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Thought for the Week: *We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.* Mother Teresa



Presented to the Museum

Crew members of the USS Salamonie were once again in Warren for a visit to the Knight Civic Center. Mr. John Lichoff and wife Dorothy, who were here before, attended along with former crew members, Cecil Blain of Garrett and Dean and Carmella Bayliff of Indianapolis. All three of these gentlemen were stationed aboard the USS Salamonie together for a time. Dean Bayliff was John's replacement before he transferred.

The former crew members presented the Knight Civic Center with the United States "Ship In Port" Flag. This flag was lowered on the day that the USS Salamonie was decommissioned (December 20, 1968) and folded and stored away. The flag was donated to the museum by Dan Ruff of Lancaster, OH. It had not been unfurled since the day it was taken down. As shown in the picture above, the flag was unfurled at the Knight Civic Center for its presentation. Standing on the stage are John Lichoff (left) and Cecil Blain (right). In front of the flag are Civic Center board members, (l-r) Ned Trout, Ron Neff, Marilyn Morrison, Pastor Kathie Jones, Rosemary Zeller, Janice Jordan, Karen Herr and Jeff McCoy.

During the presentation of the Flag and other items of memorabilia, Mr. Lichoff also honored Tom Applegate with gifts for his help with the USS Salamonie website. He was presented a hat, a pin and a membership card stating that he is a "member in good standing with dues paid for life." He also received a unique stamp dispenser, in the shape of a mailbox, from Lichoff, created by Lichoff. Applegate designed the current website (<http://www.salamonie.homestead.com/>) since the last visit. It has received at least 500 hits in that short period of time. Applegate and Marilyn Morrison have also been named Honorary Crew Members of the USS Salamonie. Marilyn also received a USS Salamonie pin.

When asked why Warren, instead of Portland, John Lichoff stated, "The openness and warmth of Warren brought the ship to Salamonie." They were pleasantly surprised with the reception they have received in this small town.

A plaque was shown to those in attendance and handed to Lichoff, who will take it home to refurbish, and return it in May for an official presentation. The plaque was created after the decommissioning and presented to the Governor of Indiana. It was then placed in a DNR facility on the Salamonie River. This plaque had since been taken down and put into storage and was ready to be thrown away, when the USS Salamonie Association learned of it. Marilyn Morrison, Town Clerk, was notified of the plaque and hunted it down and obtained it for the museum. The plaque carries a ships emblem and brass plates listing the former Commanding Officers, ships history and other information.

Other items given to the museum include a uniform from Richard Wirin, LTJG, a Christmas Menu from 1958, a Shellback Certificate from 1958 (along with a very graphic description of Pollywog initiation), a photograph of the ship with the original bow, and a practice telegraph key used by John Lichoff while on ship. One of the more colorful stories concerned the Captain's Passage-way sign that was donated. Seems this sign was posted in an area designated strictly for the Captain and a few select crewmen, well the sign was "appropriated" by three sailors and never found. The inscription on the back of the sign states that it was stolen by Paul Cunningham, who gave it

to me in 1991 – Dan Ruff. The word stolen was stricken and borrowed was written in its place.

A Brass nameplate from the ship will be donated as soon as it is found. It was mailed to Lichoff and when the envelope arrived it was opened and there was no plate. The United States Postal Service is diligently looking for it. Lichoff does however, have a picture of the plate and will present it to the museum as soon as it is found.

Lichoff also presented a tile with the ship's logo printed on it. Each member of the ship was presented one of these tiles at one time. The tile being donated is signed by Captain Beech (author of Run Silent, Run Deep and Around the World Submerged) with an inscription to the Captain of the USCG Courier. The Captain of the Courier kept the tile until his death when his wife returned it to Capt. Beech who then turned it over to the Association.

The stories behind these contributions are fascinating. Once the display is set up I hope everyone has a chance to go check it out at the Civic Center. Thank you to John, Tom, Dean, Cecil and the rest of the USS Salamonie Association for bringing this piece of history to our town.

SUPPER MARCH 20

The Banquo Christian Church will be holding it's annual all-you-can-eat Fish and Tenderloin supper from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, March 18. Dan's Fish Fry will be providing the fish and tenderloin again this year. You get to choose from and/or tenderloin, baked beans or green beans, applesauce, relish items, bread, coffee, and orange drink. Also, dessert items (by donation) and our Church Cookbook (\$6) will be available for purchase. The cost of the supper is only \$6.50 for adults, \$3.50 for youth (ages 6-12), and those 5 and under can eat FREE.

