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Thought for the Week: *What does not kill me makes me stronger.* Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

TO ALL WARREN AREA MERCHANTS

for the Scarecrow Festival!
Please decorate your storefronts
Get all the help you please!
A prize awaits the best one
To win should be a breeze!

FISH & CHICKEN SUPPER

The Liberty Center United Methodist Church will be sponsoring an All-You-Can Eat fish and chicken supper by Dan's on Thursday, October 23 in the fellowship hall from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FALL HARVEST PARTY

Hillcrest Nazarene Church will be holding their annual Fall Harvest Party on Saturday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. We are offering chili (slow-cooked in a kettle over an open fire), side dishes and desserts, hayrides, and games. This event is free of charge. Food in our Fellowship Hall at the back of the church! Public welcome.

WALKING AT KBC

The gym at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center will open for walkers beginning Monday, October 20. Hours for walking will be from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon Monday thru Friday except for holidays. The gym will be closed when schools are closed.

If you have any questions or need further information, you may call Kate King at 375-2771.

EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORD

The excellent worker safety record complied by the Warren, Town of employees has earned for this government entity the Indiana Public Employers' Plan safety award for calendar year 2002.

The award not only rewards the prevention of accidents among employees, but also emphasizes the cost savings to governmental agencies by keeping workers on the job.

Warren, Town of is one of 935 governmental entities throughout the state of Indiana whose employees are covered by Indiana Public Employers' Plan, Inc. (IPEP). This is the only self-funded workers compensation risk-sharing group in the state.

When governmental officials couple safety programs with cost control and claims management efforts, they recognize the many advantages of participating in an alternative insurance plan.

10/21 DEADLINE

Don't Delay-October 21st is the registration deadline Scarecrow Festival 2003 sponsored by Warren Area Chamber of Commerce 10/29 to 11/2.

All scarecrow registration forms must be received by October 21st in order to be judged and eligible for a cash prize! Participants outside the city limits: Please deliver your scarecrow to the Warren Assembly Hall (across from the Town Hall) 3-6 PM on October 29. A prop, such as a chair or post, needs to accompany your scarecrow for displaying downtown.

The 3 categories of judging are Most Creative, Most Athletic, and Most Realistic! 1st place \$100 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50. The scarecrows will be judged the morning of October 30. The winners will be announced Friday, October 31st. If any questions, please contact Scarecrow contest chairperson, Brady Smekens at 375-3101 or Gina Canady at 375-2556 or 375-3010. Come On and Join the fun of making a SCARECROW!

Scarecrow contest registration forms are available at National City, MarkleBank, City Building, and Bolinger's Warren Service & Supply. No entry fee. REGISTER TO WIN.

TRACTOR MEETING

Warren Antique Tractor Club meeting, Saturday, October 18, 2003 at Plum Tree. Finish-up plowing at Ed Ford's, 10 to 15 acres. Looking for more ground to plow. There will be ham and beans for dinner and a meeting after meal, rain or shine.

SEWER BAN TERMINATED

Pursuant to administrative rule 327 IAC 4-1-7, the Sewer Connection Ban that was imposed December 1, 1997, on the Town of Warren is being terminated. Rule 327 IAC 4-1-7 states that a Sewer Connection Ban may be terminated by the Commissioner when it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that an existing hydraulic/organic overloaded condition has

been discontinued.

The Office of Water Quality has evaluated the Sewer Ban Termination Request, dated August 25, 2003, from the Town of Warren. The severe hydraulic overloading condition that existed when the Sewer Connection Ban was imposed no longer exists. This determination is based on the fact that the Town of Warren initiated operation of a new, 0.600 MGD wastewater treatment plant in July 2003. The hydraulic capacity of the new plant greatly exceeds the capacity of the original. 0.250 MOD plant. The December 1, 1997 Sewer Connection Ban Imposition letter cited a dry weather flow of 0.285 MGD from August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997, which was 114 percent (%) of the original treatment plant capacity of 0.250 MOD.

