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Thought for the Week: *The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.* John E. Southard

DISCOVER MASSAGE THERAPY

The Van Buren Public Library is sponsoring a workshop to "Discover Massage Therapy". A student from the Alexandria massage school, Jennie Pattison, will be demonstrating some of the soothing and relaxing advantages of massage therapy. She will demonstrate the massage techniques on feet, hands, and arms. Also discussed will be oriental medicines and reflexology.

The program is free of charge but please call the library to register or if you have questions, 765-934-2171. Remember, this event will be February 4 at 6:30 at the library, and everyone is invited to attend.

LIBRARY OPEN

The Warren Library is again open for full service. The new ceiling, wiring, lighting and insulation are in place. The walls have a fresh coat of paint, but window treatments and wall mountings are 2003 projects. Thank you for your patience.

Stop in and see the new "old" look and check out some books to cozy up by the fire with on these chilly, snowy nights.

2003 EDITION OF STORY TIME

Story time at the Warren Public Library begins Friday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. All children of the Warren area are invited to attend. Stories are read by experienced primary grade teachers. Finger games, related story activities (and even a treat) are usually a part of the half-hour program. It is also a great time for children (and mom and grandmas) to get acquainted and socialize.

If the Huntington County schools are closed for the day due to weather, story time will not be held.

BLUE JEANS ARE OK!

If you have been waiting for a worship service where you can be yourself and "let your hair down," your wait is over! You are invited to come praise the Lord as the Warren UMC Teens and Taylor (University) Christian Artists launch a new worship service at Warren United Methodist Church, beginning Sunday, Jan. 12, at 10:30!

Each second Sunday through May, a praise team from Taylor University will lead a casual praise service followed by a carry-in dinner hosted by the Warren UMC Teen group. Experience the uplifting praise, powerful biblical preaching and joyful fellowship you've been looking for.

The "Second Sunday Celebration" is a new venture in the Spirit designed to reach others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Bring the kids; we have a nursery and Children's Church every Sunday. Try us out!

Warren UMC is located at the corner of Third and Main Streets (right next to Cady's Quick Stop) in beautiful downtown Warren.

A-Z- WHAT YOU GET FOR 37¢

Ever wonder whether a postage stamp is worth 37 cents? If so, consider what might happen if private, for-profit companies were to take over mail delivery.

To maximize profit, they might charge as little as 37 cents only for delivery to heavily populated areas where mail volume is high. Rural customers and inner-city residents across America might be forced to pay higher prices. Postal Service competitors already take this approach by applying surcharges to packages destined to residential and rural areas, where they incur increased costs.

Consider, too, that for 37 cents you get much more than just the delivery of one letter. Read what the Postal Service delivers, from A to Z:

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Easy Stamp services that allow you to purchase stamps via the web, by phone, ATM, or fax.

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Holiday packaging tips and suggestions to ensure that gifts arrive picture perfect.

Inspection Service that protects your privacy and stamps out mail fraud.

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National Association of Letter Carriers that collects more than 70 million pounds of food annually for local food banks.

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Price of a stamp that beats most industrialized nations; in Germany or Japan, for example, First-Class postage will cost you the equivalent to 50 to 65 cents.

Quality - 93 percent of Americans approve of USPS service.

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DEC. COUNCIL NOTES

Prior to the Dec. 23 meeting of the Warren Town Council re-elected Ron Neff and newly elected W. C. Cartwright were sworn in by Marilyn Morrison. Their new term with Warren Town Council will begin in January.

President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Approval was given of the minutes of Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 25 and special meetings Oct. 29 and Nov. 7.

Spectrum Engineering project updates included the opening of bids for the Electric Distribution System Upgrade project. Bids included: Reed City Supply, \$4,705; Brown Stone Electric Supply Co., \$11,800; Wesco of Da1evi11e, In., \$4,265; Hughes Supply Co., \$9,516; second project, Electric Laboratories, \$27,000; Cooper Power System, \$16,500; Wesco Distribution, \$29,000. The bids were taken under advisement and a decision will be made Jan. 7.

A special meeting was set for Dec. 30 concerning the Centennial contract for placement of an

antenna on the Eleventh Street water tower.

Ron Neff reported on progress of the Wastewater Project meeting held Dec. 19. The next meeting is set for Jan. 28 at 9:45 a.m.

Council approved the appointment of David Scheib to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Insurance renewal with Trustmark was reported to be \$8,200 per month for employees, an increase of 14.7 percent. Agent Mike Terry will be presenting possible alternations during January.

President Jones reported that recent communication from IDEM stated that application for NPDES

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MEATBALL CONTEST (YUM!)