The church is in "the heart of Banquo"...which is in southwest Huntington County. From Huntington, take State Road 9 to County Road 900 S...and then west to Banquo. From Marion, take State Road 9 north to State Road 105...and then 3 miles to Banquo. Once in Banquo, you can't miss the church...follow your noses...or the other cars!

FESTIVAL MEETING

Salamonie Summer Festival will be held July 3 -July 6, 2003 this year.

REMINDER: There will be a Salamonie Summer Festival committee meeting at the Knight Civic Center Monday March 17, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

We will need to decide on a final date for fliers to be printed and also discuss our newest event this year of the Demolition Derby. Hope to see you there.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

The Van Buren Public Library is sponsoring a Van Buren history slide presentation on March 25 at 6:30. This presentation will be at the Van Buren Lions Club building. If you have not been able to attend past presentations of these slides because of the steps at the library, the Lions Club has no steps. Hope this helps some of you to be able to attend. If you have questions, please call the library, 934-2171.

DON'T FORGET SID

Sidney C. Hurlbert will be at the Knight Civic Center on Tuesday, March 18 to inspire and motivate all who attend. Registration forms for this seminar can be picked up at Bolinger's Propane/Warren Service & Supply, D&D Bike Shop/DeWeese Soft Water, National City Bank, Warren Furniture Works and Markle Bank.

There will be two seminars 8:30 to noon and 6 to 9:30. If you have any questions, please call the Chamber Office at 375-3175.

PULSE GOES TO INDY

The 17th season for the Pulse Opera House located in Warren, IN doesn't open until May, but things are already buzzing at the historic theatre. As has been their tradition, the Pulse is participating in the Indiana Community Theatre League (ICTL) festival in March. This year's entry is a reprisal of last season's zany Italian farce "Scapino!" The competition piece is a shortened one hour, one act version of the high action comedy. "Scapino!" marks the return of Scott Nedberg to the Pulse stage. An audience favorite, Scott brings a lot of energy to the show. As a warm up to the festival, the Pulse will be performing the adaptation on March 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Special ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Tickets are available at

the box office.

The 2003 ICTL festival will be held at the Footlight Musicals Theatre in Indianapolis on March 28-30. The Pulse will be one of ten community theatres who will compete for the honor of representing Indiana at the regional competition in Wisconsin.

Come join the Pulse for a family oriented fun evening. It is incredible to watch as the entire cast sets up the stage, performs then tears it down right in front of you. This is a great opportunity to experience creative theatre at its best.

MARCH MEETING

Northeast Indiana Romance Authors March meeting will be held at Huntington Public Library, 200 W Market St., Huntington, IN 46750 (Phone: (260)356-0824) from 1:00 to 4:00pm Saturday, March 15, 2003.

FISH/CHICKEN SUPPER

Twin Bridge Conservation Club is planning a 'All You Can Eat' Fish and Chicken Supper on Saturday, March 22, 2003 in Mt. Zion. The supper will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dan's Fish Fry will be preparing the fish and chicken.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$6.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6 - 12 and 5 years and under eat free. Carryouts are available

The Club house is located at 6374 S. 600 W in Wells County (S. R. 218, 2 miles east of S. R. 3).

CALL OUT MEETING

A call-out meeting for the 4-H Llama Club will be on Sunday, March 23, at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will be at the Extension Office's Meeting Room at 354 N Jefferson Street, Suite 204, Huntington. If you are interested, but unable to attend this meeting, please call Susan Mills at 468-2895.

PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT FOR FESTIVAL SWEET PATCH

Warren-area service groups have a new opportunity to raise money for their organization and help make the first Festival of the Arts a success.

Sunday school classes, youth groups, and other area service clubs are invited to participate in the festival by selling specialty drinks, homemade candies, ice cream, desserts, and other baked goods in the "Sweet Patch" on May 17 in

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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 "TORI UPDATE"

The family of Tori Martin is pleased to let you know, we are back home for 1-2 months. Tori will return to St Vincent Hospital for her next surgery, and then go back to St Vincent Pediatric Rehabilitation Center. She will stay at the Rehab center to heal and rehabilitate for however long it takes, possibly two months or so. We will let you know when she returns to Indianapolis.