The Town of Warren is also in the final stages of a sewer separation project which is projected to eliminate the combined sewer outfalls (CSOs) by the end of 2003. The sewer system is projected to become 100% sanitary at that time. It is anticipated that sewer system and plant bypasses, except for emergency maintenance situations, will cease when the sewers are separated.

Because actions taken to correct the hydraulic overload condition have been successful, the Department of Environmental Management is exercising its authority under Article 4-1-7 by terminating the Sewer Connection Ban on all new sewer connections in the Town of Warren.

YSB TRICK-OR-TREATING

The Youth Services Bureau will be hosting an evening of safe trick-or-treating on October 30th from 5pm-8pm at their office located at 1344 Maple Drive, Huntington (behind the new fire station on Etna Avenue). There is no cost associated with this event.

"Since we aren't having the Enchanted Park this year we wanted to do something with the kids," Jan Williams, executive director. "The Enchanted Park was scheduled to be the week of October 27th from 6pm-8pm at Hier's park but had to be canceled this event.

The Youth Services Bureau offers programs and services that address the needs of young people and

their families. Programs include: Teen Court, Project Safe Place/Host Homes, Mentoring Parents, Homework Help Hour, Tools for Life (school supplies), S.O.S., CASA and many more. To learn more about the event or the agency contact the office at 260/356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

JOIN THE FIGHT

The Warren Post Office has joined a nationwide effort to fight domestic violence through sales of a new stamp.

The Stop Family Violence semipostal stamp is the third semipostal in U. S. history. As a semipostal, the difference between the sales price of the stamp (45 cents) and the underlying postage in effect at the time of purchase (less the Postal Service's reasonable costs) consists of a charitable contribution.

"The Postal Service is pleased to announce the availability of the Stop Family Violence semipostal stamp," said Warren Postmaster Sheryl Horst. "The Postal Service has a proud tradition of issuing stamps to help raise awareness of social issues. The Stop Family Violence semipostal stamp takes this wonderful tradition a step further by providing funds for a worthy cause. We encourage everyone to purchase and use the Stop Family Violence semipostal stamps on their cards and letters."

The 45-cent, self-adhesive stamp is valid for postage at the First-Class Mail first ounce rate in effect at the time of purchase (currently 37 cents), with the differential (currently 8 cents, less Postal Service costs) going to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for domestic violence programs. The differential consists of a tax deductible contribution.

For the stamp design, art director Carl T. Herrman of Carlsbad, CA, selected artwork by a young girl, expressing the pain and sadness caused by domestic violence. You can view the stamp at your local post office or at www.usps.com.

The first US semipostal stamp was Breast Cancer Research, issued in 1998. To date, more than \$30 million has been raised for breast cancer research. Heroes of 2001 was issued June 7, 2002 and it has raised more than \$8 million for the



GUESS WHO IS "70"
THIS MONTH?

families of relief personnel killed or permanently disabled during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

All semipostal stamps are available for purchase at Post Offices across the country, by toll-free telephone orders at 1-800-STAMP-24 and by online orders at the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop.

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library recently were:

Fiction: Our Lady of the Forest by Guterson; Popped by Clark; Split Second by Baldacci; A Perfect Day by Evans; Avenger by Forsyth; After by Naylor; Bishop Goes to the University by Greeley; Blacklist by Paretsky; The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Albom; The Present by Johnson; The Rescuer by Henderson.

Non-fiction: Fly Boys by Bradley; Another Potful of Recipes by Lund; The World According to Mr. Rogers.

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

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

PLAN TO STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Sniffle season is just around the corner, so make plans now to stay well. A flu shot is basic. It reduces your chances of getting influenza by up to 90 percent. But, you'll have to do more than that.

On average, people get one to three respiratory illnesses a year, most caused by viruses and occurring in the fall and winter.