Joel's first annual Meatball Contest was held on January 1st at 9 am. Joel Knight, 8 year old son of Lowell and Karen Knight, decided that a Meatball Contest would be fun. He sent out letters with an entry ticket included (no one was allowed in without their ticket) to his family giving them instructions on entry date, place and time. Joel was the Judge, wearing a suit and tie and sporting a carnation and official Judges ribbon, he judged the entries while the contestants enjoyed breakfast and a chat. The Judge then announced he had made his decision and the contestants were then allowed to see their prizes.

- 4th place ribbon went to Denise Jacobs
- 3rd place ribbon went to Sherry Knight
- 2nd place ribbon went to Paul and Stacia Henderson
- 1st place and Champion over all went to Waldo and Margaret Knight receiving the Blue ribbon and a Red long stem rose with a purple ribbon attached.

The placement ribbons were lovingly made by Joel's Aunt Sherry and cousin Megan Knight. The Red Rose was purchased and made by P J's Flower and Gifts. Joel's carnation and Judges ribbon was also purchased from P J's.

Everyone had a good time. Joel is already planning his contest for next year. The only comment made was to please convince Joel to have the contest around 11:00 so the meatballs could be enjoyed for dinner. The contest was held at Joel's home and his parents would like to thank everyone for taking a very serious 8 year old boys contest for what he planned it to be, a real contest.

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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

THANK YOU

Russell Dalrymple wants to thank everyone for cards and phone calls while he was in the hospital.

Thanks everybody and God Bless.

Russell & Family

RETIRING SOON? GREAT!

You'll have time to work on that invention

Older inventors are playing a growing role in the invention business, says John Calvert, acting director of the Patent Office's Office of Independent Inventor Programs.

It makes sense. Older inventors have a broader range of experience and knowledge to draw on.

And once they retire, they have the time to work on their ideas and the resources to develop

and patent them. At age 73, Dr. Merton Flemings, holder of some 30 patents and faculty adviser to Lemelson-MIT Prize Program, says older inventors assimilate new ideas more easily. The MIT program annually awards a \$500,000 prize to an inventor.

Got a good idea? Make sure someone else hasn't patented the product or process. Check the Web site of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at www.uspto.gov. It has a listing of all patents granted by the Patent and Trademark Office since 1790 and breaks them down into general classifications.

If you decide your idea is patentable, the next step is to see if anyone wants to buy it.

Talk to several companies that would normally market a product such as yours to see if there is an interest.

Last year the Patent Office granted 344,000 patents. Only about one in five went to individuals, but that's 20 percent more than the previous year.

A patent attorney will draw up the application and include wording to keep others from "inventing around" it.

About 70 percent of all applications are approved. Ideas for toys, coolers, alarm clocks, toothpaste holders, high tech lasers and surgical instruments have been approved recently.

YOU CAN AVOID THESE FIVE PITFALLS ON THE JOB

If you're not watching how you work, how you act, how you speak and how you dress, you could be sending a signal that says, "When it's time to cut someone, choose me."

Ronna Lichtenberg, author of It's Not Business, It's Personal: The 9 Relationship Principles That Power Your Career (Hyperion), says you can make yourself indispensable by avoiding these mistakes.

Not pitching in when others ask for help is a mistake. The busier-than-thou attitude doesn't make allies.

Taking everything personally is a mistake. Some decisions must be made without regard to whether your work is appreciated. Your idea may have been passed over, but don't think it's because the boss doesn't like you.

Confusing business with pleasure is a mistake. At office functions, mingle with people at your level or above, people who are in a position to promote you. Know the difference between business and socializing.

Seeking perfection is a mistake. Know the difference between having to be perfect and striving for excellence. Be willing to take on new duties. If you make a mistake, admit it and find a solution.

Neglecting your appearance is a mistake. Many bosses think your appearance is a reflection of your work.

A THOUGHT

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become.

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

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 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.

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Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

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

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Kathie Jones, Pastor

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

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Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

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

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

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8888S 1100W-90, Warren
375-2779
Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m.
 Evening Service 6:30p.m.

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Stephan Leininger, Pastor
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 "Circle of Friends"
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, Supt.

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

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330
www.hows.net/46792WCT
Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sue Brown, Children's Ministry

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Youthquake (grades 7-12)... 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.
 Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs)... 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.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085
Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

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

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Bard, Pastor

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Bill Keen, Pastor
Bob Brewer, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

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

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

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 Youthquake (grades 7-12)... 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.
 Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs)... 7:00 p.m.

