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Thought for the Week: *If you didn't have any new experiences - You wouldn't learn anything.* Anonymous

NEW TIME

Story time is now held on Thursdays at 2:30 at the Warren Library.

COUNTY BASEBALL

Huntington County Baseball this season is different. There are teams for 9 & 10 year olds, 11 & 12 year olds, 13 & 14 year olds and 15 & 16 year olds.

This means 9/10's play only games against other 9/10's, and so on.

Here in Warren we will have teams for 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14. 15/16's will play in Huntington.

This year the kids in these ages can play in Warren if you live in the Southern Wells School area.

If you would like to play this summer and have not signed up please call the following people. Ron Sheets 375-3484; John Vickrey 375-2309 or Perry Spahr 375-2859.

We will try to help you with anything we can. We have slips to sign up to play.

FESTIVAL PREP

Festival time is quickly approaching Please join us at the Knight Civic Center on Thursday January 31, at 7:00 pm to start making plans for the Salamonie Summer Festival 2002.

This year's festival will start on Thursday July 4th with the 3rd annual Rodeo & end Sunday, July 7th with the Fireworks at Dusk.

The Committee welcomes the community to stop in with any ideas you might have to make the Festival of 2002 a big success.

EVENING OF PRAISE

The Dillman U B Church is hosting an evening of praise, featuring the All Men Joy Choir, on Sunday, January 27th at 6:30 pm. The evening will be spent singing praise songs and listening to specials from the All Men Joy Choir. The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. The public is invited to attend. Dillman U B is located in Southern Wells Co. for further information, call: 260-375-2779

VALENTINE'S GIVEAWAY

Get ready for Valentine's Day - sign up to win a Romantic rendezvous!!!

Sponsored by Bluffton radio stations WNUY (FM100) & WADM (AM1540), prizes include a romantic hotel stay, a bed & breakfast with dinner for two, and a gift package.

Stop by the WARREN PHARMACY and fill out a free entry form!!

NEW EMPLOYEE

Warren Pharmacy welcomes Marsha Crickard to our team here at the Warren Pharmacy. Marsha is a "certified pharmacy technician". She has been working as a pharmacy technician for the past 17 years at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She was also a ward secretary and still continues to work in their hospital pharmacy on a part-time basis. She passed the national pharmacy technician certification Board exam in 1995. She joins our technician staff of Marcy Rosen, Donna Jones & Cheryl Campbell who together now share over 47 years of combined pharmacy experience. She and her husband, Sam, live in rural Warren on Willow Road. They have 10 grandchildren. She is also an antique collector. Stop in and welcome Marsha to the Warren Pharmacy.

BIOENGINEERED FOODS

The Purdue Extension Service of Huntington County is offering an educational program titled "Bioengineered Foods: Dreams from the Field." It will be January 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the Huntington City-Township Library.

Bioengineered foods have been on the store shelves for several years. During this program, you will learn how the genetic engineering of plants is done and why it is beneficial and safe for humans and wildlife. So if this is such a good thing, why is it in the news so often? Is there more to the story? This program will answer these questions.

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.

SHOOTING SPORTS

The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program will start on Sunday, January 27, 2002. An Introductory Meeting will be held at the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Shooting Sports instructors from each of the five disciplines offered - Archery, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun -will explain about their discipline and show examples of different equipment. Any youth interested in learning more about the various Shooting Sports disciplines offered, should attend this introductory meeting, along with their parents/guardians.

A \$15 registration fee is required at the time of enrollment, along with parent signatures on health and permission forms.

Additional sign-up times for the various Shooting Sports disciplines will be held on Sunday, February 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. These sign-up meetings will also be held at the Family Living Building, Hier's Park. There will also be a sign up at the Sportsman Club in Warren on Tuesday, February 5, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information about the 4-H SAFE/Shooting Sports program, contact the Purdue Extension Service - Huntington County office at 260/358-4826 or stop by the office located on the 2nd floor of the courthouse.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Rock Creek Conservancy District have scheduled their joint Annual Meeting for Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wells County Community Center. In case of severe weather, the alternate date for the meeting will be February 26, 2002.

Dan's Fish Fry will provide an all-you-can-eat fish and tenderloin supper. The cost of the meal is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 2-12, under 2 free. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the districts will give reports of their activities during 2001, hold the Wells Co. SWCD supervisor election, and present conservation awards

and recognition.

The Mossburg Strings will provide entertainment for the evening, and the meeting will conclude with the oath of office for the newly elected supervisor, and drawings for door prizes that are donated by area businesses.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District/Rock Creek Conservancy District office at 117 W. Harvest Road, Bluffton, or from the SWCD supervisors. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

ZONING HEARING

A hearing regarding the application for a Special Exception for the replacement of Mobile Home for Robert L. Bailey will be held February 5, 2002.