Colds are not directly linked to cold weather. Indirectly they are, because people tend to spend more time indoors and in closer contact to other people and their germs. Respiratory viruses, including those that cause flu are very contagious and will survive for hours on the skin, furniture, telephones, doorknobs, and almost anything else a sick person touches.

Since it's not practical to cut out all contact with people, it's important to wash their germs and viruses off your hands before you get their sickness. The American Academy of Family Physicians says a good hand washing will do more to prevent the spread of illness than anything else.

Washing is especially important after a big family gathering, after shaking hands with a number of people at a meeting or at church, and during and after holiday parties.

Your general physical condition matters too. You are less likely to get sick if you stick to your regular sleep and exercise routine. If you drink alcohol at a party, follow it with plenty of water. Lack of sleep and dehydration lower your resistance to disease.

SPORTS DO NOT BUILD CHARACTER. THEY REVEAL IT.

HEYWOOD HALE BROWN

WARREN'S COST-OF-LIVING IN WW-II

The "Cost-of-Living" is a term that we are all familiar with nowadays. Between the Government and Wall Street, we get bombarded on TV many times a day about what the cost-of-living Index is. We're told how much the cost-of-living is going up...it never goes down!! We're told how the increase in the cost-of-living affects our average incomes, the things we buy, what our housing costs are doing, and just how far our weekly or monthly paychecks will go. But during WW-II, prices on many of our commodities that we bought (like gasoline) were fixed by the Office of Price Administration to control inflation.

With the freezing of prices of many of the items we bought then, one would assume that the cost-of-living remained constant. That may be what the people in Washington, D.C. wanted us to assume, but that's not really what happened. What I want to do here is not quote some figures or indices generated by the government in Washington, D.C., but quote the prices of some of the everyday things we bought during the period from 1942 to 1945. The data on the Average Income, however, had to come from government data. These data come from a number of places, and might not reflect exactly what was happening in Warren. But it will give you some food for thought.

Let's first take a look at the "average income" during the War Years. In 1942, our average income was \$1,885 per year (about \$36.00 per week). And that was considered a good wage then! Remember, we were still just coming out of the Great Depression. As the War progressed, our average income in 1943 went up to \$2,041 per year (about \$40.00 per week). I really suspect this number, because a lot of people were working in Defense Plants, and were working 45-55 hours each week! I'll bet that these figures are for a 40-hour week. In 1944, our average income went up to \$2,378 per year (about \$46.00 per week). This was a reasonable weekly increase; remember, there weren't many things, other than food, that we could buy then. But I'm sure now that this was for a 40-hour week! And in 1945, our average income increased to \$2,390 per year (about \$46.00 per week). Now that's practically no increase from the previous year!! Those of you on the Home Front who were working in Defense Plants know that, while the 40-hour wage may have stayed constant, you were being asked to work more and more overtime. Still, a 27% increase in base wages during this four years was a pretty good increase.

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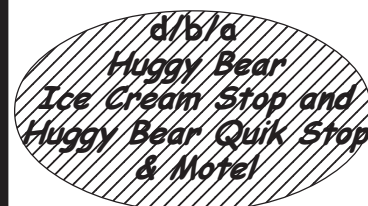


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 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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

Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor

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

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Sunday
 Trad. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
Come As You Are
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult
 Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

*Corner of 900S & 300W
 Kathie Jones, Pastor*

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

*Eric Vitz, Interim Minister
 Becky Hartley, SS Supt.*

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

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

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor

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.

