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Thought for the Week: *If life were measured by accomplishments, most of us would die in infancy.* A.P. Gouthey

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, and Egg Casserole will be on the menu Saturday morning, February 23 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at McNatt UM Church for a Freewill Offering. Join us for good food and fellowship.

FREE PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

The United Church of Christ of Warren (on the corner of main street and second street) will host its 3rd ((parents Night Out)) on Friday Evening March 7th, 5:30-9:30PM. This will be the last parent's night out till next fall. This is for children age 6 months old to no older than 12 years old. There will be adult supervision and games, entertainment, and light refreshments for the children. Please call Guy Jackson's (375-2420) for reservations or Church office (375-2102) and leave a voicemail message with names and age of the children you would like to bring to the parents night out. It will be limited to the first 12 Children who are called in.

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

at the Pulse Opera House
On Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23, things heat up in the Pulse Opera House lobby! Open Mic nights are open to anyone with the guts to take the microphone for 15 minutes. You can tell jokes, sing, play an instrument, read your original poetry....you get the idea. Get your friends together and form an improv group! Stop singing in front of the bathroom mirror and try it in front of a real audience. Just keep it family friendly.

Bob and Christi Sloan will be there with their lattes and other coffee drinks. So, you can snuggle up with a mocha and enjoy the fun. Performers also need people to cheer them on, so audience members are welcome,

too! Don't get left out in the cold. Feel the heat at the Pulse!

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Acts will sign up for 15 minutes blocks. The fun starts at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge to get in.

FOOD MINISTRY LAUNCHED

The response so far has been very good about a new "low-cost-great-food ministry" coming to the Warren area. The Warren Area Ministerial Association has met to learn about this ministry and has embraced it with great enthusiasm. Nine folks from four churches attended a training session in Ft. Wayne last Tuesday, Feb. 12, (in all that snow!) to hear speakers for Angel Food Ministries out of Monroe, GA. Then, on Friday night, Feb. 15, 35 folks from the area attended an informational meeting at the Warren Church of Christ to see a DVD presentation on this food ministry and were given brochures, menus, rules, order blanks, posters and volunteer sheets (if they wanted to help). 8 volunteers signed up from area churches and the community and we took 4 food orders that night.

The excitement of working together to bring quality food ministry, at half the cost, to Warren was very evident in the group that met. This will be a united effort to minister together. Janice Jordan has agreed to be the ministry director. The Warren Church of Christ will be the Host Site where food will be picked up on Distribution Day.

Menu Ordering Days will begin this Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Warren Church of Christ, 302 N. Wayne St. from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and will be open again on Saturday, March 1, from 9-11:00 A.M. Deadline for the March order is Sunday, March 2. You can also order from a designated representative at First Baptist Church, Hillcrest Church

of the Nazarene, Jefferson Center United Methodist Church, Liberty Center United Methodist Church and the Warren Church of Christ. Just call these churches to talk to their representative. More churches will be on board as we go along.

The March Menu is: For \$30 you get Top Sirloin Roast, Boneless Skinless Chicken breasts, Boneless Pork Fillet, Breaded Chicken Breast Strips, Boxed Lean Beef Patties, Chicken Leg Quarters, All Meat Bologna, Ground Turkey, Steak-Cut French Fries, Frozen Mixed Vegetables, Frozen Green Beans, Waffles, Borden Shelf-Stable Mile, Blue Bonnet Margarine, Pork & Beans, Marie Callendar's Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, and Dessert Item. If you buy this unit of food from the Menu you can get other specials like Special #1 is 8 lb Family-Size Combo box that has Thick Cut Pork Chops, Meaty Beef Ribs, Lean Hamburger Beef Steaks and All Meat Bratwurst Sausage Links for \$20. Other specials are available like this one. Menus will change each month. You can get menus and informational materials from the above supporting churches any time to help you decide if you'd like to try it.

Delivery of the March Menu will take place on Saturday, March 15, from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. at the Warren Church of Christ. You must pay for your unit when you order. Cash, Checks and Money Orders are acceptable to the "Warren Angel Food Ministry" for this first "pilot month's" order. Food Stamp orders will be accepted later but not on this first month. You must pick up your order at this appointed time or your order will be given to needy families in the area or the Warren Food Bank. We do not have room to store it in freezers. The person ordering must pick it up.

You may call 358-6783 or 224-4844 for answers to questions you may have. Be patient with us as we learn how to do this ministry in a way that brings pleasure and savings to families in our area. Anyone can participate. No membership fees, income limits, applications or limit of boxes of food ordered. Everyone qualifies and is accepted to be a part of this program. This food is not seconds, out of date or left over products. It's fresh, quality brand name foods that is strictly monitored and controlled by Angel

Food Ministries and the USDA. Half a million families are serviced every month all across the country. We'll have weekly articles to keep you posted on this growing and needful ministry to Warren. Why not give it a try?



CHAMBER DRAWING FACTS.....

The Webster Collegiate Dictionary defines a "Winner" as a victor of the spoils; one that defeats an opponent; a conqueror; a victor. It defines a "Loser" as one that has lost the battle; one unable to succeed a task or event.

The monthly Chamber of Commerce drawing was held on Wednesday February 13th at East of Chicago Pizza. There were about 40 people in attendance. A name was drawn for the \$200 in gift certificates and the "victor of the spoils" was Jackie Zinn (pictured above with Jeff Souder of East of Chicago). The second victor was Carin Vickrey for \$100 in gift certificates.