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Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.
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Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

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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.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
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SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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Wayne Wright, Pastor

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

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Pastor - Steve Gray

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice

AREA NEWS

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Permit to operate a sewer plant is up for renewal in 2003.

Darre1 Bice reported from the Utility/Street Departments. He reported temporary lines had been installed at Dogwood, more remote meters installed, and quotes received for TV camera.

Council granted permission for Bice to attend an IWPCA meeting in Noblesville on Jan. 10. The organization wants to be involved in smaller communities.

An IACT legislative conference was announced.

A citizen was concerned about a large sign put up by Sullivans at the corner of Wayne and First Streets. The Town did not place the sign but will look into it further.

Announcements included: Jan. 13, 27, Council meetings; Dec. 31, Jan. 1, New Year's closing.

DEC. COUNCIL MEETING

The Van Buren Town Council held their last meeting of 2002 on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18. The meeting was held in Council Room at Town Hall.

President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

A Public Hearing was held at which time Council adopted Ordinance 3-2002 to repeal County Inventory Tax.

A resident of Fairmount was in attendance and spoke on behalf of minors and an incident in Van Buren on Nov. 24. Three minor children from Fairmount had been assisting with delivery of the Marion Chronicle in Van Buren. Because of a state curfew law they were stopped by a local officer. The situation had been taped. Council agreed the officer was within reasonable conduct.

Council approved Resolution 3-2002 concerning officer pay for clothing allowance.

A discussion was held concerning upgrade for the computer to be used in making out annual reports.

Senator Ford is scheduled to host a Town Meeting here on Feb. 15 and April 19.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. All meters had been read in December and one water leak repaired.

It was suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Taylors for putting up Christmas decorations.

A number of faded stop signs throughout the town had been replaced.

There had been one by-pass at the water plant and the lagoons were reported to be ok.

A list is to be compiled of non-working stop lights around town.

There was concern about problems on the trash route.

There was also concern about poor service by the current uniform company.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 1.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting of 2003 on Wednesday evening, Jan. 1. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Election of officers was held with Tony Manry remaining as president; Marvin Surber, Fire Board; and Dean Baker, Emergency Management.

Officer Pat Collins reported to Council he had learned of a place where they can purchase police and emergency vehicles for only \$1.00. These vehicles will carry various advertisements. There will be no undesirable advertisements.

The cars can be replaced every three years. A thorough check is to be made for details.

Superintendent Jim Webb said plans are to get the Christmas decorations down soon. Snow equipment was ready and a by-pass was made at the Wastewater plant.

The next Council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15.

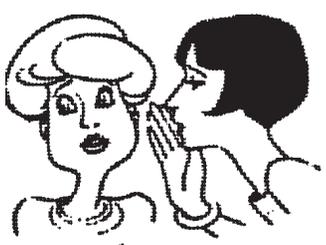
MERCURY AWARENESS

The Purdue Extension Service of Huntington County is offering an educational program titled "Mercury Awareness." It will be January 15 at 7 p.m. at the Huntington County Extension Office, located at 354 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington. This is the former National City Bank. The program will be in the conference room on second floor.

Do you live or work with items that contain mercury? When these products are placed in the landfills or disposed of improperly, the mercury does not disappear. It only takes 3 grams of mercury to contaminate a 60 acre lake. Fish can absorb this into their tissue and muscle. The program will include discussion on the health related dangers associated with mercury, products containing mercury, and the local collection systems for proper disposal.

The program is open to the public and free of charge. However, please call the Huntington County Extension Office (358-4826) so enough handouts will be prepared.

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Jan 10	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 11	Knight Civic Center Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at KCC
Jan 13	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex
Jan 14	Our Town Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall Annex
Jan 15	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 24	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 27	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC Story Time at WPL - 10 a.m. Fridays Walking in the Gym 6 to 11 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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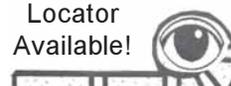
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SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Indiana Extension Home-maker Association (IEHA) is an organization affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service and Purdue University. IEHA is interested in furthering education, leadership and community service. IEHA is offering twelve \$500 scholarships to Indiana homemakers who are twenty-five years of age or older.

These scholarships are to be used to complete education or upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted to or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school, which is state licensed or accredited.

Preference will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level. Scholarships will be awarded with regard to financial need, and former winners may apply again.

Applications may be obtained from the Huntington County Extension Office, located at 354 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington. This is one block north of the Court House in the former National City Bank. The phone number is 358.4826. Applications must be submitted by March 15. No late applications will be accepted.