Wed - "Circle of Friends" (Begins 9/17)
 (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

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*Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.*

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

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

*Nathan Doyle, Minister
 Sandy Keplinger, Supt.*

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

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35

Gary Riley, Pastor

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

LIBERTY CENTER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Bard, Pastor

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor

*Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor
 Bus Service 375-2510*

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Charles Dye ,Jr., Pastor

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

THE NEW BEGINNING

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

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

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

*Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching
 & Discipleship*

Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431

Pastor Blake J. Neff

Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

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

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

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

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

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST

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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.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor

Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:

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

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL

HOME

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

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

Wayne Wright, Pastor

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

ASBURY CHAPEL

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Pastor - Eric Dubach

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

*Attend the Church
 of your choice*

AREA NEWS

It's BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE HALLOWEEN

"The Vanishing Pumpkin" by Tony Johnston and "The Biggest Pumpkin Ever" by Steven Kroll were read by Joan Boyer at the Warren Library's story time on Friday, October 10. Ashleigh Marcus, Carson Bolinger and Dylan Hutson also enjoyed many fingerplays about ghosts, bats, pumpkins and Halloween. The children also received coloring pages and a treat!



TOBIAS COMPLETES GRAD SCHOOL

Berne, IN — First Bank of Berne President, Charles Isch, is proud to announce that Tim Tobias, Vice President and Ag Loan Officer, was awarded a diploma at the commencement exercises from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The class schedule Tobias has completed over the last three years provides bankers with an opportunity for advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership. His curriculum of study focused on the management of strategic issues faced by financial services industry executives. Tim also holds a B.S. degree from Purdue University School of Agriculture and has 18 years of lending experience. He has been with First Bank of Berne for over 10 years. His office is located in the main office at 102 W. Main St. in downtown Berne.

RED HATTER REPORT

Thursday, 9 October, we headed to the famed Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie. What an interesting program by Sue Clark, their Collections Manager about the hats of Lucy Ball Owsley. Her husband served abroad as a U. S. Ambassador, enabling her to find many hats from the 1920s.

Such a unique and entertaining presentation...several hats were composed of horse hair and silk; one hat in particular (1950s) had wax flowers in the form of Hens & Chicks plants. The horsehair ones were transparent, so obviously wouldn't do too much for a bad hair day. Chris Knox treated us to a lovely lunch at Vera Mae's; a real surprise. Thanks were extended to

all the members who so graciously ushered for the entire Pulse Opera Season which ended with Saturday's presentation of The Diary of Anne Frank. The Real Elegant Dames also hosted a luncheon in the Pulse Opera House lobby for the actors between matinees of the play.

Those attending the Minnetrista Center program were: Jo Chatham, Mary Brown, Irene Henderson, Chris Knox, Velma Lindstrom, Lilly Nutter, Mary Palmer, Helen Jo Strassner, Helen Stokes, Maro Wall, Donna Zent & guest Hannah Taylor. We will be judging Warren's Scarecrow Contest at Hallowe'en time and are also making plans for the full course Tea at Hostess House in Marion, 23 November. Have made good progress on our scrapbook under the direction of our Pink Hatter, Taya Decker, a Creative Memories consultant.

WITKAMP COMPLETES COURSE

Eva Witkamp of Larry F Wells & Associates has completed the specialized real estate investment course entitled "Creating Wealth through Residential Real Estate Investments" conducted by the Council of Residential Specialists of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.

The course was conducted in Nashville, Ind. is one of the classes that could be taken by real estate agents and brokers who will eventually qualify for the coveted Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation.

The course covered the fundamentals of investment, taxes affecting real estate investment, and investment strategies to create wealth.

During the two-day course, students learned how to effectively analyze residential real estate investment opportunities and apply wealth-building strategies.

"There are many opportunities for the small investor to invest successfully in real estate," said Witkamp, "and I have already begun to apply the procedures covered during this course in my work at Larry F Wells & Assoc."

Certified Residential Specialist Courses are presented in various cities throughout the United States in conjunction with the COUNCIL OF RESIDENTIAL SPECIALISTS

an affiliate of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS as part of its on-going program of promoting the professionalism of the residential sales associate.

BOB THE BUILDER IN FORT WAYNE

The Excitement is Building as Bob the Builder LIVE! Rolls into Ft Wayne's Memorial Coliseum October 21, 2003!

Tickets Go On Sale Now.