This hearing will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 in the Warren Town Hall Annex, 131 N. Wayne St Warren IN 46792.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Written objections to the application filed with the Department of Community Development will be considered at the hearing along with oral comments from interested persons at the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

A copy of the application is on file for examination prior to the hearing in the office of the Department of Community Development, County Courthouse Room 208, 201 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, Indiana, (260) 358-4836.

Any individual who requests accommodation as the result of a disability, please contact; Department of Community Development, 20 North Jefferson Street, Room 208, Huntington, Indiana 46750 (260) 358-4836 sufficiently in advance of the meeting so that reasonable accommodation can be arranged.

COUNTY THEFTS

Residents in northern Huntington County are experiencing thefts from outbuildings and garages. These thefts involve hand tools, power tools, large items such as chain saws, air compressors, snow blowers and weed eaters.

Other items picked randomly are fishing equipment, sports equipment and guns. Vehicles parked in garages and outbuildings are also having tapes, cd's, and loose change stolen.

Residents should be aware that more than one individual is believed to be involved, and to call police immediately if they see or hear anything unusual, such as one of their outbuilding doors open, equipment setting outside that they know should be inside, a barking dog, or motion sensor light coming on.

Make sure your outbuildings are locked and secured and if possible have motion sensor lights available and working in or near the entrance area to these buildings.

The burglaries are still under investigation. The Sheriff's Department is also increasing patrol to help stop these crimes.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council held their first meeting of 2002 on Monday evening, Jan. 14 in the Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all repeated the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group Financial consultant presented Council with a Town of Warren Business Plan. Included in his suggestions were written documents of projects on electric, wastewater, water, general, and tax. Council agreed to the plan.

Tentative plans are to hold a special meeting with Guerrettaz on March 18 for an update on the project.

Karl Fuller from Huntington County Solid Waste reported to Council that the District will furnish 22 gallon blue containers free for recycling to each household in Warren. Additional containers can be purchased for \$4.09. Warren is reported to be the highest recycling town in Huntington County. Council took no action pending further discussion and citizen input.

He also demonstrated compost

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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

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YOU CAN STICK TO

Each January thousands of us start making our annual list of New Year's resolutions. What was it last year? Lose 10 pounds, stop smoking, start an exercise program? Sound familiar? You can always count on the same old resolutions to be included on almost everyone's list.

This year why not try something different, easy and fun? How about a New Year's resolution that brings happiness to a lot of people and endures for generations to come? You may resolve to revive the art of letter writing. This is a great way to reach family and friends you may have lost track of. It's inexpensive, only 34-cents, and letters can be saved to read over and over again. It's hard to review a telephone conversation over the years. "Letters are also a wonderful way to help preserve your family history. They're personal, informative and entertaining. Personal letters can become a special treasure for your loved ones to cherish and share with their children and grandchildren," said Postmaster Sheryl Horst.

"When you take the time to write a letter it tells people you care enough about them to give a part of yourself. A handwritten note helps us convey our true feelings—as we put pen to paper another, perhaps more sensitive side of us emerges. Letters can help us grow closer together as friends, families and even communities" says Horst.

The art of letter writing can also offer a welcome respite from our normally hectic schedules. Find a quiet spot and sit down and write. You'll be surprised how relaxing writing a letter can be.

And, with the newest assortment of colorful and creative postage stamps available at your post office, letter writing can become a journey into history, art or literature. Choose the stamp that best expresses your mood, the season or a favorite interest.

So this new year, pick a resolution you can stick to. Start writing letters to family and friends and see what fun and happiness you can create for only 34-cents.

TOWN DECKS CHRISTMAS TREE WITH TRIBUTES

WARREN, Ind. -The community Christmas tree here is not the world's largest.

But it might be the most practical: It brings the community together and reminds it of its past, as a Christmas tradition is supposed to do; it costs the town nothing - in fact, it makes money.

Even the person who donates the tree gets ahead - and not just in their heart but tangibly, because in most cases, the tree had been in the way, a nuisance. The Needler family donated this year's - a large blue spruce, a beauty. It had been encroaching on their driveway.

The tree stands where Warren's Christmas trees always stand, on the sidewalk outside Town Hall. It's as tall as Town Hall - two stories.

It is decorated, as is the tradition, with hundreds of ribbons, mostly white ribbons.