In addition to the gift certificates that were awarded, East of Chicago held drawings for free pizza cards. Names that were drawn, but were not present, (in other words the ones that lost the battle) were Kim MacMillan, Whitney Buzzard, Brenda Rhamy, Barbara Stevens, and Richard Bradford. Even though Richard's wife was present, she could not receive the prize!

The conquerors of the pizza drawing were James Long, Penny Bowers, Chris Brubaker, David Uncapher and Brenda Conner. Which badge do you want to wear? A "Victor" or a "Loser"? You can still sign up at "The Spa at Heritage Point" for the March drawing. But remember, if you sign up, you had better show up!!

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE UPTOWN GARDENER



by Ruth Herring

Today is rainy and gloomy, just not a good day to be inspired to write. However, it is a good time to be motivated to get out the seed catalogs and think about the garden. I have been told by the "boss man" to down size the garden this year. So I need to decide what is important. Each year I have liked to plant something new, whether we needed it or not, just for the fun of it.

One thing for sure, I'm planting a different green bean called jade. A vendor at the farmers market last year had them and it has a good flavor and keeps color well while cooking.

Each year I get a catalog from Harris seed company. I know it is an old reliable company, because dad always ordered from them. I always looked forward to the time when we would sit at the kitchen table and decide upon what to plant. It made me feel special that I thought that I was helping.

My mom never worked in the garden, just bossed from the sidelines, but she worked hard putting away many jars of food from the harvest. If she didn't have five or six hundred jars of food put away, she worried of running out before the next garden came into use.

Saturday while it was nice out, I was able to get some epsom salt with a bit of fertilizer on the strawberry bed and around the rose bushes. I put this on while plants are dormant and it can soak into the soil. While out there I checked the flower beds and I have spring bulbs coming up. What a nice thing to see! Hang in there folks, spring is getting closer with each passing day. In a few days I will be starting some seeds in the green house. Will feel good to get my hands in the soil.

My food thought this week is how I make beef stew which I haven't made for awhile, but I'm sure it will be on our menu soon. This is how I make it for Wayne and I.

Brown 1 pound of round steak cut into cubes and floured. Cook over low heat till nearly done. Add cubed potatoes, green bell peppers, carrots, and onions according to the number of servings you need. Also add a sliver of garlic mashed or garlic powder. Mix all together with meat. When vegetables are 2/3 done, add a can of cream of mushroom soup, salt and pepper. Just before serving add 1 cup fine shredded cabbage, cook till cabbage is no longer crisp. Serve it with homemade biscuits and apple butter.

Until next time - Think Spring!!!

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

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

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

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AREA NEWS

FROM WAMA

WAMA, the Warren Area Ministerial Association is active and alive with officers being selected at it's January meeting. Chosen as President was Gerald Moreland, pastor at the Warren Church of Christ; Vice President, Bob Bothast, associate minister of First Baptist Church; Secretary, Kathy Newton, pastor at Jefferson Center United Methodist Church; and Treasurer, Mark Davis, pastor at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene. We welcome Mark and his wife Christine to the Warren area.

Plans for upcoming events were decided on as follows:

A Good Friday Community Service will be held at the Warren Wesleyan Church at 219 E. 6th St, Andy Trowbridge, pastor, on March 21, at 7:00 PM with Mark Davis, pastor of Hillcrest Nazarene bringing the message. Churches and area folks are urged to participate in this combined and united meeting to remember the sacrifice our Lord made to set us free from sin.

Another Community VBS is being planned for June 9-13, to be hosted this year by the Hillcrest Nazarene church with Christine Davis the director. The area churches will co-operate to bring teachers, helpers and workers together to give our children ages 4 thru fourth grade another exciting week of learning about Jesus and His love.

Our WAMA ministers will again provide a Sunday Service for the Salamonie Summer Festival to be held at 11:00 A.M. downtown Warren with Special Music and Message. Details of plans are being formulated and churches are urged to make special arrangements to participate for this gathering together for the festival. About 160 attended last year and we want to do it again this year.

Then, in the fall we are planning at Community Thanksgiving Service that will be held at 3:00 P.M. at the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene that will include participants from the area churches coming together to celebrate God's goodness and blessings on our community and country. Andy Trowbridge, pastor at Warren Wesleyan will be the speaker of the afternoon event.

WAMA will again give a \$500 scholarship to a worthy Warren area church senior student who plans to go on to college. Applications can be obtained from WAMA at P.O. Box 313, Warren, IN.

KBC SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Warren Church of Christ will host the next "all you can eat" Sunday Brunch/Luncheon at the Knight Bergman Civic Center on Sunday, March 2 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The menu for the day will be: Chicken (2 Kinds), Baked Steak, Meat Balls, Scalloped Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Corn, Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad, Cole Slaw, Apple Salad, Mixed Fruit, Pies, Cakes, Brownies, Rolls, and Drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds will go to the Warren Food Bank. Come enjoy great food and wonderful fellowship with town folks and neighbors.