IMPROVING QUALITY CHILD CARE

Dependent Care Management, Inc. (DCMI) has been Huntington County's child care resource and referral agency for the last 5 years and continues to work toward improving the quality of child care in our county. In an effort to better serve families DCMI has adopted a new referral policy, Care Stan-

dards for Service. This statewide, agency policy went into effect January 1, 2003, and will provide parents some assurance that minimum care standards are in place for all referrals they receive. Parents seeking referrals for child care will continue to receive high quality phone counseling and written materials with their referrals, but now have some additional assurances.

Providers automatically qualify for inclusion of the database if they are a: licensed home or center, registered ministry, preschool, or school-age program. Non-licensed homes or centers (legally licensed exempt providers, LLEP's) can voluntarily comply with DCMI's Care Standards for Service. Some of the requirements for these LLEP's include: CPR & First Aid training, criminal history checks, drug testing, planned emergency procedures including fire drills, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, inaccessibility to chemicals, medications and fire arms to name a few. These standards are consistent with the state regulations for the voucher program.

In addition to DCMI's policy changes, the Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and Referral (IACCRR) is changing the format of provider training for licensure. Orientation Training will now take place in two classes. Orientation 1 (OT1) will be offered several times a year in Huntington by the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) office. It will be a 2-hour class for anyone interested in starting a child care business or just wanting more information on licensing

or voucher program requirements. The first OT1 class will be held February 11th at 5:30 pm and is a pre-requisite for OT2. OT2, a 3-hour class, will be offered regionally by an IACCRR instructor and will cover specific licensing information. Both classes are free to all participants and required for licensure.

For more information, please contact Wendy Mink at the local CCRR office at (260) 468.9027 or at the Office of Family and Children on Mondays from 10am to noon.

BEEF ID DAY

The Wells County 4-H Beef Identification Day will be held Saturday, January 18, 2003, 9 AM - 11:30 AM. The event will take place at the 4-H Park Multi-Purpose Arena located behind the Horse Barn. Snow date will be January 25th at the same time and place.

All beef steers, dairy steers, and market heifers must be ear tagged, nose printed, and weighed to be eligible to show at the 2003 Wells County 4-H Fair, July 12 - 17 and the Indiana State Fair, August 6 - 17.

Commercial heifers (excluding those with a tattoo that is verified by a registered paper) must also be brought on January 18th to be ear tagged and nose printed. All steers and commercial market heifers will be weighed for the rate-of-gain contest.

Registered heifers do not need to be brought to the ID Day. These animals will be identified by their registration papers which include the 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 January 31, 2003.

Members who participated in the Dairy Feeder Steer Calf project are also encouraged to enroll their animals in the Beef project. These

animals will show in a dairy steer class at the 4-H Fair. A dairy beef class will again be included at the 2003 Indiana State Fair. The Beef Show at the Wells County 4-H Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2003.

News this year will be a Beef Starter Class for members to exhibit young calves born in 2003.

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, 260-8246412 or contact Beef Superintendent Brian Clark, 824-0908.

STATE CROP MANAGEMENT

Wells County will be one of five sites for the 2003 State Crop Management Workshop.

The event will be January 28th, 8:30 AM - 4:15 PM, Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Other locations include: Rensselaer, January 27th; Shelbyville, January 29th; Montgomery, January 30th; and Covington, January 31st.

Topics covered in the training include: Disease, Insect & Weed Updates, and Control Strategies for 2003 season, Soybean Cyst Nematode Management, State & Federal Pesticide Regulations, GPS & Interpreting Soil Test Data.

Advanced registration is required. Information and forms are available at all County Extension Offices. Registration is \$110 (includes the 2001 Seed Corn Pest Management Manual for the Midwest) or \$60 (manual not included). Lunch is included with the registration.

Registration can also be made by calling Purdue Conferences - Business Office, 765-494-7219.

The workshops will qualify for five (5) Continuing Certification Hours (CCHs) to commercial ap-

plifiers certified in Category 1A. Seven (7) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded to Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs).

AVAILABLE TO RENT

The Blackford County 4-H building was damaged by a tornado last fall and repairs are now completed. The 4-H Building will be available to rent starting January 13, 2003. You can call the Blackford County Purdue Extension Office to make a reservation at 765-348-3213.

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- Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice
 - January 13
 - French toast sticks
 - January 14
 - Pancakes w/syrup
 - January 15
 - Cereal, toast w/butter
 - January 16
 - Super donut
 - January 17
 - Pancake/sausage stick
- Lunch
- Each meal includes milk
 - January 13
 - Tomato soup/crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, tri-tater, pickle stick
 - January 14
 - Meat/gravy, whipped potatoes, biscuit, jello w/fruit
 - January 15
 - Panther burger, French fries, pineapple tidbits, brownie
 - January 16
 - Chili dog, buttered corn, spiced apples
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GENEALOGY REPORT

HUFFMAN

Jacqueline "Jackie" Huffman, a member and past president of the Warren Town Council, died Saturday, December 28, 2002 after a brief illness.