We would also like to take this time to say Thank You and Bless All of You for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and gifts. These things have helped keep spirits high! It is amazing the support we have seen from a lot of people from all around!

Thank you so much.
 Family of Tori Martin

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for calls, visits, food, cards, prayers and concerns after my recent surgery. I hope to be back on my feet in a month or so.
 Sharon McMillan

THE HARPS, THE HARPS ARE CALLING AND THE GREEN BEER, TOO, OF COURSE

Sure, and everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. You can't even write about it without breaking into a brogue. So are Irish-Americans really that charming?

Yes and no.

No, they aren't that charming. St. Patrick's Day isn't about the Irish, not really. It is like New Year's Eve. Any one wearing green is allowed to imbibe, and that (plus wearing a funny hat or button) is the point.

On the other hand, let's face it, the Irish really are that charming.

You have the romance of Irish tenors singing about the harps, mama, the good times, and, of course, the bad times and the bad times are always really bad. Plus the Irish have that wonderful accent.

Now, Mark O'Donnell, writing in GQ magazine, claims it's all a caricature of rascally charm: The repressed but attractive male tippler and the spunky lass. St. Patrick's Day, he claims, is more like a roast even though the Irish love it and wouldn't have it any other way.

O'Donnell, who is half Irish and half Slovenian, says he wouldn't have the vaguest idea of how to act Slovenian. But playing Irish - that's easy. Sometimes that calls for whiskey, "the weepy rapture of Danny Boy and Molly Malone, and charming toasts about the Devil not finding out you're dead."

O'Donnell, the author of Vertigo Park & Other Tall Tales (St. Martin's Press), claims his Irish father used to say (exaggerating his own brogue), "Sure, 'tis a great day for the Polish."

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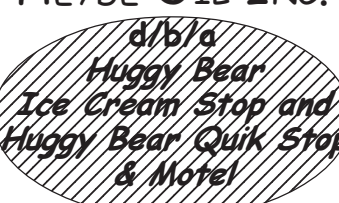
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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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

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

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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

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.

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Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30p.m.
 Evening Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 "Circle of Friends"
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330

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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

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 Worship 10:15a.m.
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 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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 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

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

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Bob Brewer, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

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

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Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
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AREA NEWS

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downtown Warren. The festival committee is committed to offering food during Festival of the Arts that will entice visitors. To accomplish this, just down the street from the Sweet Patch will be Barbecue Row, where not-for-profit groups will be competing for the festival's best barbecue cooked over an open fire. The Sweet Patch is designed to complement Barbecue Row and the artistic theme of the festival by providing festival visitors with a tempting dessert option.

The application to participate in the Sweet Patch is due by March 15.

There is no entry fee. Instead, groups are asked to consider a donation to Our Town, the downtown revitalization group sponsoring the festival.

To insure that the Sweet Patch is more than a "bake sale," participants are encouraged to incorporate the artistic theme of the festival into the presentation of their display area and in the product being sold.

Aside from the Sweet Patch, the festival will also feature an Artist Market, where original hand-made arts and crafts vendors will be selling their work. In addition, there will be an art show and sale featuring local artists, a children's theater, three stages of vocal, instrumental, and dance performances, and a children's art expo.

For more information about Sweet Patch and an application, visit the festival web site at www.warrenindiana.com. Inquires can also be made to Joan Boyer at 375-2145, or LouAnn Shafer at 375-2970.

PAL BASEBALL

The Police Athletic/Activities League will continue to accept baseball registrations by mail until March 30 or until all leagues are full. Limited openings are available and are filled on a first come basis. Players from last year are reminded to reregister while openings are still available.

Changes have been made to the leagues for 2003. Parents should choose a league based on their child's athletic experience. T-Ball will include children age 4 and those cur-

rently in grades K to 2, but no older than 7. Coaches Pitch will include children in grades 1 to 4, but no older than 9. These two leagues will play at 5:45 during the month of May and at 4:00 during June and July. Little League players can be in grades 4 to 7, but no older than 13. Little League plays at 5:45.

The registration fee is \$20.00. Forms can also be obtained anytime by calling 356-9272, or by emailing . When completed, these forms should be mailed with the fee to PAL, P.O. Box 66, Huntington, IN 46750.