The white ribbons connote deceased people. Townsfolk pay \$2 per ribbon for the memorials. Joyce Sorg, proprietor of PJ's Flower & Gift Shop, furnishes the ribbons. She writes the names of the persons being memorialized on the ribbons -Virginia Lieurance, Lenora Freck, Bernard Rennaker, Ivan Decker...

Red ribbons, also \$2, indicate the person being honored is still living - Alexis Miller, Emily Pressler, Mary Shuttleworth...

The money raised from the ribbons, about \$700 this year, goes toward the Christmas lights that decorate Warren's downtown. It is a bucolic tradition.

Warren is a bucolic town and a traditional one. It is 12 miles south of Huntington, on the banks of the Salamonie River. The town's population, 1,272, is small enough that it has no political parties, political parties being unnecessary because voters know the candidates personally. The candidates, meaning the clerk-treasurer and the four council members, run as independents.

Warren is not perfect - recently three locals pleaded guilty to strapping a homemade bomb to a cat. The bomb did not explode, the cat is


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 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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

Rev. Pat Mullen, Interim Pastor

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

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

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

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

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

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathie Jones, Pastor

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 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.

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

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor

Sun - Pastor's Prayer Closet... 7:30a.m.
 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (Jr/Sr)..... 5:30p.m.
 Prayer Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 Adv. Club (4yr-6th)..... 6-7:30p.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

Interim Pastor Dan Sommer

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15p.m.
 Mon. Bible Study (women).... 9:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mark S. Bendes, 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
Ed Kessler, 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 (Sun.)..... 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
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 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-2031

Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.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 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

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

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691

Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Church 11:00 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.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Wayne Wright, Pastor

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

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

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier

Pastor - Steve Gray

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

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AREA NEWS

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containers which are available to individual homeowners.

According to reports easements are being finalized for the wastewater project.

The "Warren Downtown" meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The committee voted for the Ball State Project to work on three buildings in the downtown area of Warren. Ball State University students will make their first visit on Jan. 31. The project will last approximately six weeks.

Streetscape-Butler Fairman Seyfert has scheduled a meeting with Senator Wheeler in Indianapolis on Feb. 11.

Quotes had been received from D&L for radio improvements for town employees. Council asked that two quotes be obtained and suggested local equipment be checked.

Three new warning sirens had been ordered but had not arrived. Council considered placement for the sirens. The town currently has four plus the county siren.

A tree project for the Park Department was discussed. Trees would be offered at \$30.00 each to homeowners.

Council voted to purchase two new computers and printers for the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Council was presented a Fire Department report, I&M proposed service contract (to get comparison report from REMC), W.H.A.R.M.M. meeting Monday, Jan. 21 at Andrews. Harold Jones, Ron Neff, Chod Boxell, Jackie Huffman and Marilyn Morrison are expected to attend.

The Plan Commission asked that Council approve the appointment of Bob Berghoff, and two people for BZA. Appointment will be made following further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison presented Council with a year end report.

Darrel Bice reported from the Utility/Street Departments. He noted that projects have included clean up from the holidays, replacing banners, community Christmas tree taken down, and a house on Grover Street had been

torn down.

Fire Chief Tim Ford presented Council with a yearly report from the local Fire Department. He said the Department also plans to upgrade their computer system. New officers for the Department were approved by Council.

Town Marshal Steve Donnelly gave his report to Council. IACT Legislative Conference in Indianapolis Feb. 12, 13.

Announcements included: Jan. 28, Council meeting; Jan. 21, W.H.A.R.M.M.; Feb. 2, Huntington County Legislative meeting, Quayle Center, 9 a.m.; Feb. 12, 13, IACT Legislative Conference, Westin, Indianapolis.

VAN BUREN NOTES

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 16, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Two concerned citizens were in attendance and questioned what Council would do about the pigeon problem above Pizza King. They were informed that the property owner is responsible for eradicating the birds. But Council did decide to wash the street down.

Officer Pat Collins presented Council with a list of junk and abandoned vehicle violations.

Collins also discussed the purchase of new pagers for his Department with Council.

Council agreed to allow the Police Department to accept an application from Kenneth Duncan for the position of Reserve Deputy.

Deputy Kevin Wetherington discovered a fire on East Main Street on Tuesday night while on patrol. He called the local Fire Department and the fire was brought under control.

Superintendent Jim Webb discussed the water plant.

Council agreed to a gas credit card for the purchase of gas for Police and emergency vehicles. This decision was made because someone had disconnected the town gas pump.

The next Council meeting will be Feb. 6.

INDIANA DOWNTOWN PROJECT

(The following article by Dolores P. Palma & Doyle G. Hyett, HyettPalma Inc. was printed in the December 2001 issue of Actionlines.)