After you get done with lunch and visiting with folks you'll have time to take in a great afternoon at the Dillman U.B. Church to have "A Hair Raising Experience" with Buddy, Dewy and Friends at 2:30 or 6:30 PM. The church says come for a casual time of fun and the sharing of God's Love.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Dogwood Glen and Kim's Katered Affair will be hosting Sunday Brunch on February 24th from 11am-1pm. Buffet Menu will include: French Toast Casserole, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Baked Ham, Pot Roast w/ potatoes & carrots, Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Assorted Breads, Salads, Desserts & Beverages. Cost: Adults \$9, 10 & under \$4.50. Interested parties please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750.

HC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

It's time again to register for Huntington County Baseball and Softball. All boys ages 7-14 and girls 9-12 who are interested in playing for the Warren Area teams need to register by March 1st. Please call Tim Leidig at 375-3340 or register at the Knight Civic Center on Saturday, Feb 23rd from 9:00-12:00.

WOMEN IN WAR

Esther Richards, of San Francisco, was the first American Red Cross woman killed on the European Continent in World War II. Richards was one of millions of women, at home and overseas, who served as nurses, canteen workers and recreation providers at the side of the military.

A hospital field worker, Richards received the Purple Heart and was posthumously awarded the War Cross of Military Valor by the Italian government. She wasn't alone.

More than 300 American Red Cross women died during World

War I and more than 50 lost their lives during World War II in support of America's war effort.

American Red Cross women's service began with the Spanish-American War of 1898 and continues today. Red Cross women served with distinction during the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War.

During Red Cross and Women's History Month you, too, can be a hero. Donate blood in honor of Red Cross women who continue to serve in times of need. Your next opportunities to donate blood are:

Sunday, March 2, from 7:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church located at 765 Poplar St. in Huntington.

Thursday, March 6, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Knight-Bergman Center located at 132 S. Nancy St. in Warren.

Tuesday, March 11, from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Evangelical United Methodist Church located at 1000 Flaxmill Road in Huntington.

Wednesday, March 12, from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in the basement located at 641 N. Main St. in Roanoke.

Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Saint Peter's First Church located at 206 Etna Ave. in Huntington.

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

CLUB NEWS

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 368, Van Buren met Thursday February 7, 2008.

President Julie Webb opened the meeting in regular form. Prayer was given by Anna Pickard. Secretary Jere Edwards called the roll and read minutes. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report.

Flo Doyle reported she has eight girls interested in going to Girls State.

Lafayette Home Chair Irene Pickard reported we have a new veterans name, Helen Pecifield.

Leadership Chair Julie Webb report Department leadership Chair Rosey Newman is having leadership class at Spring Conference next month. Asked if we could have a leadership class in April at our post.

Our Junior Auxiliary girls are "Walking for the Homeless." Julie asked for money to help. Anna Pickard made motion to give \$25. Second Carol Ritter. Carried.

March 22nd, Easter Egg Hunt from 2:00 to 3:00 at post. Ages 0 to 10.

We are collecting dimes for Creative Arts. This is for our veterans to help pay for their supplies.

Anna Pickard gave closing prayer.

Next meeting March 6, 2008.

Those attending Bell Williams, Anna Pickard, Carol Ritter, Flo Doyle, Creta Arlington, Sally Bancroft, Barbara Stevens, Irene Pickard, Julie Webb, Jere Edwards, Joyce Loftis and nee member, Betty Turner.

CLICK IT/TICKET AT VBPL

Thirty-Six children and two adults were at the Van Buren Public Library After School Story Time on Friday February 8, 2008 to learn all about "Click it or Ticket". We also held our Valentine's Party.

The children entered into the library and signed in. They received a paper star to decorate and cut apart. This star will be an attendance star for the month of

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Feb 20	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Feb 22	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
Feb 25	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 28	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 6	Warren Chamber of Commerce lunch, noon, Assembly Hall
Mar 6	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time 2a.m.
Mar 11	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 12	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Mar 13	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Mar 14	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 18	SSF Committee Meeting 6 p.m.
Mar 20	1st Day of SPRING!!!!!!
Mar 20	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Mar 25	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Mar 28	Warren Recycle Day
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus Walking in the Gym 7-11 a.m. Monday - Friday	

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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February. Last month we had sixteen children who had attended every Friday. These sixteen children were able to put their stars back together and receive a prize. These stars are on display in the library windows.

Karen introduced our very own Town Marshall Pat Collins. Marshall Collins brought along Kyle Beal from the Grant County Sheriffs Department. They both shared with the children how important it is to always use their seat belt and a children's safety seat when required. Marshall Pat had a demonstration to share with the children on what could happen if a person was not buckled-up. Marshall Pat had fun items for the children to take home. They received an "Indiana Buckle-up Bug's Activity Book", bookmarks, stickers and pencils. The children were excited with all the free handouts.

The library staff thanks Marshall Pat Collins and Kyle Beal for coming and sharing with the children about how important it is to click it to buckle up.

The children were able to make a valentine to give to someone special. They had fun as they used markers and crayons.

The library staff gave each child a valentine plastic glass, with a valentine, red and white candy cane and chocolate kisses.