The Fort Wayne Wizards have designated their Thursday, June 12th game night as PAL Night With The Wizards. Advance tickets are \$6.00 each and will be available from coaches, players, or by calling PAL at 356-9272.

CLOTHES SWAP '03

Do you have anything in your closets you don't wear? Are your children growing faster than their clothes? Do you simply desire something different in your wardrobe? Then, come to "Clothes Swap '03", located at the First Baptist Church of Warren. Shopping Hours are from 9-Noon on Saturday, March 15, 2003. The best part is, it's FREE!! That's right, FREE!!! All donations of clothing need to be dropped off the week of March 10-14 at the FBC in Warren. Drop off times are: M-Th 9am-5pm Fri 9am-8pm. We ask that all donations be washed before drop off, and that there be no stains or holes. Any season of clothing is acceptable. This is a great opportunity to get rid of mens, women's, youth boys & girls, toddlers, and infant clothing. We also accept, coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, and children's books that are in good condition. For more information, please contact: Eula Conwell 260-375-4395 between the hours of 10 am-7 pm or First Baptist Church 260-375-2811 between the hours of 8:30 & 2:30.

TENDERLOIN SUPPER

The Jefferson Center United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship will hold a tenderloin supper on Tuesday, March 25, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knight Civic Center. Carry-outs will be available. The hand-breaded tenderloins will be prepared by KP Enterprises.

The menu will include baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, chips, dessert, and a drink.

Proceeds will be used for various church ministries. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-12.

EASTBROOK ROUNDUP

The Kindergarten Roundups for Eastbrook Community Schools Corporation are scheduled as follows: (Please note that there will be no kindergarten classes in session during Kindergarten Round-Up on the days listed for each school.

April 8 (Tuesday) - Matthews Elementary School 998-2208

Parents may bring their child any time between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:15 pm, if you would like to meet the Kindergarten teacher, she will be available from 8:00 - 11:30 am. Hearing and speech screening will be scheduled upon parent request.

April 9 (Wednesday) - Van Buren Elementary School 934-3551

Van Buren will have two sessions. The first session will begin at 10:00 am. The second session will be an evening session beginning at 6:30 pm. Parents may bring their children to either session.

April 10 (Thursday) - Washington Elementary School 664-8620

Washington will have two sessions. The first session will begin at 9:00 am. The second session will begin at 1:00 pm. Parents may bring their children to either session.

April 15 (Tuesday) - Upland Elementary School 998-2550

Upland will have two sessions. The first session will be at 9:00 am. The second session will begin at 1:00 pm. Parents may bring their children to either session.

Your child must be at least five (5) years of age on or before July 1 of the 2003-2004 school year to enroll in kindergarten.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, and proof of immunization (health records) to the Kindergarten Round-Up enrollment sessions in order to be photocopied for school records. The Eastbrook Community Schools

strongly encourages participation in the Round-Up program in order to provide an orientation for your child and to permit you to become familiar with your child's school and to answer any questions you may have.

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- Mar 15** Poneto Fire Dept, 23rd Annual Chili Supper 4:30 - 7, Raffle at 6:30
- Mar 17** Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting, 7 p.m., KCC
- Mar 18** Fish/Tenderloin Supper, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Banquo Christian Church
- Mar 19** Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Mar 21** Warren Recycle Day
- Mar 22** Mt Zion Fish & Chicken Fry, 4:30 - 7, Conservation Club
- Mar 24** Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex
- Mar 29** Sigma Phi Gamma Chicken Supper, Sportsman's Club, 4:30 - 7:30
- Apr 12** United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper
- Apr 12** Jackson Township Alumni Banquet
- Apr 26-27** Gebhart's Greenhouse Open House
- May 10** Warren Alumni Banquet - Contact Jim Howell 375-3048 or howellj@citznet.com

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COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held a lengthy meeting on Wednesday evening, March 5. The meeting was held 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.

Contractor bids for the new Town Hall were opened. Submitting bids were: J. R. Brooks, Warren; J. G. Bowers, Marion; and Global Contracting of Jonesboro.

President Manry asked Engineer Ken Smith to get references from all three companies and Council will take under advisement.

On behalf of Medic 6 and the local Fire Department, a citizen asked to see tentative plans for renovation of the old Town Hall. Council said they wanted to meet with Medic 6 and the Fire Department before any plans are finalized.