In the summer of 2001, the IACT Foundation unveiled a new technical assistance pilot program called Indiana Downtown® New Thinking. New Life. This program was structured to provide local government officials the assistance they need to build partnerships with their business communities and move their Downtowns on to a brighter future.

The first town to participate in the program was Warren and the first city was Lafayette. In November and December, respectively, Downtown Action Agendas were completed for these communities through the Indiana Downtown® program. Each Downtown Action Agenda includes:

- * A vision of Downtown's future, as defined by the community;
- * A market analysis, quantifying

Downtown's retail, office, and housing potentials;

* A recommended course of action to be implemented over the next five years by the private and public sectors; and

* Management recommendations regarding a Downtown Partnership and funding.

The Indiana Downtown® program revealed that Downtown Warren currently contains many tangible assets such as beautiful architecture, an impressive array of small businesses, and a large number of housing units. Plus, Downtown's intangible assets are striking as well and include the strong support of Town Hall, remarkable cooperation between the Town and Huntington County governments, the enthusiasm and involvement of the private sector, and the community's residents and business owners themselves, who have shown a pride and a caring in their Downtown, as well as a strong sense of community.

This is an impressive list of Downtown assets of which the community is, and should be, proud. Yet, the Town government decided to participate in the Indiana Downtown® program — and the private sector enthusiastically joined Town Hall in defining Warren's Downtown Action Agenda. This indicates the community understands that Downtown Warren can be even better than it has today. And, this is also to the community's credit. In completing the Action Agenda, it was found that the community's concerns for Downtown involve primarily the following:

* Downtown contains mostly service businesses at this time, and the community would like to see additional retail businesses added to Downtown's mix.

* Downtown is experiencing some first floor vacancies at this time, which is a new occurrence in Warren.

* Downtown's future role is being questioned locally. This is

driven by the pending I-69/SR5 development and the economic impact that will have on Downtown.

The Warren Downtown Action Agenda takes those community concerns to heart and offers a variety of inter-related actions specifically tailored to address them. Those actions include:

* Strengthening Downtown's business base by making business retention, versification, and expansion of existing Downtown businesses a major thrust of the Downtown enhancement effort;

* Filling first floor vacancies by actively recruiting retail businesses — of the types desired by the community and recommended in the Downtown market analysis; and

* Establishing a clear economic orientation for both Downtown and for the I-69/SR5 commercial area, so that the two complement rather than compete with each other.

"ARTS BUDDIES" NEEDED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana is currently looking for volunteers for the Arts Buddy program, a unique program that allows volunteers to take a child to area art museums and events. Volunteers are asked to spend four hours a month with their little brother or sister for a six-month period. Many discounts are made available through the Arts Buddy program to volunteers and their little brother or sister.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana (an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America) serve Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, Noble, Wells and Whitley counties. Last year alone, the agency served more than 600 area children, providing each with a unique opportunity for friendship and mentoring. Big Brothers Big Sisters is recognized as the nation's foremost mentoring program for children.

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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 included.

Jan 25 Warren Recycle Day
Jan 28 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex
Mar 22 Salamonie PRO's Carnival: food 5:15-7, games 6-8
May 11 Warren Alumni Banquet - contact Jim Howell 375-3048 for reservations

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 **StoryTime at Warren Public Library** - Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. **Walking in the Gym** - 6am - Noon Mon - Fri

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"We are so pleased that consumers can now exchange their gift certificates for merchandise

in the stores," said James Schaye, Principal of Boston-based Gordon Brothers Group, on behalf of Gordon Brothers and Great American Group, the companies that are managing the closing sales. "The sales are in full swing and consumers can still find significant savings in every department.

Closing sales in the remaining Quality Farm & Fleet and Central Tractor Farm & Country Stores are underway and will continue until all merchandise has been sold. The stores are offering storewide discounts off the lowest ticketed prices in all product categories - including agricultural products, animal health and feeds, home improvement, hardware, electrical, plumbing, lawn and garden, truck and trailer, energy and clothing.

HOHE & IPFW

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc. is offering the Dr. John W. Hohe & Marjorie H. Hohe Scholarship to Huntington North High School seniors and Huntington County residents currently attending Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne are also eligible for the Hohe Scholarship. The Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount of each scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship are currently being accepted and the awards will be made in April 2002. Applications are available in the Huntington North High School guidance office, in the

IPFW Financial Aid Office from Vicki Dahl, or by calling Marcia McClelland, executive director, Huntington County Community Foundation at 219-356-8878. Application deadline is March 30, 2002.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a high school senior enrolled at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for fall 2002, or a full-time student at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Nontraditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for the school year 2002-2003 are also eligible for the scholarship. Non-traditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C average).