Mrs. Huffman, who had served 16 years on the Town Council, had planned to retire from the council when her term was up at the end of the year. She had served several stints as the council's president. She was also active in other areas of the community, serving as a member of the Our Town Committee, a panel organized to help revitalize downtown Warren, and the Warren Chamber of Commerce. She had previously served on the executive board and the legislative committee of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and was a former member of the Huntington County Council on Aging. She was a member of Tri Kappa and Kiwanis, both in Warren, the Warren United Methodist Church and the church's S.O.S. Club, and the Jackson Township Euchre Club and Bridge Club. She was a 1949 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Wells County.

Mrs. Huffman, 71, a resident of 537 Monroe St. in Warren, died at 4:38 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 28, 2002) at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 2, 1931, in Roll, a daughter of James Henry Stroup and Cora Mae Glancy Stroup. She married George K. Huffman, April 20, 1974, in Warren; her husband died July 2, 1999. This was her second marriage.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie Ledbetter, Warren, and Mrs. Randy (Cindy) Cheney, Indianapolis; two stepdaughters, Mrs. John (Christine) Wearly, Daleville, and Nannette Huffman, Grayslake, Ill.; three stepsons, Phillip L. Huffman, Omaha, Neb., James M. Huffman, Virginia Beach, Va., and Paul D. Huffman, Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Geraldine Miller, Warren, and Mrs. Jack (Mary) Witham, Roscoe, IL; two brothers, Richard Stroup, Marion, and Jon Stroup, Winchester; four grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

A step-grandson is deceased. Calling and services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren, with Rev. Howard Cress officiating.

Burial was at the Thompson Home Cemetery, Warren.

CAMPBELL

Robert L. Campbell, Sr., 72, passed away December 11, 2002 at Newport News, VA. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy having served as an engineer onboard Naval blimps. After serving five years, he continued his education at Purdue University where he graduated in 1957 with a degree in Air Transportation Engineering. He was a leader in the aviation industry having worked for Allison Division of General Motors, Lycoming Engines, and Sikorsky Aircraft where he developed new technologies making

aviation turbine engines more reliable and safer.

He was born August 29, 1930 in Vincennes, IN to John M. and Gertrude Chaney Campbell. His marriage was to Janice Hirsch in April 1958 in Babylon, NY.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Victoria Mitchell, Newport News, VA and Susan Veerhoff, Arlington, VA; a son Robert L. Campbell, Jr., Richmond, VA; a sister, Marian Murray of Sun City Center, FL; four grandchildren; and several cousins in the Warren area. A brother Dean and sister Anita Craigle are deceased.

A memorial service was held December 14, 2002 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newport News, VA.

KNIGHT

Verne Clifford Knight, age 98 passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2003 at Vista Grande Villa in Jackson, Michigan. He was a long time resident of Addison, Michigan.



Born on August 12, 1904 in Landess, Grant County, Indiana to Charles Luther Knight and Daisy Farr Knight, he was the third son in a family of eight and grew up on the family farm. In 1921 he was graduated from Warren High School, Warren, Indiana, Valedictorian of his class. Following graduation, he studied two terms at Indiana State Normal School, Muncie, Indiana. Still sixteen years of age, he left his studies and worked his way West to Terry, Montana where he taught school in a one room school house. After one school year, he returned to finish his studies at Muncie. While at that school, he met his future wife, Velma Irene Cain. They were married in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 30, 1926. She preceded him in death on May 16, 1980. He was also preceded in death by his parents, his son James A. Knight of Jackson, four brothers: Don, Dale, Mark and Karl, two sisters, Mildred and Susan Irene.