Those attending were Faith Wiggin, Elizabeth Bryant, Olivia Bryant, Lilly Stiles, Jadeyn Griffith, Joshua Pluimer, TJ Holman, Joseph Dailey, Olivia Petersen, Jarren Griffith, Broc Miller, Jacob Clupper, Grace Pluimer, Caitlin Imhoff, Hannah Hutchinson, Justin Smith, Phillip Dailey, Nixon Smith Tyler Follis, Aurora Follis, Rayne Rumble, Devon Lester, Kaylee Lester, Chelse Cason, Emily Webb, Mark Stephenson, Alie Gray, Emily Morgan, Kaylee Morgan, Adrien Bollen, Zera Percy, Zariah Percy, Savannah Hancock, Liam Hancock, Dad and Mom Hancock, Amber Oswalt and Megan Stevens.

We want to thank our special volunteer Mrs. Nancy Cook.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met this month at the home of Mary Jo Zoda. Joan Huffman won High, Marjorie Michaud had low and Carolyn Carroll, Jane Lieurance and Mary Jo Zoda tied for the most lones. Others enjoying the evening were Florence Taylor, Doris Tyler, Nancy Willman, Phyllis Dickey, Sharon Gebhart, Joyce William and Marge Jones. We will meet next month at the home of Joyce Willman.

TRI KAPPA NEWS

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa met on February 5, 2008 at the home of Sheryl Horst.

President, Karen Hunnicutt conducted the business meeting. Reports were given by officers and a thank you notes was read from Deb Duckwall for a Christmas Cheer basket. Valentine cards were being sent to college members. Deb Ledbetter reported on the annual Cross Keys issue of the organization.

It was reported Scholarship Forms are at Huntington North and Southern Wells guidance departments.

Suellen Jones reported on Tri Kappa week with a Whist party planned with the associate and inactive members on February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Calico room at Heritage Point. Also, donations were taken by the members for "A Friends House" in Bluffton.

Bridget Swaidner introduced Tara Buzzard from Healing Oasis, who gave stress relieving tips for sore muscles with simple exercise and also demonstrated how to use a ball in a sock to massage your back and other helpful massage demonstrations.

Those in attendance were: Rita Bolinger, Karen Hinshaw, Jane Jones, Karen McCoy, Stacia Perry, Karen Pinkerton, Jen Plummer, Megan Roberts, Amy Vance, Janet Morarity, Nicole Warpup and those mentioned above.

NEW AGENT

Jan Hensel has joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent based in the Huntington office, located at 2815 N. Jefferson Street.

A graduate of Huntington North High School, Hensel has

experience in the insurance industry. She has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's professional insurance training program.

Hensel lives in Huntington with her husband of 32 years, Tony, a firefighter in Huntington. They have three children: Tyler, Dru, and Cole and one grandchild. In her free time, she enjoys spending time at the lake, boating and skiing with her family.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, organized in 1934 by Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., has grown to include insurance products for auto, life, home, business and farm. Banking and other financial services and products also are available through its local offices. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance serves Hoosiers through an extensive network of more than 450 agents and 1,200 employees living and working throughout the state. With a home office in downtown Indianapolis and local offices in all 92 counties, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is the largest writer of farm insurance and the second largest writer of personal lines insurance in the state.

BANQUET PLANNED

Red Cross fundraiser and banquet is March 1, 2008 at North Star. The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host its annual fund-raising banquet on Saturday, March 1, 2008. The event takes place from 6:30 to 10:30 at the North Star Civic Center.

The semi-formal affair features a five-course meal, a silent auction, and live auction, door prizes and a chance to win a pendant necklace donated by Bowers Jewelers. Ness Brothers will serve as auctioneer for the evening's event. Nicole Pence

from Indiana's News Center will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening event. Funds raised from this banquet/auction support American Red Cross Disaster Services and Service to Armed Forces in Huntington County.

In preparation for the fund-raising banquet, the Red Cross is accepting donations for event sponsors, table sponsors, course sponsors, and items that can be used for door prizes and the auctions.

Tickets are \$50 each or two for \$90 and may be purchased at the Red Cross office, 354 N. Jefferson St., or from any Red Cross board member.

For more information, call the Red Cross office at 356-2910.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Individuals interested in serving as a volunteer with the Huntington County 4-H program or current volunteers with less the three years of service are invited to attend the County 4-H Volunteer Orientation workshop on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The workshop will be held at the County Courthouse Annex Building, 2nd floor meeting room and will cover a number of basic topics relating to the 4-H program. Topics include 4-H policies and procedures, expectations and responsibilities of 4-H volunteers, safety issues with working with youth and understanding positive youth development.

Reservations are needed no later than Monday, February 25 so sufficient handout materials and light refreshments can be prepared. For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-H Youth at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N. Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, phone 358-4826 or via email at laldrig@purdue.edu.

SUMMER ASSISTANTS

The Huntington County Extension Office is accepting applications for two summer program assistants. Students currently enrolled in post high school educational programs are preferred. Responsibilities include office work, 4-H Fair and judging preparation, Mini 4-H support and other summer program assistance. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2008 and can be picked up at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N. Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, Indiana.

APPLICATOR WORKSHOP

The Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office and North Central Co-op are conducting a Pesticide Recertification Program for Private Applicators on Thursday, February 28 at the 4-H Community Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. The 2-hour program will start at 9:00 am and be repeated in the evening, starting at 7:00 pm. Topics covered in this training session include: Maintenance of CRW Refuge, Glyphosate Resistance, Plant Health Issues and Drift Management., and will be presented by George Waters, Agronomist for Winfield Solutions and Bill Horan, Purdue Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Reservations are needed by Friday, February 22. For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, County Extension Director at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N. Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, phone 358-4826 or via email at laldrig@purdue.edu.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

SLATER

Sarah "Sally" Slater, 88, of Warren, died at 3:06 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Wabash County on June 18, 1919 to Albert and Clara (Whitcraft) Campbell, she married Charles Slater in Matthews on March 1, 1942; he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1998.