Past recipients of the Dr. John & Mrs. Hohe Scholarship are:

2001 - Liane Marie Hildebrand, Aaron S. Kiefer, Rudy F. Kuser III and 2000 - Liane Hildebrand.

The Huntington County Community Foundation builds and maintains a permanent endowment. Earnings from permanent endowment funds are used for charitable purposes in Huntington County. The Foundation administers 54 permanent endowment funds, 19 of which are designated for scholarships. For information about the Huntington County Community Foundation, to make a donation to any of the funds or to create a new fund, contact the Community Foundation at 356 West Park Drive, P.O. Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750, or call 356-8878.

ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS

Members of Pathfinder Services, Inc. have elected four new members to its board of directors. All reside in Huntington and all begin two-year terms on the board. The not-for-profit human service organization is based in Huntington and serves 14 northern Indiana counties.

John Branham has practiced law in Huntington for 35 years and has been Huntington County Prosecutor for the past 24 years. He and his wife, Kathy, have three daughters and four granddaughters. Branham previously served on the Pathfinder Services Board and was president in 1976.

Rev. Robert Jarboe has been pastor at Faith Chapel United Methodist Church in Huntington for seven years. He also works as a substitute teacher in the Huntington County Community School Corporation. Rev. Jarboe and his wife, Bonnie, have two daughters.

John Morrison is Operations Materials Supervisor at Honeywell in Huntington, where he has worked for 21 years. Morrison is a Huntington County native. He and his wife, Peg, have four daughters and one granddaughter.

Leah Weaver is Conference Coordinator at Indiana Wesleyan University, where she also attends

classes. She has two sons.

The Pathfinder board of directors has elected Debbie Dyson Chair, Dennis Massengill Vice-Chair and Kristy McCormick, Secretary. All three reside in Huntington.

Dyson is a Pharmacist at Walgreens in Wabash and the Pill Box Pharmacy in North Manchester. She and her husband, Roger, have three children.

Massengill is President, Wells Fargo Bank Huntington, where he has worked for 10 years. He and his wife, Pam, have two children.

McCormick is Catering Manager for Sodexo at Huntington College, where she has worked for five years. She has two sons.

Pathfinder Services was founded in Huntington in 1966. It provides a wide range of human services to people with and without disabilities in 14 northern Indiana counties.

CAR-BUYING ASSISTANCE

Residents of several northern Indiana counties have a chance to get help buying reliable used cars. Community Connections, Huntington, plans introductory workshops for residents of Allen, Huntington, Wabash, Wells and Whitley Counties at which it will explain its innovative service. Community Connections is a division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., a not-for-profit human service organization. Its auto-buying service provides education and low-interest loans to families whose annual income falls below certain limits. Interested families must attend one of two introductory workshops in Huntington scheduled for Monday, February 18. One workshop runs from 10 a.m. to noon and the other runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are required. Community Connections staff will advise participants of the exact workshop location when they make a reservation by calling (260) 356-0521 or toll-free, (800) 310-9510.


Families who meet eligibility requirements will be eligible for used car loans from Bippus State Bank, Huntington, at an interest rate of six percent. They may use the loans to purchase the used cars of their choice at a price of up to \$7,500, from the sellers of their choice. Community Connections will refer families to an independent inspector, who must certify that the cars are in good condition and unlikely to require major repair in the near future. Families may also use the service to refinance existing car loans, with certain restrictions.

Families are eligible for the service if they have annual incomes below 50 percent of their county's median income for a family their size. For example, a family of four who lives in Allen, Huntington, Wells or Whitley County cannot make more than \$28,200 in order to qualify. In Wabash County, the limit for a family of four is \$24,250. Larger families may earn more and still qualify, but smaller families must earn less. Other

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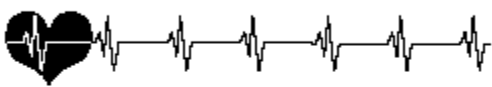
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Hearty Hearts

**Tuesday, February 5
1 p.m.**

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A cardiac support group for individuals and families living with heart disease. Discussions will include the challenges of living with heart disease and ways to strive toward a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Sherry Makowski, nurse coordinator for Hearty Hearts, will speak on "The Benefits of Exercise."

Please contact the education department at ext. 3806 for additional information.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

STROUD

Dale E. Stroud, 49, 216 E. 5th St., Warren, died Wednesday (Jan. 16, 2002) from injuries he sustained while at work for Eckman Motors in Warren.