A citizen asked if it would be possible to put street lights on 400N from State Road 5 to the bridge.

Several people were in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting to ask questions about the recent announcement that the Van Buren Bank will be closing in a few months.

Three representatives of the National City Bank at Warren were in attendance at the meeting and explained what often causes larger businesses to close.

A public meeting is expected to be held on March 18 at the Elementary School in regard to the Bank closing. It was hoped to have the Bank President in attendance also.

Bob White discussed replacement of the rescue truck. Council also agreed they need to meet with the Fire Board.

Officer Pat Collins submitted his report to Council.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. Webb and Engineer Ken Smith believe IDEM is merging two agreement orders for the water plant and wastewater plant.

Webb is scheduled to attend a school for West Nile Virus and mosquito spraying on March 26.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Huntington County Extension Homemakers will hold their annual Achievement Day on Tuesday, April 8 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, 1000 Flaxmill Road in Huntington. The theme for the day is friendship. Mae Swales, the Extension

Homemaker County President will preside.

The purpose of Extension Homemaker Achievement Day is recognition of members and short educational programs of interest to the members.

Achievement Day will begin with registration from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Those entering Cultural Arts exhibits may do so from 2 - 2:30 p.m. The day's program will include recognition of new members, 25, 50 and 65 year members. Installation of the 2003-2004 county officers will be held.

There will be four concurrent mini conferences. They each will be repeated, therefore those participating may attend two of the four. They are Jewelry Making, Cooking for Diabetics, Mexican Cooking, and Making Chenille.

During the evening program, Rev. Ann Lantz will present "Remembering What We've Forgotten about Friendship."

Club members are encouraged to bring any teddy bears or quilts for Riley Children Hospital that they have sewn.

Reservations are due by March 28 to Sharon McCoart. The cost for the dinner is \$8.75. An invitation to the public is extended to attend this event.

The planning committee is Pam Fausz chairman, Mary Anna Pulley, Beth Ambriole, Mae Swales, Marcia Thone, and Marsha Chenoweth.

DAFFODIL DAYS

Businesses and community members throughout Huntington County can chase away the winter blues and help support local cancer prevention, detection and patient service programs by participating in the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days fundraiser.

The Society is selling fresh-cut daffodils to businesses throughout the area and will deliver the flowers free of charge. The daffodils are being sold for \$7 per bunch of ten. Other selections available are 1/4 case (12 bunches) for \$50, 1/2 case (25 bunches) for \$100 or a full case (50 bunches) for \$180. All presale daffodil orders will be delivered on March 20 & 21. Daffodils will also be available for street sales at K-Mart and the United Methodist Memorial Home on March 20 & 21.

The money raised during Daffodil Days helps provide patient service programs, such as Road to Recovery, Look Good...Feel Better and Tell A Friend. The American Cancer Society also provides educational programs on smoking, nutrition and early cancer detection which bring the message of cancer control to adults and children.

For more information or if you are interested in purchasing daffodils, please call Carol Morehead at

260.356.0999 or Lilly Nutter at 260.375.2095.

For more information about cancer, call toll free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org.

VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Vera Bradley merchandise will be awarded as prizes at a bingo night to benefit Pathfinder Foundation, Inc. on Wednesday, March 19 at SSPeter and Paul Church auditorium, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m.

For each of 20 bingo games, the winner will receive an original handbag or accessory. Door prizes will be awarded during intermission.

Tickets are \$10 for 20 games. A limited number of tickets are available. Advance tickets may be purchased at Pathfinder Services, Inc., 1152 East State, Street, Huntington, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please call Pathfinder Services at 260/356-0500 to reserve tickets. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Korner Kupboard Kreations, 438 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, is supplying the original Vera Bradley merchandise.

Pathfinder Foundation will use the proceeds to support people with disabilities who receive services from Pathfinder Services, Inc., a not-for-profit human service organization.

FAIR MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. The Fair Board will be continuing plans for organizing the 73rd annual Huntington County 4-H Fair. The 2003 4-H Fair will be held July 11-24.

CATTLEMEN'S WORKSHOP

The Huntington County Cattlemen's Association will be hosting a workshop for 4-H members on Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. in the south room of the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. This workshop is open to all 4-H Beef members and those youth interested in the new 4-H Starter Steer Calf project. Topics to be covered at this workshop include Nutrition & Care and Grooming.