A 1937 graduate of Lagro School, Mrs. Slater attended Indiana Business College in Marion, and worked as an accountant at I. Duffy & Son livestock buyers in Fairmount. She also worked at the Citizen's Telephone office in Fairmount, retiring after 10 years to become a full-time homemaker. She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Frederick Alan (Carol) Slater of Mountain View, Ariz.; and John William (Sheryl) Slater of Kalispell, Mont.; four brothers, Albert (Pat) Campbell of Fairmount, E. Harper Campbell of Hartford City, Earl (Ada) Campbell of Findlay, Ohio and Lloyd Campbell of Jonesboro; three sisters, Irene Campbell of Summitville, Ethel Hoch of Wabash, Helen Shear of Lagro; and several children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Slater was also preceded in death by two sisters, Myrtle Adkinson and Doris Jean Campbell.

Funeral services were held at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Matthews. Burial was at Matthews Cemetery, in Matthews.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

SOLLARS

Former Liberty Center resident, Dorothy F. Sollars, 89, of Gaston, died at 10:04 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born in Gaston on June 5, 1918 to Alva Manfred and Agnes Sarah (Markin) Rench, she married Joseph P. Sollars in Gaston on Feb. 23, 1941; he preceded her in death.

A 1936 graduate of Liberty Center High School, Mrs. Sollars worked in the offices of the former Kennedy Insurance Agency in Muncie. She was also a homemaker and a member of the Gaston Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives include one son, Fred A. (Lisa) Sollars of Madison, Conn.; one sister, Barbara (Charles E.) Childs of Gaston; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Sollars was also preceded in death by three brothers, Eugene, Rex W. and Robert S. Rench.

Funeral services were held at the Gaston United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Thompson Cemetery, west of Gaston.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

HITE

Indiana's oldest living male, Harvey Hite, 110, of Warren, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, in Heritage Pointe.

Born in Huntington County on Nov. 15, 1897 to John B. and Lydia (Jones) Hite, he married Mary Edith Boyer in Huntington on April 27, 1918; she preceded him in death on June 22, 1977.

Mr. Hite attended Rock Creek School, and was a lifelong farmer, farming in Wells, Blackford and Huntington counties. He also worked at Estey Piano Company in Bluffton.

Surviving relatives include one daughter, June Burton of Fort Wayne; one sister, Kathleen

(Dale) Campbell of Sebring, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Hite was also preceded in death by two sons, Charles D. and John Burl Hite, five brothers, three sisters and a companion, Grace McIntire.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Burial was at Star of Hope Cemetery, in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Heritage Pointe.

SPARKS

Mildred M. Sparks, 96, of Markle died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Born in Markle to Harmon O. and Bertha A. (McBride) Fahl on Oct. 23, 1911, she married Garl O. Sparks on Jan. 30, 1932, in Markle. He preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2004.

She graduated from Markle High School in 1930. She was a longtime member of the Buckeye Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star #567 of Markle. She was also a charter member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She worked at Square D Corporation in Huntington as a coil winder for 11 years before retiring.

Surviving relatives include two sons, William (Ann) Sparks of Markle and Richard Sparks of Long Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Coleen (Wayne) Allred of Warren, Phyllis (Robert) Preston of Twain Harte, Calif., and Mary Jane (Tim) Adams of Chicago; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Crouse and Edna Will; four brothers, Lewis Fahl, Ross Fahl, Max Fahl and Mark Fahl; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel in Warren. Visitation will be on

Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be at Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Gerald O. Moreland will officiate.

Preferred memorials are to Markle Fish & Game Club Park Foundation or to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Myers Funeral Home in Markle.

NASH

Jessie K. Nash, 76, of Bluffton, died at 3:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Born in Wabash on Sept. 29, 1931 to Leo and Edith (Gorham) Cassidy, she married Edwin A. Nash in Skeels, Mich. on June 29, 1952; he preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2003.

A graduate of Wabash High School, Mrs. Nash moved to Wells County in 1965. She was a homemaker, and a member of Sonlight Wesleyan Church.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Laura (Tom) Neuenschwander of Ossian and LuAnn (Rick) Rehm of Decatur; two sons, James Nash of Ossian and Jeffery (Robyn) Nash of Glendale, Ariz.; four brothers, Darrell "Archie" (Pat) Cassidy of Wabash, DeVon (Dorothy) Cassidy of Oscoda, Mich.; Dean (Phyllis) Cassidy of Liberty Center and Leo (Mila) Cassidy of Wabash; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Nash was also preceded in death by one son, Wesley Nash.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Sonlight Wesleyan Church with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating. Calling hours will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and from one hour prior to the service at the church. Mrs. Nash will be cremated, and a private family burial will be held at a later date at Stahl Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

BIRTH

Ben & Jodi (Bower) Schweikhardt of Montgomery, AL are the parents of a son, Kade Robert born February 15, 2008 at 3:56 p.m. The infant weighed 9lbs 10 oz and measured 21.5 in. He joins brothers Trent & Bryce.