Mr. Stroud had been employed by Eckman Motors, Warren, as an automotive technician for the past 20 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

He was born Nov. 29, 1952, in Wells County to Harry L. and Patricia S. Lincoln Stroud. He graduated from Huntington North High School in 1971. He married Debra Falk in Warren on Oct. 17, 1975. His wife survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Darrell L. Stroud and Darren J. Stroud, both of Warren; and two brothers, Dennis Stroud and Robert Stroud, both of Warren.

Funeral Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with Pastor Kathie Jones officiating.

Burial was at the Mitchell Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the Darrell and Darren Education Trust Fund, in care of Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, IN 46792.

BAUER

Edna P. Bauer, 83, 1075 Little Turtle Trail, died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 15, 2002) at her home.

Mrs. Bauer retired as a secretary for Schenkel's Dairy after 10 years of service. She was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1919, in Huntington County to William and Mary France Lahr. She married Herbert Bauer on Nov. 19, 1938. Her husband died Jan. 10, 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. William (Sharon) Solloway, Fort Wayne; a son, Gary Bauer, Huntington; six sisters, Lillian Lahr, Mrs. Don (Mary Alice) Shideler and Ruby Eckert, all of Warren, Mrs. Earl (Betty) Moldenhauer and Margery Rupel, both of Huntington, and Mrs. David (Shirley) Clapp, North Manchester; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Martha Weaver, preceded her in death.

Calling hours were held at Hart Funeral Home.

Mass of Christian burial was held at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 840 Cherry St., with Father Ron Rieder officiating.

Burial was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services for Huntington County, the American Heart Association, or Mass at the church, in care of Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

LOUCK

Celesta Ellen Louck, 82, died at 9:20 p.m. Monday (Jan. 14, 2002) at AmeriCare Living Center, formerly Hartford City Community Care Center, where she had been a resident for the past two years.

Mrs. Louck retired from Muncie Chevrolet after 36 years of service. She was a member of the Hartford City Ladies of the Moose. She was a former resident of Dunkirk.

She was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Upland to Alvin M. and Stella L. Berry Glascock. She married Robert Lee Louck in Hartford City on June 29, 1946. Her husband died Dec. 2, 2001.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Walter R. (Vivian) Rodgers, Dunkirk, and Delores M. Hunnicutt, Montpelier; a brother, Alvin C. Glascock, Huntington; several nieces and nephews including Mrs. Wayne (Mary Ann) Jackson, Warren, and Mrs. Louis (Debra) Veilleux, Andrews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Henderson and Preston Glascock; and two sisters, Iva Buckland and Thelma McHenry.

Funeral Services were held at the Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City. Rev. Lloyd Hall officiated the service. Burial was at Gardens of Memory in Muncie.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, 50 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

KNIPSTEIN - HARRELL

Angela Knipstein and Arron Harrell, both of Fort Wayne, are engaged to be married March 2 at Emmanuel Community Church, Fort Wayne.

The bride-elect graduated from Carroll High School, Fort Wayne, in 1997 and IPFW in 2000, earning a degree from Indiana University of Fort Wayne. She is a radiologic technologist at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Her parents are Judy Causey, Fort Wayne and Leonard Knipstein, Fort Wayne.

Her fiance graduated from Huntington North High School in 1993 and IPFW in 1998, earning a degree from Indiana University of

Fort Wayne. He is a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologist at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. His parents are Dan and Pam Harrell, rural Marion.

BECK - STRALEY

Jamie Beck and Michael Straley were married July 28, 2001 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Father Ron Rieder officiated the ceremony. Musicians were Rosemary Stoffel, organist, and Christina Gaskill, soloist. Sherri Friedman, cousin of the bride, was the reader.

Marci Heiney served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mandy Bodrie, aunt of the bride, Jenny Oden, Amy Thornsberry and Amy Rakoczy. Kourtney Roberts and Chelsea Heiney were flower girls. Emily Jones and Megan Smart, cousins of the groom, were bubble attendants.

Matthew Straley, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Jeremy Beck, and Justin Beck, brothers of the bride, Nick Oden and Josh Morris. Jonathon Heiney was the ring bearer. Ushers were Josh Smart, cousin of the groom, and Garrett Friedman and Grant Friedman, cousins of the bride. Mark Bodrie, uncle of the bride, and Adam Bodrie, cousin of the bride, were videographers.

A reception at Heritage Hall in Hier's Park followed the ceremony. Bridget Forth was the reception assistant. The cake was created by Carol Friedman, grandmother of the bride. Sherri Friedman, cousin of the bride was the guest book attendant.