The 4-H Starter Calf Project provides youth interested in working with cattle a chance to raise a baby calf, regardless of beef or dairy breeds. The calves involved in this project must not be over 200 pounds on the county 4-H Starter Calf Identification Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at the cattle barns at Hier's Park. For more information about this new 4-H project, contact the County Extension Office at (260) 358-4826.

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4-H OPEN HOUSE

Huntington County 4-H will be hosting a 4-H Open House on Sunday, March 16, 2-3:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. At the 4-H Open House, people will be able to meet with 4-H club leaders throughout the county, view examples of 4-H project manuals, learn about 4-H club meetings and other 4-H events and can complete an Official 4-H Club Enrollment Form.

This Open House was re-scheduled from the previous date of February 23 due to poor weather conditions.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Program, contact the Purdue Extension Service - Huntington County Office, located in the Courthouse Annex, 354 N Jefferson, Suite 202, Huntington. Phone: (260) 358-4826 or 358-4827.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader organization will hold their March meeting at the home of Scott and Julie Hoffman on county road 750 N. The meeting will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30 p.m. The club will be discussing plans for participation in the 4-H Open House scheduled for Sunday, March 16 and their Food Stand held during the Open Beef Preview Show on April 5. Committees will also be meeting to continue plans for a variety of activities coming up this spring and summer.

The County Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member who is currently in the 7th grade or older. For more information about Junior Leaders or specific directions to the Hoffman home for the March 13 meeting, contact the County Extension Office at (260) 358-4826.

DONATIONS FOR ARTS FESTIVAL

One of the key components planned for the May 17 Festival of the Arts in downtown Warren, IN includes Imagination Square. Literally, a squared-off intersection within downtown will be for children and youth to create any number of sculptures, paintings, drawings or creations. Clay, Playdoh, paints, pencils, markers, crayons and pastels will be available for the young artists to use.

However, Imagination Square chairpersons are asking for Warren-area residents to make donations of various recyclables and unused products for their Inventor Center. At this station, children can use any number of materials to craft, construct and create an artistic piece.

If you would like to donate any quantity of the following items, please contact co-chair Anita Sharpe at 375-

2851 to make delivery arrangements.

Your donations should not include objects made of glass or sharp objects.

The needed items include: old holiday decorations, plastic lids or containers, cardboard food boxes, cloth material - used for sewing, craft materials, packing peanuts or bubble wrap, empty paper rolls, yarn, masking tape, old shirts - to use as painter's smocks.

FINANCIAL SECURITY?

Are you on the road to financial security in later life? Do you need assistance with the individuals you counsel in preparing them for financial security in later life? If you answered yes to either or both questions, plan to attend the Financial Security in Later Life Roll-Out Conference on April 23, 2003 at the Allen County Extension Office. The address is 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne (east side of the IPFW Campus).

The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Jane Schuchardt, National Program Leader, and Tim Berry, State Treasurer, will be presenting via satellite delivery, but all other sessions are on site.

The topics for the sessions are:

- Take the Road
- Positioning for Success
- Are You Motivated to be Financially Secure
- Planning for a Secure Retirement
- Adult Children-Aging Parents - Conversations between Generations

This April 23 conference will provide you the opportunity to become aware of resources available to you personally and also to use professionally with your clients in planning for financial security in later life. The opportunity to network with other individuals and agency representatives will be valuable as well.

The cost for the day is \$35.00. Space is limited to the first 50 registrations. Don't delay, but register early. Registration deadline is April 11 or until the limited number is reached. Reminder notices will be sent prior to the conference.

This conference is brought to you by the Purdue Extension Service. It is being held in eleven sites throughout Indiana on April 23. For further information and a registration brochure contact the Huntington County Extension Office (260-358-4826) of the Allen County Extension Office (260-481-6826).

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GENEALOGY REPORT

LASS

Funeral services for Dorothy F. Lass, 97, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. Arrangements were handled by Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

Mrs. Lass died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at the United Methodist Memorial Home, having moved there July 1, 1993 from Mattoon, Ill., where she had resided for 55 years.

Mrs. Lass was born in Huntington County Feb. 3, 1906, a daughter of Rafe and Fannie Harris Hummer. Her marriage on Aug. 19, 1933 at Wabash was to Leonard J. Lass, whose death occurred July 25, 1985.