Grandparents are Barry & Rhonda Bower and Gary & Janie Schweikhardt. Great-grandparents are Robert & Joan Abbott, Eugene & Roseann Bower and Virginia Yount. Deceased great-grandparents are David Yount, and Boyd & Evelyn Schweikhardt.

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GENEALOGY MEETINGS

The Allen County Genealogical Society (ACGS) of Indiana will be hosting the following meetings.

12 March 2008 - "What's in a German Place Name?" Presented by Don Litzer, Reference Librarian, ACPL Genealogical Center. It is important in any German research to identify specific places - regions, districts, villages - from which one's ancestors came.

Don Litzer, will help answer that question. He will show how to use maps, gazetteers, and other printed materials in addition to Internet resources in our quest.

Added Bonus: Don's wife, Sarah will be available to help with small "problematic passages" in German documents or letter. Sarah has a Master's degree in German translation.

Sarah operates a German translation business. Those wishing to have a challenging document or sizable amounts of texts translated may bring photocopies for analysis and estimate of cost.

19 March 2008 - Computer Interest Group. This will be a round table discussion of problems, surprises or helps found using the computer with genealogical research.

9 April 2008 - "Software Available for Doing Genealogy." Presenters: Adam Barrone, Judy Bunn, Sue Downey, Phil Husband. The presenters will discuss the software they use and the positives as well as problematic issues. Family Tree Maker, Legacy, Roots Magic and PAF will be discussed. Questions and Answers follow the presentations.

All meetings will be in Room A at the Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne Indiana. General meetings start at 7:00pm, gathering time at 6:30pm.

SPORTS WORKSHOP

Women can learn outdoor skills, such as backpacking, shooting sports, fishing and birding at Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW), May 2-4, at Ross Camp, near West Lafayette, Ind. Registration begins March 1.

BOW introduces women to more than 30 outdoor sports and

skills in a safe, non-competitive environment. The hands-on classes promote confidence and instruction for women who want to learn new sports or improve existing outdoor skills.

"I learned how to fish and paddle a solo canoe and I caught four bluegills my first time fishing! I would have never done that on my own," said Angela Sturdevant, past workshop participant. "I was so excited to go home and try these skills by myself. The instructors were patient and helpful. They really helped me learn these skills and gave me a new perspective on outdoor sports."

Participants must be 18 years old or older. Workshop enrollment is limited. The \$175 fee covers barrack-style lodging, meals, and all equipment and supplies used in the workshop. Partial scholarships are available for students, single parents and low-income, first-time participants. Please call (317) 232-4095 for more information about qualifying for scholarships.

The workshop is sponsored by the Indiana DNR and the Indiana Hunter Education Association.

Register at bow.IN.gov or call Dawn Krause, (317) 232-4095, for more information.

GET OUT OF DEBT

Community Connections, the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., has partnered with South Wayne Baptist Church, Orizon Real Estate, and National City Mortgage to offer a free "Get Out of Debt" Super Workshop on Saturday March 1st. The workshop will take place from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at South Wayne Baptist Church, 2920 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne.

The workshop is FREE to everyone who attends, but reservations are suggested by calling Trish Kraner from Community Connections at: (260) 424-1831. Directions for the workshop are available by calling the South Wayne Baptist Church at (260) 456-2323.



The workshop will be offering the following opportunities:

10:00-11:15: America Saves-Tips on how you can save for the future, pay down debt, and learn about Credit,

11:30-12:30: Budgeting, Credit, Foreclosure Counseling Information,

12:30-1:00: Lunch (Will be provided but you must reserve in advance!),

1:00-1:30: Down Payment Assistance, Home Buyer Education, Individual Development Accounts- Turn \$400 into \$1600 to be used for: Children's College, Down Payment, Home Repairs, or to Start a Small Business,

1:30-2:00: Home Buying Process.

Attendees of this FREE workshop will find out if they qualify for up to \$5,000 in Down Payment Assistance to purchase a new or existing home, and information on what is available for families in Allen County as well as 12 other counties throughout the State of Indiana.

Attendees will receive information about receiving a free copy of their credit report, who to contact regarding credit issues, and basic questions that should be asked when applying for a mortgage and shopping for a home.

To register for this free workshop, please contact Trish Kraner from Community Connections at (260) 424-1831, or via e-mail at tkraner@pathfinderservices.org. Community Connections is the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., a not for profit Human Services organization with offices in Huntington, Wabash, and Plymouth.

Community Connections began in 1997 and has helped over 900 families fulfill the dream of homeownership and has provided over \$6.5 million in Down Payment Assistance to those families. Please visit www.cchomes.org for more information on Community Connections.

2008 LWML CONVENTION

The members of the Indiana District Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold their 2008 Convention at the Marriott, Fort Wayne. The theme for the convention is "Got The Rock" based on I Corinthians 10:4b...for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. (NIV) The ladies from the northeast section of Indiana will host the convention June 20-22, 2008. The LWML is the official ladies auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Planning for the 2008 Convention began in August of 2007. The following ladies are serving as officers: Chairman Sandy Bauernmeister of New Haven, Vice Chairman Bonnie Hazen of Churubusco, Secretary Naweza Dina Loya of Fort Wayne, Treasurer Delores Scheuman of Ossian, and Convention Counselor Rev. Albert Bierlein of Fort Wayne.