FT. WAYNE, IN — The Bob the Builder LIVE! show is the place to go as Bob the Builder fans flock to box offices across the country to nail down their seats for their best-loved builder's first ever stage show — Bob the Builder LIVE!

Bob, will be adjusting his tool belt and putting on his hard hat as he, Wendy and his team of machines: Lofty, Muck, Scoop, Roley and Dizzy get revved up and ready to hit Ft Wayne Memorial Coliseum, October 21, 2003. Featuring brand new songs and well as the latest in animatronics technology, Bob the Builder LIVE! is building fun for the whole family.

Bob the Builder LIVE! will play Ft Wayne Memorial Coliseum, Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm and Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Tickets for all Ft. Wayne Bob the Builder fans go on-sale Saturday, September 13 through all Ticketmaster outlets. Prices range

from \$10.00-\$30.00.

The Bob the Builder LIVE! show recreates Bob and the crew's vibrant world on an arena stage where his actual building yard will be brought to life. Using materials normally reserved for aircraft technology and auto racing, the show takes great care to ensure that the original characteristics of Bob the Builder's stop-frame animation are brought to the stage!

The stage show brings to life the story of how Bob and his building crew use teamwork and a "can-do" attitude to transform an ugly rubbish dump into a park for the entire neighborhood! The live building yard fun also incorporates 11 songs from Bob's hit album, including U.K. chart-toppers "Can We Fix It" and Bob's version of "Mambo No. 5", as well as 4 songs written especially for the show - sure to get everyone singing along.

Only his first U.S. stage show, Bob the Builder has already hammered his way into hearts across the nation with his ever-popular television series on Nick Jr. and

hugely successful video titles such recent releases Bob's White Christmas and Celebrate with Bob. The tour also coincides with the release of his brand new feature-length family special — The Knights of Fix-a-Lot!, an exciting adventure destined to become a video favorite with families everywhere. Following the outstanding response to Bob the Builder LIVE! in the U.K. in 2002, Bob, Wendy and the rest of the building crew set to be a U.S. stage show sensation!

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

- Oct 15 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
 - Oct 17 Warren Recycle Day
 - Oct 18 Craft Show at Knight Bergman Center
 - Oct 20 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex
 - Oct 25 Fish & Chicken Strip Supper, 4:30 - 7:30, Sportsman's Club
 - Oct 31 Warren Recycle Day
 - Oct 31 Scarecrow Festival, downtown Warren, 6-8p.m.
 - Nov 1 & 2 Holiday Open House at Gebharts Floral Barn
- Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Storytime at Warren Public Library** 10 a.m. Fridays, **Walking in the Gym** 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center

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Caregiver Connections

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Caregivers often complain that they have trouble communicating with their loved ones' physicians. Some say they don't know what questions to ask. Others confide that they feel intimidated. Still others admit that they don't know enough about the patient's diagnosis to ask intelligent questions. The National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) has published a brochure called "Improving Doctor/Caregiver Communications, A Guide for Family Caregivers." It advises doctors and caregivers alike to try, as hard as it is, to walk in each other's shoes.

Write down your questions as you think of them, rather than waiting until you're sitting in the doctor's examining room. Then be clear about what you are asking; do not ramble. If you have a lot of issues to discuss, however, it is far better to make an appointment for a consultation. In fact, it is only fair to the doctor and the other patients waiting to be seen; and it is to your benefit because it allows the doctor to take enough time to answer your questions thoroughly. However, it is important to understand that not all questions have answers, especially those that begin with the word, 'why.'

Health care professionals appreciate caregivers and patients who are well informed. With all of the information available on the Internet, educating yourself is easier than ever. If you don't have a computer, the Councils on Aging in Adams, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley Counties offer Internet access to caregivers. Most of them – as well as the councils in Wells and Huntington Counties – have caregiver

libraries. In Fort Wayne, Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana Inc., 2927 Lake Avenue, provides Internet access and assistance to caregivers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

It's a very good idea to learn the routine at your doctor's office, get to know the receptionist or the phone nurse. Also, professionals appreciate patients who can separate their anger at the disease or the disability from their feelings about the people who are trying to help. Simply put: don't take your anger out on the doctor or the nurse. After all, you all are on the same team. Finally, the NFCA advises, appreciate what the doctor is doing to help and remember to say 'thank you' from time to time.