Surviving are two sons, Ron Lass of Hudson, Ohio, and Leonard G. Lass of Rehoboth Beach, Del.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Eight brothers and seven sisters are deceased.

Rev. John Bellante officiated at services and burial was in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2420 North Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

HELMS

Kenneth W. "Kenny" Helms, 74, died suddenly of natural causes at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2003 at his residence at 623 South Morgan St., Bluffton.

Mr. Helms was retired from Franklin Electric Co. after 30 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War, serving in the European Theater of Operations in Germany. He was a member of Bluffton American Legion Post 111.

Mr. Helms was a lifelong resident of Wells County, where he was born July 22, 1928 to Harry H. and Zehra Williams Helms.

He is survived by a brother, William C. of Marysville, Wash., and three sisters, Mrs. Richard (Sue) Deam of Bluffton, and Mrs. Frank (Betty) Collins and Mrs. Nelson (Mary Ann) Collins, both of Van Buren. A brother, Robert, is deceased.

Services were held at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Pastor Larry Sprinkle officiated and burial was in Six Mile Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post 111. Memorials to the First Church of Christ.

SOUTHERLAND

Mable L. Southerland, 91, Bradner Village Health Care Center, 505 N. Bradner Ave., Marion died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at home.

She was born January 6, 1912, in Marion to the late Paul and Lena (Mansbarger) Fishel. In 1937, she married Bruce Southerland. He died in 1950 in Marion. Over the years she had lived in Florida and Marion, and for the past several years in Van Buren.

Mrs. Southerland retired from

Longs Dry Cleaning after almost 30 years.

Survivors include a brother, George Brewer, Van Buren; and a sister, Mary Scrambling, Xenia, Ohio.

She also was preceded in death by sisters, Inez McClure, Rosetta Click and Laura Nolan; and brothers, Charles, Sherman and Thomas Hill Brewer.

Mrs. Southerland requested there be no funeral service or visitation. Burial will be at a later date in Van Buren Cemetery.

Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, handled arrangements.

LEWIS

Dorothy M. Lewis, 92, 602 N. First St., Apt. 4, Van Buren, died at 4:15 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2003 in Marion General Hospital.

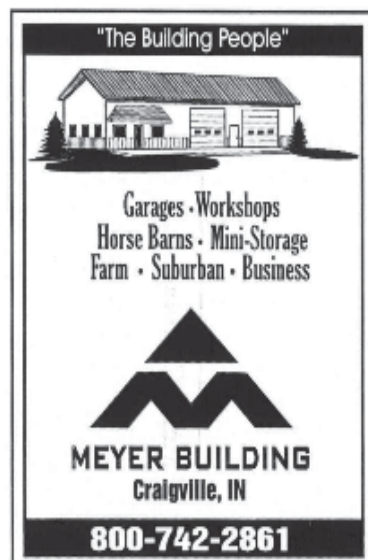
She was born December 21, 1910 in Wells County to the late Frank and Nancy (Slater) Moon and had lived in the Van Buren area all of her life. She married Elza G. Lewis in 1928. He died Jan. 24, 1986.

Mrs. Lewis was a housewife and attended Van Buren Nazarene Church. She retired in 1975 from Appliance Manufacturing Co. after many years.

Surviving are brothers, George (Doris) Moon, Van Buren, John (Norma) Moon, Marion, and Glen (Ruth) Moon, Huntington; and sisters, Corda Welsh and Rosetta Welker, both of Van Buren.

She also was preceded in death by sisters, Thelma B. McDaniel and May Clark; and brothers, Edward, Ralph and Donald Moon.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., with the Rev. Mike Helms officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory cemetery.



GADGETS & TOOLS

The Purdue Extension Service of Huntington County is sponsoring a program titled "Gadgets and Tools for Independent Living." It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office meeting room. The Extension Office is located at 354 N. Jefferson Street in Huntington. (one block north of the Court house).

As people age, sensory changes occur that make living independently more difficult. Participants will learn about these changes in our bodies, as well as tools and gadgets that are available to help those living independently. Participants may also have ideas to share that make living independently a little easier.

This program is for those who may want ideas for themselves, and for gift giving ideas for a relative. The program is open to the public and no cost. However please call the Extension Office (358.4826) so that enough handouts will be prepared.