The couple chose a wedding trip to Spring Hill, Fla.

The bride graduated from Huntington North High School in 1997 and attended IPFW. She is employed by Wendy's Restaurant and Pathfinder Services Inc. Her parents are Rose Marie Beck, Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. James Beck, Shelbyville.

The bridegroom graduated from Huntington North High School in 1996. He is a semi driver for Best Way. His parents are Richard and Barb Straley, Warren.

The couple resides at 1005 Ogan Ave., Huntington.

50 YEARS TOGETHER

Mr and Mrs Don Ruble were married January 26, 1952 at the McNatt Methodist Church by Rev. Harold Jensen.

Their children will hold an open house in their parents' honor Sunday, January 27, 2002 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bi-County Reception Hall in Bluffton. They ask that gifts be omitted.

They have four children, Renata Williams of Bluffton, Chris Coratti of Liberty Center, Bruce Ruble of Hartford City and Brian Ruble of Bluffton. They also have 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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requirements include attending a series of two classes (in addition to the introductory workshop) and having a good credit record.

A \$200,000 grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Indianapolis, started the fund from which loans are made. As families repay their loans, the money becomes available to new participants.

HEARTY HEARTS

In a matter of moments, your life or that of a friend or family member can be changed forever. Living with heart disease involves change for both a patient and their family. That's why Bluffton Regional Medical Center is again offering a cardiac support group. Hearty Hearts is for individuals and family members living with a heart condition. Discussions will include the challenges of living with heart disease and ways to strive toward a heart-healthy lifestyle.

The first Hearty Hearts meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th at 1 p.m. in the dining room at Bluffton Regional South, 1100 S. Main Street. Meetings will continue the first Tuesday of each month, April through May and include guest speakers. March meeting will be on the 12th with speaker Judi Merkel, extension educator.

Sherry Makowski, nurse coordinator for the group, will discuss the "Benefits of Exercise." This includes looking at local options to continue exercising during the winter months for a healthy heart.

"I am excited to get the group meeting again in February, since this month is designated as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association," explains Makowski. "A heart healthy lifestyle is a tangible goal."

Everyone is welcome to this informal meeting. Please contact Bluffton Regional's education department at (260) 824-3210, ext. 3806 for additional information.

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast
Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice

January 28

French toast sticks

January 29

Pancake/sausage stick

January 30

Peanut butter/jelly bar

January 31

Cinnamon toast
February 1

Pop Tart

Lunch

Each meal includes milk

January 28

Pizza, buttered carrots, sliced peaches, cookie

January 29

Chili soup/crackers, cheese stick, applesauce, cinnamon roll

January 30

Hot dog, baked beans, jello w/ fruit

January 31

Taco salad, buttered peas, sliced pears, peanut butter bar

February 1

Panther burger w/cheese, french fries, baked fruit dessert

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

January 28

Fruit juice, scrambled eggs, buttered toast

January 29

Orange juice, cheese toastie

January 30

Apple juice, peanut butter toast

January 31

Fruit cup, pancake/sausage on a stick w/syrup

February 1

Menu Not Available

Lunch

Each meal includes chocolate or white milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/

crackers, peanut butter/jelly sandwich and fruit basket choice.

January 28

Sloppy joe on a bun (corn dogs-2), buttered corn, orange wedges, pudding

January 29

French toast sticks w/syrup (quarterpounder w/cheese), sausage links, tater tots, chilled fruit, blueberry muffin

January 30

Italian spaghetti (ham salad sandwich), green beans, combination salad, bread stick, mini ice cream sandwich

January 31

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February 1
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Childrens – The Legend of the Valentine; The Recess Queen; Truelove; Countdown to Spring; Helen Keller and the Big Storm.

2002 EXT. BOARD

MEETING DATES

At the January 8 Grant County Extension meeting the following dates were slated for meetings during 2002: March 13, April 9, June 5 and October 9. The annual meeting date will be scheduled at a later time. Meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and be held at the Grant County Office Building unless otherwise notified.

Officers elected were Larry Phillips, president; Joe Catanzaro, vice-president; and Barbara Matchette, secretary. P-CARET representatives selected were Larry Phillips, Joe Catanzaro, Mark Gunning and Kendra Cline. Randy Atkins will be a representative on the 4-H Council.

Annual Meeting, Nominating and Budget Committees were formed for 2002.

STORY TIME AFTER SCHOOL

Thirteen children attended a Birthday Party honoring Dr. Martin Luther King and Benjamin Franklin on Friday January 18th at the Van Buren Public Library. Karen Conwell read the book "Martin Luther King Jr." by Julia Holt. After I read the story, questions were asked about Dr. King. The children listened well because they knew most of the answers. One of the questions was: what was the first civil rights action King was involved in? The answer was The Montgomery Bus Boycott. It was a very informative book.