Mr. Knight is survived by his daughter; Marilyn K. Underhill of Hillsdale, Michigan, eight grandchildren; Diane (Roderick) MacLennan of Hillsdale, Linda (Jackie) Mosley of Williamston, Michigan, Laura (Kevin) Dully of Southboro, Massachusetts, James A. Knight, Jr. of Madison, Wisconsin, Lisa (Adrian) Knight-Giuliani of Morganville, New Jersey, Gerald (Maureen) Knight of Ann Arbor, Michigan, David Knight of Jackson and Carol (Scott) Drain of Ann Arbor, Michigan, ten great-grandchildren, one sister; Marjorie Gard of Warren, Indiana, many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Knight was a pioneer in the air conditioning business. His career started in the early 1920's. He worked first in sales of refrigeration in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the Refrigeration Equipment Company and then in Kendallville, Indiana for the McCray Company. He was Sales Manager for the

Southern States and traveled on the road selling refrigeration. Later he was appointed Chief Engineer. After leaving McCray in 1947, he became Vice President of the Betz Corporation in Hammond, Indiana, a position he held until he came to Michigan in 1951 to work for the Primus Company in Addison. By 1963 he was the sole owner of the company and changed the name to Addison Products Company. He built Jonesville, Michigan factory in 1956 and also expanded the Addison business to Garland, Texas and Orlando, Florida. Addison Products Company developed and built dehumidifiers, room air conditioners, residential and commercial air conditioning and space heaters. During his career, Mr. Knight held many patents on air conditioning equipment. He also belonged to many industry organizations.

At an early age Mr. Knight learned to fly and he held a pilot's license for over fifty years. He also had a passion for hunting and fishing and took annual trips to Canada, the far West and the Arctic Ocean. For many years he owned a ranch near Sheridan, Wyoming.

Mr. Knight was a Trustee at Adrian College for many years and in 1977 he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business Administration from that college. In 1983 he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business Administration from Hillsdale College. Hillsdale College also named him Entrepreneur of the Year at a Family Business Institute in 1988. In 1971 he received the Silver Knight of Management Award from the National Management Association. This is the highest honor of the N.M.A. bestowed for professional services to employees, management personnel and business associated. The Sagamore of the Wabash Award was presented to him in 1983. This is the highest award given by the Governor of Indiana for service.

Mr. Knight established Scholarships in honor of his wife, Velma I. Knight, at Adrian College, Hillsdale College, Spring Arbor

College and Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. Theses scholarships were set up to give financial aid to students of Christian Studies. Several hundred students have benefited from these programs. Bethany Christian Service of Grand Rapids and the Knight Civic Center of Warren, Indiana also benefited from Mr. Knight's philanthropy.

The Knight Family Charitable & Educational Foundation was established in 1984. This Foundation makes annual donations to dozens of deserving agencies. Mr. Knight funded the Knight Civic Center in Warren, Indiana.

For many years Mr. Knight had been a member of the Jackson Country Club. At the time of his death he was a member of the Addison United Church, the Devils Lake Yacht Club and a lifetime member of the B.P.O.E. in Kendallville, Indiana.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at the Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home in Addison, Michigan with Rev. Thomas J. Burke, Jr., officiating. Interment was made in Hillside Cemetery in Addison.

Memorial donations may be made to the Velma I. Knight Scholarship Fund at Adrian College and the Velma I. Knight Scholarship Fund at Hillsdale College.

EICHHORN

Ruth Arlene Eichhorn, 89, formerly engaged in farming with her late husband in Rockcreek Township, died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003 at Christian Care Retirement Center.

The last of her family, she was born in Wells County Dec. 17, 1913, a daughter of Harry and Zepha Hite Hoffacker. Her marriage in Wells County was to Daniel Eichhorn, who died Oct. 5, 1987.

Mrs. Eichhorn was a member of the Uniondale United Methodist Church and the Home Economics Club.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Cynthia Wilkins of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Larry (Corine) Phillips of Bluffton and Mrs. Dale (Sheila) Stahl of Hoagland; and five nephews, including Stan Hoffacker of

Uniondale, Von Hoffacker of Hoagland and Marcy Hoffacker of Liberty Center.

Services were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton with Rev. Lloyd Miller officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorials to the Uniondale United Methodist Church.

MADDOCK

The United Methodist Home at Warren will have the funeral services of Verda P. Maddock, 108, who died at the home at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. The service will be at 2 p.m. Friday.

Visitation hours at the home will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are in charge of Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Mrs. Maddock had been a resident of the Warren home since 1989. She had worked there also as a nurse's aide and worked also in the cafeteria of the Warren High School.

She was a former member of the Salamonie Township Home Economics Club and a member of the Boehmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Woman. She was a graduate of Leipsic High School.

She was born in Leipsic, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1894 to J.W. and Emma Jane Lenhart White. Her marriage on Aug. 31, 1918 at Leipsic was to Lowell L. Maddock, who died April 27, 1951. She was the last of seven children.

Surviving are two daughters, Lutora Miller of Denver, Colo., and Peggy Clark of Warren; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Ernest Rybolt of Warren. A son, Richard, and two daughters, Marceil Rybolt and Patty Maddock, are deceased.