The following ladies are serving as Chairmen of the announced committees or positions: Alice Adams of Fort Wayne - Badge, Lori Matter of Hoagland - Convention Manual Coordinator, Luanne Haupt of Hoagland - Crises Management Assistant, Mary Nichols of Fort Wayne -

Daily Newspaper, Ruth Stemmler of New Haven - Decorations on stage, Michele Yamanaka of Fort Wayne - Decorations on tables, Elaine Eisner of Hudson - Displays, Deb Ross of Fort Wayne - Electronic Technology, Marge Tingen of Hoagland - Food Coordinator, Lorene Bouman of Hoagland - Hostess, Darlene Stoppenhagen of Monroeville - Identification and Headquarters Administrator, LeaAnn Fifer of Monroeville - Ingathering and Servant Event Coordinator, Reta Borchelt of Churubusco - Mite-y Mite Activity, Linda Leiner of Huntertown - Music, Mary Zelt of Leo - Packets, Linda Harlow of Fort Wayne - Pages, Lois Duffy of Columbia City - Photographer, Susan Pratt of Fort Wayne - Properties, Janet Grotrian of Monroeville - District Publicity, Barbara Hamm of Fort Wayne - Registrar, Linda Yerks of Woodburn - Registration Area, Carolyn Shelton of Fort Wayne - Tote Bags, Ann Wagner of Auburn - Ushers, and Karen Bierlein of Fort Wayne - Worship.

These ladies will continue to plan for the physical arrangements for the June 20-22 Convention with several scheduled meetings prior to convention.



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Members of the Bayview Reading Club met Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, for a regular 2 P.M. meeting in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe. Six members were present, despite blowing snow and low windchill readings. A card of loving care will be sent to member Helen Stokes. The group joined with President Lilly Nutter in reading the Club Collect.

Program participants in presentations of interesting reading during the past month were:

(1) Marian Dawson: From the *Ideals* magazine, thoughts of love and friendship for February, the month of love, were expressed in a fascinating story by author Pablo Neruda (Childhood and Poetry). The piece was entitled "A Lesson from Childhood." When he was a young boy, Pablo was exploring his back yard, which was uncared for and wild. He found that there was a hole in the wooden fence. Beyond was a landscape just like his own back yard. While gazing at this, suddenly a small hand about the size of his own poked through the hole, and in the hole placed a toy sheep, which Pablo described as a "wonderful sheep." The boy disappeared, but Pablo went to his house and brought out a treasure of his own, a fully opened pine cone, and placed it in the hole. Pablo never saw the boy or the hand again, but that mysterious experience "brought home to me for the first time a precious idea: that all of humanity is somehow together." His later writings were deeply influenced by his love for "so many people who were unknown to me, people in prison, or hunted, or alone."

(2) Margaret Bell: Readings of two essays in a very enjoyable book from the Heritage Pointe library, entitled *All My Meadows*, by Patricia Penton Leinbach. Essays in the book cover many remembrances from her life as the wife of a farmer, mother of three sons, and travel experiences from her part-time career of writing. She has never lost her major identity as the working partner of a full-time farmer, so many of her experiences deal with the hard work, family values, fun, and philosophizing from that "home base." Margaret chose an essay about spring in the country, and one about the wonderful and amusing experiences of visits to the ice cream parlor in spring and summer.

(3) Lilly Nutter: From an e-mail entitled "Laus Deo" Lilly shared many interesting excerpts about the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., but particularly the story behind a

seldom noticed aluminum cap atop the monument which bears the two Latin words, "Laus Deo." "Praise be to God!" is the meaning. The giant obelisk — 555 ft., 5.125 inches high — overlooks the 69 sq. miles of the District of Columbia, capitol of the United States of America. Building was begun in 1848 and inaugurated in 1888, with the aluminum cap in place. Another notable fact, the 4 major segments of the city can be seen from the Monument to present a perfect cross, the White House to the north, the Jefferson Memorial to the south, the Capitol to the east, and Lincoln Memorial to the west — the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant. Lilly concluded with George Washington's prayer for America, which included the words, "... dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with ... charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind..." Laus Deo!

(4) Millie Priddy: As a life-long resident of Huntington County, Millie took excerpts of interest from an old book about the county. The county was named after Samuel Huntington, and on Feb. 16, 1848, its major population center became a town — Huntington! Several interesting bits of information from early history (and beyond) are: The town for many years allowed no black person to stay in it overnight. A special resident of Liberty Mills, John Kissinger, became a volunteer for study and tests of yellow fever, from which the medication and treatment of that devastating disease were developed. He died in 1946. Malaria was a terrible threat, which was lessened by much draining of the lowlands and swamps of Huntington County's terrain. Snakes, including rattlers, were present, sometimes even indoors, and they, along with wolves, preyed on the farmer's and householder's cattle. It was Indian country; the book noted their efforts to acquire soap (an unknown to Indians) from the settlers.

(5) Mabel Fields: From an e-mail she received, Mabel read 20 fine pieces of wisdom for people, in February and always. The author is a friend's pastor, "Paul," in Arizona. Four are examples of the faith and common sense these pieces propose: If you pray, don't worry. Faith — the ability to not panic. Prayer is kind of like calling home every day. Problems? Be still, God can untangle the knots. Count your blessings! Mabel offered to reprint for club members the entire listing of 20. Members may find they wish to share them further.