To honor Benjamin Franklin, Karen read the book "Benjamin Franklin" by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire. We learned Benjamin's fathers name was Josiah, he was a candlemaker and a very religious man. He had seventeen children. Ten of which were sons. Benjamin was the youngest of his sons. Ben became a printer, statesman, philosopher, and inventor. With the kite made of strong silk, a long rod fastened to its top, a key and some hemp he proved to the world that lightning was electricity. The book also stated that this could have killed him. We are thankful it didn't.

The children were able to color a

kite. We are sending them to our service family in Sigonella, Sicily. They also decorated cupcakes for their treat and enjoyed pretzels. We left the children's department a little smarter about these two great men.

Those attending were: Cassie Davis, Brittini-lynn Davis, Raven Dailey, Alison Stout, Jackson Bratcher, Chyna Dailey, Connor Pannell, Robert Tate, Frankie Flemming, Thomas Flemming, Kayla Purvis And Stephen Greene. Next story time will be Friday January 25th after school. We will have a Puzzle Day.

BAY VIEW

The Bay View Reading Club began the New Year 2002 with thirteen members present, on January 15th in the United Methodist Memorial Home in the Party Room.

President Martha Rumble, opened the meeting with the members reading the clubs Collect in unison; after which Mrs. Rumble read a prayer written by Helen Steiner Rice, titled "Time Is A Gift From God".

The President called for the roll call of the members and the minutes were read by the Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Strassner and passed. Mrs. Rumples announced that Helen Stokes is a new member and she was welcomed with applause.

Members needing prayer and support was discussed at which time Lilly Nutter reported numerous cards of needed encouragement were sent.

Appreciation was expressed to the hostesses, Adeline Holm and

Marian Dadd, and to Virginia Olson, study chairman this month.

Mrs. Olson introduced the guest speaker as the person, Pearl Huff Bartholemew. The speaker appeared in an attire of yesteryear. In actuality the person speaking was Ann Brauchla portraying the well known personality of Pearl, an early resident of Warren.

Pearl Huff Bartholemew, was a very colorful person, self taught, happy, liked fancy clothes and especially hats, did her own hair, even a dye once in a while. Jewelry was another passion, she always thought that more was better. Traveled extensively, and taught herself to drive. Loved a challenge and accepted what ever came along, from teaching, working for Women's Police Bureau in Washington and The Red Cross Service Department in Atlanta, Georgia. Pearl was church involved, enjoyed photography, bridge, and parties. She was a lady before her time- "A Woman of Substance"; a joy to know her through the personality of Ann Brauchla.

Members present were, Marian Dadd, Adeline Holm, Karlene Henry, Velma Lindstrom, Lavona Myers, Lilly Nutter, Virginia Olson, Martha Rumble, Jaunita Schrope, Helen Strassner, Jeanette Weaver, Marjorie Witty, Helen Stokes.

The door prize was awarded to Karlene Henry, a box of chocolate covered cherries; this she shared, graciously.

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OK, but that's how serial killers get started.

Such things are rare, though, says Steve Donnelly, the town marshal and one of Warren's two full-time cops. Donnelly is from England, and when he first came to Warren, four years ago, he had an English accent. But now he sounds as if he's from Ireland. You take an English accent, mix it with Hoosier, and you get Irish, apparently.

President Bush got a ribbon this year, a red one, obviously. It is believed to be the first time a U.S. president has been so honored. Warren's clerk-treasurer, Marilyn Morrison, says It's probably because of the war on terrorism.

Also new because of the war on terrorism are patriotic ribbons of red, white and blue. These are the idea of an out-of-towner who last month dropped a note and \$50 cash in the town hall's mail slot.

The note was not signed. Whoever wrote it has been stopping by Warren at Christmas-time for several years now, with their family —just to see the Christmas tree. The stop has become a family tradition.

The out-of-towners suggested that, in addition to the white ribbons and red ribbons, the town offer a third ribbon option: the red, white and blue - white to represent those who have lost their lives in the name of our country, red to represent those currently serving in the military and in governmental positions and blue for all Americans who can this day stand tall with pride that we live in

such a country."

A place like Warren will go for an idea like that every time, even if the idea is new.

Another tradition has begun. (The above article was published in the December 24, 2001 issue The Indianapolis Star by Will Higgins. His column appears Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You can contact him at 1-317-444-6043 or via e-mail at will.higgins@indystar.com.)



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