Pastor Barry Humble will officiate at services and burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren.

Memorials to the Boehmer United Methodist Church.

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 January 14
 Apple juice, breakfast pizza
 January 15
 Grape juice, mini pancakes w/ syrup, sausage patties or links
 January 16
 Orange juice, cheese omelet
 January 17
 No school

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

January 13
 Grilled cheese sandwich (polish sausage on a bun), tater tots, orange wedges, brownies

January 14
 Shaved turkey on a bun (quarterpounder w/cheese), au'gratin potatoes, sliced peaches, fruit snack

January 15
 Chicken patty sandwich (burrito w/cheese), French fries, applesauce, strawberries w/topping

January 16
 Chicken 'n noodles (mozzarella sticks w/dip), whipped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll/butter, elfin graham

January 17
 No school

TEAM UP FOR SATELLITE

While other folks are still ushering in the New Year, the Huntington North High School G-Force Robotics Team and engineers from PHD, Inc. will be spending the day at the PHD offices watching a satellite telecast of the FIRST Robotics Kick-Off event. The kick-off - which includes the unveiling of the "game" for this competition season - will begin Saturday, January 4, 2003, at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the Verizon Center in Manchester, NH, and is broadcast on the NASA channel. PHD is a partner/sponsor for the

G-Force Robotics Team. The students and mentors on the team will meet Saturday morning at the company's conference facilities and watch the satellite feed and then begin the process of designing and building their robot.

"The kick-off event is exciting because we get to finally see what tasks our robot will need to perform as well as the playing field it will be performing on," said Joel Boucher, HNHS teacher and G-Force founder/sponsor. "This is when we really get the creative juices going and start strategizing how we want to play the game and then how we can design the robot to perform in the manner we have visualized."

Following the kick-off, the team has approximately 6 weeks to build the robot. The competition season then begins in March. The G-Force Robotics team will compete in the Motorola Midwestern Regional in Chicago, the Western Michigan Regional in Grand Rapids, and the national competition in Houston, Texas.

First Aid/Safety Course
 The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety course at Central Christian Church (500 MacGahan Street, Huntington) on Saturday, January 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Payment of \$45 per student is due at the time of registration.

The registration form and payment must be turned in to the Red Cross office at 12 West Market St., Huntington, IN 46750 by Wednesday, January 8. To obtain a registration and payment form, please call 260-356-2910 or visit the Red Cross office. Registration forms may also be obtained by mailing a request to htgnredcross@onlyinternet.net.

TAKING WINTER BREAK

Handcrafters Marketplace will be taking their usual winter break starting the week of January 13, 2003. The last business day until spring will be Saturday, January 11, 2003.

We wish to thank the Warren community and surrounding area for their continued patronage. We appreciate your business. A special thank you also to our committed vendors who bring their unique talents to our store.

During the last year we had customers from many places including Hawaii, Alaska and a lovely family visiting from England. By now, most regular customers have met our unofficial mascot, Russell, the retired racing greyhound. Russell added a new flare to our store and he certainly appreciated all the extra attention from customers. If we could all be so lucky to receive that much love in our retirement!

2002 marked our ten year anniversary. We look forward to re-opening in the Spring. Until then, we wish you a safe and happy new year.

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BIRTHDAY INVITATION

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RED HAT CELEBRATION

The Innis Party Room at the UMMH was decorated in red and purple on Dec. 12 to celebrate Lilly Nutter's 90th birthday. Much to everyone's delight the "Real Elegant Dames" were able to keep it a secret. So it was a real SURPRISE to her when she was ushered into the room by Taya Decker (the gal that planned the entire, successful party) where she'd been led to believe she was looking for a platter that had been left behind from a previous get together. The giant cake, shaped like a hat, with red icing and purple roses was baked by our talented Pink Hatter, Taya. Everything was in the club's colors, i.e., red and purple from the red & purple M&M's to the red punch. She decorated a white Christmas tree with red & purple beads & ornaments, plus a gold crown, gold key, a tiny china teapot & topped off with a red velvet hat.

Standing next to the tree was an unusual Nutcracker doll, a lady in purple with red jewels! (Taya set up the tree outside Lilly's door, where it has reaped many compliments.) The Real Elegant Dames who celebrated with Lilly were: Fritz Boxell, Mary Brown, Martha Buzzard, Jo Chatham, Willy Hethcote, Chris Knox, Velma Lindstrom, Florence Mott, Virginia Olson, Mary Palmer, Maro Wall and of course, the hostess, Taya. What a beautiful page for Lilly's book of memories., thank you, Taya.



