddar Soup

Serves 6

2 large rutabagas, peeled and quartered

2 large turnips, peeled and quartered

1 large onion, quartered

6 cloves garlic, whole

1 large head of cauliflower, broken up

3 tablespoons olive oil

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 1/2 teaspoons thyme

3 cups chicken broth or vegetable broth

1 1/2 cups half and half

1 tablespoon flour

1 1/2 cups low-fat cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large roasting pan, add all the vegetables and toss well with the olive oil, salt and pepper and thyme. Cook for 30 minutes or until veggies start to turn brown. Remove from the oven, set aside and let cool.

In a blender, add cooled roasted veggies and 1/4 cup of the chicken broth (or more, you just want to help the blender blend the veggies and it needs liquid). Pulse the blender - you don't want your veggies liquefied, just blended.

In a large saucepan, dump the contents of the blender, the rest of the chicken broth and heat to boiling. Lower the heat to a simmer and add the cream. When it is hot (but NOT boiling, or the cream will break!) add the cheese tossed with the flour. Again, bring to almost boiling, turn down the heat and serve.

Per serving: 345 Calories; 17g Total Fat; 13g Protein; 3g Dietary Fiber; 14g Carbohydrate; 111mg Cholesterol; 616mg Sodium Food Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 1 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 7 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Garnish with additional shredded cheddar cheese and serve with a spinach salad. Add some whole grain rolls. A great, easy meal!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

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Here are a few ideas to help you get started. Take your lunch to work and have more meals at home. Shop around for a free checking account or one with no minimum balance requirement. Use coupons when you shop, compare unit prices, and always grocery shop with a list. And ask your physician about switching to generic drugs.

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KEEP A HEALTHY HOME

You may have some uninvited guests creeping around your home. And they're not your relatives. They're allergens such as dust mites, animal dander, and molds that reduce the quality of the air in your home and can harm your family's health.

Find out how to protect your home from these unwanted visitors with the new Healthy Home package. This free package is filled with helpful publications from the Environmental Protection Agency, the FDA Office of Women's Health, and The Soap and Detergent Association.

Start by conducting a room-by-room assessment of your home using the handy checklist in this package. Be on the look out for unusual and noticeable odors, excessive moisture or condensation, vapors that could be harmful, and dust that could be from asbestos or lead. These signs are good indicators that the air in your home may be unhealthy. Moisture in your kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry room, for instance, encourages the growth of mold and mildew and attracts cockroaches and dust mites.

And for millions of Americans, exposure to these household irritants triggers their allergies.

An allergy is your body's adverse reaction to a substance that doesn't bother other people. Symptoms include watery eyes, runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion, and coughing. Indoor allergens also play a significant role in causing asthma attacks. Learn more about asthma, including how to keep it under control, with this informative package.

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these tips to parents:

* Have materials available. Stock the house with newspapers, magazines and books to persuade children to read instead of turning on the television or playing a video game.

* Make reading a daily exercise. Statistics show that children who are encouraged by their parents to read are more likely to read a higher number of books.

* Set and reward reading goals. Build enthusiasm by providing a special treat when a reading target is reached. Positive reinforcement can help boost motivation.

"A good book can ignite the imagination of youngsters, and parents are the best coaches to rev up reading fun," Weaver said.

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