SHAW REUNION

The Shaw reunion was held August 3, 2003 at the rural Huntington home of John and Donna Jo Tyner.

Prayer was given by Doris McFarren and a potluck meal was enjoyed by: Lee, Naomi Miller, Urbana, Carolee Synder, Hartford City, Marylou Wilson White Pigeon, MI, Greg Estle Kokomo, Sara Morrison, Frank Quinn, Columbus, OH, Tim, Barbara, Tara Leeth Fairfax, VA, Betty Leeth, Ft Wayne, Angie, Miles, Ethan, Ashton Johnson, Becky, Bob King, Ossian, Lori Wellbaum Ft Wayne, Doris McFarren, Dan, Rose Anderson, Leon Mann Bluffton, Meredith Kathy Shaw Scott Holly Lainey Emma Landrum, Matt Angie Tyner, Wade Gina Tyner, Gerald Ann Arnold Huntington, Lynn Shaw, Roger Betty Shaw, Bill Dotie Mann, Teresa Buckland, Ellen Buckland, Warren and the host John and Donna Jo Tyner. A short meeting was held by President Ellen Buckland. Letters from Glenora Shook and Ed Pauline Gruver were received.

Pictures were shared and family happenings for the coming year.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

PAYNE

Richard V. (Dick) Payne, 71, died Friday, October 10, 2003 at home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Marion, he was a Driver with Pony Express in Fort Wayne for 5 years and also owned and operated D & J Appliance Repair. He enjoyed traveling, tinkering, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include wife, Cathern L. Payne of Fort Wayne; daughters, Melody K. Asper of Elkhart, Phyllis A. Boester and Barbara J. Weikart, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; preceded in death by oneson, Richard Payne, Jr. in 1957.

Services were held at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, the Humane Society, or the First Mennonite Church.

SUTTON

Alberta F. Sutton, 96, died at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Sutton worked for many years at the Gateway Inn in Markle, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church and sang in the church choir.

Born March 29, 1907 in Huntington to Della M. and Ola L. Fry Dungan, her marriage on April 16, 1927 in North Manchester was to Merrit M. Sutton. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1980.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Barbara Joan) Buroff and Mrs. Jay (Emma Jean Fox,

both of Markle; two brothers, Charles Dungan of Majenica and Wayne Dungan of Wisconsin; two sisters, Ruby Kreisher of Markle and Betty Harris of Plum Tree; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two step grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

Services were held at Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel with Rev. Kaye Patton officiating. Interment was at the Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Markle United Methodist Church.

SCHMELING

A native of Liberty Center, Helen Ilo Jackson Schmeling, 88, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003 at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born July 5, 1915 to Cecil U. and Nellie A. Osborn Jackson, she married Elmer C. Schmeling who preceded her in death in 2000.

She was a homemaker and a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by three sons, Fred, Jack, and Jerry Schmeling, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Mary L. Springer, rural Ossian, and Marnell L. Bode, Pineville, La.; a brother, James S. Jackson of Bluffton; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Rd. Chapel. Rev. Albert Keller officiated and burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Emmaus Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Bible Translators.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin (Tracy Wright) Lemler of Liberty Center are the parents of a daughter, Kirtlynn Jean, born at 1:17 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, 2003. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches. She joins a sister, Courtney, age 3.

Grandparents are Cathy Wright of Marion, Mike Wright of Warren, and Dean and Jean Lemler of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are Harold Price of Plymouth and Larry Wright of Gas City.

Bret and Carin Vickrey, Warren, are the parents of a son, Owen Phillip Vickrey, born at Lutheran Hospital on September 19, 2003 at 7:36 a.m. The baby weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and measured 20 in. He joins a sister, Dalaney Jane, age 2 1/2.