As is the custom in Bayview Reading Club, members present in the final roll call responded to the readings shared with pleasure and further ideas.

HOMEOWNERSHIP INTEREST

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) today announced a new, lower interest rate for its First Home program to benefit first-time homebuyers in Indiana. The lowered rate puts the program at about a full point below the market rate (currently around 6.25 percent) for a fixed rate mortgage loan. The new rate is 5.25 percent for loans offered through IHCDA for first-time homebuyers. The reservation fee for Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC) was also lowered to half a percent, down from one percent.

"Helping all Hoosiers secure safe and affordable housing is at the heart of our agency's mission," said Sherry Seiwert, Executive Director of IHCDA. "We are committed to helping families accumulate assets and climb the economic ladder. We understand that affordable home ownership can transform communities and change lives. As families become more financially stable, they put down roots in neighborhoods, spend their money locally, and contribute to the local tax base."

IHCDA's Mortgage Credit Certificate Program offers first-time homebuying Hoosiers a Federal tax credit. The tax credit amount ranges between 20 percent and 35 percent of the interest paid on a mortgage each year, depending on the mortgage loan amount. The maximum credit per year is \$2,000.

The state's First Home Program allows first-time homebuyers or buyers purchasing a home in certain rural communities and inner-city neighborhoods to purchase at an interest rate below the market rate. Qualified Hoosiers may contact a participating lender to qualify for the program. A listing of participating lenders is available on IHCDA's Web site at www.ihcda.in.gov.

In 2007, IHCDA's First Home Program provided more than 1,930 single-family loans for first-time homebuyers. These loans totaled more than \$193 million. The First Home program has helped more than 9,500 Hoosiers become homeowners since 2000. Last year, IHCDA also expanded the current First Home Program to allow veterans to take advantage of first-time homebuyer below-market interest rates, while waiving the first-time homebuyer requirement.

MY TOWN and Yours BY DENNIS STROUD

The gentleman that I am writing about said at one time, "he was born the year the trade dollar was issued by the government and that made him a merchant from his birth." He started working behind the counter when he was fifteen and never stopped until the day he died. In 1881, a family moved from Burnetts Creek in White County to Buckeye, in the east part of Salamonie Township. The father was an expert in operating a saw mill and that was what he did for six years in Buckeye. In 1887, the family moved to Warren. The father and brother built and operated a saw mill, north of the Cloverleaf Depot, on Matilda Street.

The young boy of the family kept busy doing odd jobs and at the age of fifteen he got a job with Larrimer and Huffman. He worked part time while going to school, and after graduating in 1894, he worked full time. He worked at Larrimer and Huffman until 1900 when he went into business for himself with a partner. The gentleman that this article is about is Ralph Myers, son of Frank and Ella Myers.

In 1894, Ralph's family moved to Wisconsin, but Ralph stayed in Warren and continued to work at the Big Store. Four years later, his family moved back to Warren. Ralph formed a partnership with P. H. Beck and opened a new store, in the Brookings Building, where the firm had its home for fourteen years. Mr. Beck had been superintendent of the Warren Schools for two years, but not satisfied with his job, he and Ralph pooled their resources and began in a modest way. From the very start, their venture was a success and their stock grew with the years.

In 1914, Mr. Myers purchased the building [where my hardware store is today] and moved their stock. New lines were added and old ones were increased. Both partners worked hard with careful buying and built a business equal to any bigger stores around the area. In 1926, Mr. Beck died and his interest in the store was bought by his partner. At that time the Myers and Beck Store became the Myers Department Store.

Ralph was married to Elva Worster and they had a son, Frank, who worked in the store with his father. A sister, Miss Minnie Myers, was a valuable assistant and Uzekia Monroe kept the accounts straight. Adaline Hoffman was a long time

saleslady and so was Loretta Smith. Russell Jones was in the shoe department and Anna Adsit looked after the dress goods for many years. Mr. Myers business was very successful but people who knew Ralph would say he earned his success with hard work everyday. Ralph always said "the trouble about making a success in business is that you have to do it again every day."

Ask SHIP

by Mary Phillips

Q: Does Medicare cover cardiovascular screening?

A: Yes, Medicare does cover cardiovascular screening. Cardiovascular screenings check your cholesterol and other blood fat (lipid) levels. High levels of cholesterol can increase your risk for heart attack and stroke. These screenings will tell if you have high cholesterol levels.

All Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for coverage of this preventive service. Medicare will cover all costs for tests to measure cholesterol, lipid and triglyceride levels, once every five years.

Cardiovascular disease and stroke are the #1 and #3 causes of death in the United States. Heart disease is the #1 killer of women over 25 years old. The good news is that heart disease can be largely prevented. February is American Heart Month and Friday, February 1st is National Wear Red Day.

Through American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day, the American Heart Association educates and empowers Americans to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke.

You might be able to make lifestyle changes to lower your cholesterol and protect your heart. Life style changes include stop smoking, eating a heart healthy diet, managing your weight and diabetes, monitoring your blood pressure, increasing your activity level and exercising more often.

Address your questions to: Ask SHIP, 714 West 53rd Street, Anderson, IN 46013 Or www.Medicare.in.gov 1-800-452-4800

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