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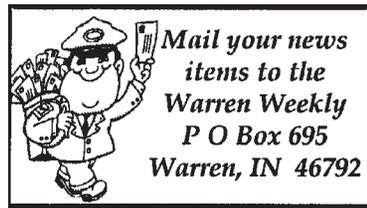
Greg Witkamp in Warren was the lucky winner of a 2003 XL Harley-Davidson, 1200 cc, 100th Anniversary limited edition Sportster. Greg purchased \$60.00 worth of raffle tickets at Brandt's Harley-Davidson in Wabash, Indiana. The raffle is an annual event to support Big Brothers Big Sisters. Greg's wife, Eva, intercepted the phone call Monday Dec 23rd, and was able to surprise Greg Christmas Eve with the Sportster at the Christmas party they held for their

company GDW Construction & Design. The Motorcycle is valued at \$10,395.00

Surrounding Greg Witkamp (in the picture above) on the 2003 Sportster he won are his children Leslie, Ted, Paul, Sam, Gregory and his wife Eva.

GINGHAM GALS

The Gingham Gals recently held their Christmas party at the downtown Warren restaurant of Ma and Pa's. Handmade chocolate rolls on peppermint ice cream was the perfect ending to a wonderful meal. Newly elected officers are as follows: President Nancy Smyth, Vice President Lois Spahr, Secretary Joenita Keller, Assistant Secretary Marcia Jackson and Treasurer Mary Dalrymple. Joenita Keller will host the January 2003 meeting.



MORE GENEALOGY

PULLEY

Lurania Pulley, 106, 4725 S. Colonial Oaks Drive, Marion, died at 9:57 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2002 in Colonial Oaks Health Care Center.

She was born April 5, 1896 in Indianapolis to the late William Owens Clay and Elizabeth Arthela Miller. She married Dallas Pulley on Dec. 8, 1917. He died Nov. 24, 1985.

The homemaker was a resident of Marion for 13 years and had been a resident of Grant County all of her adult life. She was a member of the Farrville Community Church.

Surviving are three nieces, Katherine "Kate", Van Buren, Maratha Rice, Marion, and Maxine Harvey, San Antonio; four nephews, Delbert, Plymouth, Lawrence, Upland, and Cecil Smith and Russell, both of Marion; and two sisters-in-law, Maybell Clay, Van Buren, Ark., and Cora Clay, Brooksville, Fla.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters, Bertha Smith, Hazel Johnson and Ruth A.; and five brothers, Ernest, Joseph, Willie, Irvin and Cecil M. Clay.

Services were held in Farrville Community Church, 11044 E. 200N, Van Buren, with the Rev. Danial Metz officiating. Burial was in Grant Memorial Park cemetery.

Visitation was held at Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren and prior to services at the church.

BIRTHS

Garrett Adkins and Crystal Boyer, Huntington, are the parents of a son, Austin William Adkins, born at 2:31 p.m. Dec. 8, 2002 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces at birth, and joins a brother, Ethan Michael Adkins, 1, at home.

Grandparents are Lebecca

Boyer, Huntington, Wallace Bowers, Huntington, Chris Ruster, Warren, and Mark Adkins, Warren. Ethal Adkins, Warren, is a great-grandparent.

Noel Eltzroth and Jill Rupley Eltzroth, Warren, are the parents of a son, Brit Levi, born at 4:25 p.m. Nov. 29, 2002 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, and joins a brother, Eli Max, 2.

Grandparents are Greg and Marsha Kratzer, Warren, Ed and Carly Eltzroth, Warren, Gary and Diane Gearhart, Huntington, and Kevin and Jill Rupley, Roanoke.

Great-grandparents are Dawn Gray, Warren, Phyllis Eltzroth, Warren, Darl and Loretta Kratzer, Warren, Max and Gloria Rupley, Huntington, Virgyle Hougendobler, Huntington, and Everett and Linda Gearhart, Huntington.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Liberty Center residents Richard Stroud and the former Ruth Johnson were married December 26, 1952 by Rev. E.N. Rosier at the Epworth Methodist Parsonage in Bluffton.

The couple have four children, Gary L Stroud of Leesburg, VA,

Karen J Parson of Fort Wayne, Keith A Stroud of Bluffton and Greg C Stroud of Huntington. Mr Stroud's mother is Stella Stroud of Bluffton. There are 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Stroud is an electrical engineer retired from Phillips Corporation. Mrs. Stroud retires as manager of the Southern Wells Cafeteria.

They celebrated with a family dinner December 26, 2002. The children will host an open house for family and friends at the Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens on May 18, 2003.



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