Grandparents are John and Jane Vickrey, Warren, Lorie and Todd Joos, Lowpoint IL, and Roger and Sally Renken, East Peoria IL. Great-grandparents are Mary Andres Vickrey, Warren, Patricia Davis, Huntington and Glen and Patricia Faucon Milan, IL.

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LONG REUNION

The annual Long Reunion was held on a beautiful day in September at the Club House here in Warren.

We had a good crowd but several were on the sick list and couldn't attend.

It was good to see everyone and to meet the new arrivals in the family.

The food was great, as usual. There are a lot of good cooks in the Long family.

The day was completed with visiting and a White Elephant Sale.

Plans are to meet again next year.

IDLE HOUR CLUB

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining Room of the UMM Home for lunch on Monday, October 6, 2003 with Jane Haley as hostess.

The meeting in the Calico Lounge was opened by Georgia Poulson reading "How You Know When You Are Growing Old." Jane Haley read "Autumn Now Is Here."

Roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Meat." Minutes were read and Treasurer report given. There were no bills or no business.

7-Up was played with Clara Mossburg high and Jane Haley low. Helen Trout received the door prize.

Those enjoying the day were: Wilodene Birkey, Freda Finley, Mildred Gilbert, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Devonna Leas, Clara Mossburg, Marjorie Lieurance, Helen Trout, Violet Yoars, Miriam Rice, Ruth Brooks, Georgia Poulson, Jane Haley and a guest Patria Molebash.

Election of new officers will be held at the Nov. 3 meeting.

RETIRED

A retirement party was held for Sharon K. McMillan, who retired from the US Postal Service on July 3rd, 2003.

The party was held at the home of Sharon and Claire McMillan on September 20th, 2003. A buffet was enjoyed by the following: Mr and Mrs Dale Parker, Mr and Mrs Ben Truesdale and son, Suzette Gephart, Mr and Mrs Steve Herr, Mr and Mrs Dave Kratzer and sons, Mr and Mrs Roger Hoover and granddaughter, Mr and Mrs Jim Horst, Mr and Mrs Brian Givens, Mr and Mrs Mike Piquine and girls, Mr and Mrs Ron Bradford and daughter, Mr and Mrs Perry Spahr, Mr and Mrs Bernard Gebhart, Mr and Mrs Dale DeWees, Mrs Roger Trout

and the hosts, Mr and Mrs Claire McMillan.

After the buffet, we were entertained by Larry Palmers as "Dewey Damore" and Mike Schweikhardt as "Buddy McFuddy." They provided lots of fun songs and humorous skits. A fun evening was enjoyed by all.

AUX. MET

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary held their meeting October 2, 2003.

President Toni Jones opened meeting in regular form.

One of our Girls State delegates, Ruthann Sheets, attended our meeting and gave a very interesting talk on her week at Girls State.

Sheri Reneer reported on Fall Conference.

It was announced the Auxiliary Fish Fry is November 14th and need help that nights and also donations of dessert. A sign up sheet was passed around for both.

Discussion on changing the meeting night. Nothing decided this meeting.

Waneta Linton made motion to make new decorations for the Legion Birthday Party in March. Second, motion carried.

Irene Pickard made motion that for the Auxiliary Christmas supper, that their current dues have to be paid or they pay for their own meal. Second, motion carried.

President Toni asked for coats for kids. She had to have them as soon as possible, so they can be cleaned and ready to give out.

Halloween candy and costumes will be sent to our child at Knightstown Home for Halloween.

Discussion on price of children's meals at steak cookout was discussed.

November 1st we are having a benefit for a deceased member to help pay for her funeral expense. There will be a bonfire, hayride, bring your own hot dogs and buns. Legion will donate baked beans and chips. SAL is to get the wood for the fire. Auxiliary is to furnish graham crackers, marshmallows and Hershey bars for s'mores. The will be adults only, starts at 7:00 p.m. There will be a fish tank at the post for donations. Sheri Reneer made motion for Auxiliary to donate \$100 to this cause. Second, motion carried.

The charter was draped for two auxiliary members deceased this month, Connie Davidson and Esther Harris.

Sondra Fisher, Irene Pickard and Sheri Reneer won door prizes.

Irene reported that the flag plaque for the new town hall will be between \$30 and \$40.

Those attending were: Lequita Taylor, Julie Webb, Royce Holmes, Sondra Fisher, Waneta Linton, Ruth Bole, Shirley Shinholt, Trudy

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What about the things we bought? If you could get gasoline, it was 15 cents a gallon in 1942...and here is where the people in Washington, D.C. did help us. The price of gasoline remained constant at this price throughout the War! We didn't have these wild price changes that we are seeing now. A second item that was pretty constant over the War Years was the price of Granulated Sugar (if you could get it!). In 1942, the price of 10 pounds of sugar was 59 cents; it increased to 75 cents for ten pounds in 1943, and stayed constant for the remainder of the War.

Coffee was one item we all had to buy. The price for a pound of coffee was 45 cents in 1942, 46 cents in 1943, 48 cents in 1944, and 50 cents in 1945. The price wasn't "fixed", but the increase was reasonable. And the price of eggs that we bought from Etta Keller and others started at 20 cents per dozen in 1942, then 21 cents in 1943, 21 cents in 1944, and 22 cents in 1945. Now that's pretty good control of inflation!

Bread was one item that resisted inflation. It started at 9 cents per loaf in 1942, went to 10 cents in 1943, stayed at 10 cents in 1944, and actually dropped back to 9 cents in 1945! Figure that out! And milk also was under control. It was 60 cents per gallon in 1942, went to 62 cents in 1943, and stayed at this price for the remainder of the War. With the price of milk and eggs staying constant, it had to be tough for the creameries like Kellers to stay in business.

Our farm families even now can attest to how the price of the cattle and hogs they sell can fluctuate, sometimes without apparent reason. During the War, the price of bacon started at 45 cents a pound in 1942, remained at 45 cents for 1943, but increased to 48 cents in 1944. However, it then dropped back to 45 cents in 1945. During the same time, hamburger went from 30 cents a pound in 1942 to 35 cents a pound in 1945. So the hog farmers got hurt, while the cattle farmers saw better times.

While many of the food prices stayed pretty constant, young and old people who were renting really got hurt during the War. In 1942, the average monthly rent was \$35.00; this increased to \$40.00 in 1943, to \$50.00 in 1944, and to \$60.00 in 1945! This really reflected what was happening in this area without price controls! And

the price of a movie ticket wasn't controlled...it went from 30 cents in 1942 to 50 cents in 1945. That's a pretty sizeable increase for one of our few luxuries! But our Postage Stamps stayed at 3 cents!!

You can begin to get an idea of how the government was controlling prices in some areas, but not in others. Government control of prices can be beneficial during periods of national crises, but they are a real negative in normal times. When prices are fixed during normal times, the factories and businesses have little incentive to increase the quality of their products because they can't charge more to pay for new equipment, etc. But during WW-II, only those factories making war products were given the necessary materials to increase their production...and the price they charged the government was fixed. We all went through some trying

times during the War. While those working in Defense Plants saw their overall income take big jumps up (with 48-56 hour work weeks, plus overtime), those on fixed incomes or not working in Defense Plants saw their incomes stay essentially constant. For these people, control of certain prices helped keep the cost-of-living from taking off and increasing drastically each year.

So the "Cost-of-Living" is a formal term used by Economists and the Government. It helps the government and industry to plan for the future. But to us in Warren and the surrounding area, the cost-of-living was the cost of our living each day, and taking care of our families. What I've tried to show here is what happened to that cost of day-by-day living for us during the War Years.

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