55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS

A "55 Alive" Defensive Driving course will be held on the second floor of the Huntington County Annex Building (upstairs from the Senior Center) on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8 and 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mark Coratti, a trained instructor through AARP has led several classes in the past. The two day sessions are classroom time only, no actual drive time. They will include informative videos covering defensive driving skills.

Certification of this class has even lowered some insurance premiums. The cost is only \$10. You can sign up through the Senior Center at 359-4410 or Mark Coratti at 468-2093.

FIRST AID CLASS

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety course at the Courthouse Annex (354 N. Jefferson St., 2nd floor meeting room) on Thursday evenings, March 20 & 27 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

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

Payment of \$45 per student is due at the time of registration. The registration form and payment must be turned in to the American Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750 by Monday, March 17. To obtain a registration and payment form, please call 260-356-2910 or visit the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 203, Huntington (court-house annex). Registration forms may also be obtained by mailing a request to carol.long@huntington.in.us.

HEALTH FAIR

The Blackford County Health Fair & Family Fun Fest will be Saturday, April 12, 2003, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Blackford County Community Foundation, Inc. will provide funding for, total cholesterol and glucose testing (non-fasting), lipid profile/glucose testing (12 hour fasting), PSA tests, and will provide certificates for mammograms. Blood work will be available 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Also, there will be child safety seat inspections, various medical screenings, body composition testing, clowns, various children's activities and free refreshments will be available. There are thirty-four plus different businesses or organization that will be participating. The Health Fair and Family Fun Fest is healthy fun for everyone young and old.

For more information about this event, please contact the Blackford County Purdue Extension Service at (765) 348-3213.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc. is accepting applications for its 2003 Cycle I unrestricted fund Community Grants. The grants are available to not-for-profit organizations based in Huntington County. The organizations must qualify for 501(c)3 status under the tax code.

Grant applications must be received at the Community Foundation office by April 26, 2003 and the grant awards will be announced May 8, 2003. Grants are awarded for charitable purposes that improve the quality of life in Huntington County, including education, social services, and arts and culture.

Funding for the semi-annual Community Grants come from income generated by the Huntington County Community Foundation's unrestricted Community Grants Fund. Grants have been awarded twice a year beginning in 1997. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has awarded \$250,460 in semi-annual Community Grants.

Huntington County Community Foundation also awards grants to designated recipients from Restricted Endowment Funds. These grants have included \$101,703 in 2002, \$112,550 in 2001, \$160,425 in 2000, \$407,035 in 1999, \$60,319 in 1998, \$39,607 in 1997, \$17,148 in 1996 and \$6,795 in 1995.

For Huntington County Community Foundation 2003 Cycle I grant application forms, contact Marcia McClelland, executive director, at Community Foundation office, P.O. Box 5037, 356 West Park Drive Huntington, IN 46750 or call 356-8878.

CHAMBER MEETING

Socializing and a warm bowl of chili were a great beginning to the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce March meeting. The Wagon Wheel Cafe catered lunch to twenty-three members and two guests.

President Gina Canady opened the business meeting. More details regarding the Sidney C Hurlbert seminar on March 18th were discussed. Ideas for decorating the stage were shared. Bob Smyth offered his assistance and the use of the backdrop Chamber used last year at the Huntington County Expo. Clint Glessner reported that the company setting up the sound system would also do music before the speaker and during break. Ron Neff offered the use of the sign in front of the Fire Station for advertising. Vickie Grim reported on ticket sales and upcoming advertising.

Rodeo chairperson Cheryl DeWeese spoke about activity that has begun for the Fourth of July Rodeo. Kreider Fencing will be doing all the needed gates and fencing again this year. Lighting was discussed due to this being our first night rodeo, details of this are still being worked out. Cheryl reported that tickets would be ordered soon. Sounds like work on this huge project is off and running!

Festival of Arts Chairman Brady Smekens spoke to members about the May 17th event. Local merchants were asked for use of their windows to display student artwork during the festival. They were also asked to participate in the "Festival of Chairs". Business owners can decorate a chair that reflects their business; it will then be judged and sold at the festival. Many ideas were circulating around the room - look out Warren, your in for a real treat! Brady thanked the Chamber for their support of the event.

Nancy Smyth announced that the Pulse Opera House would be presenting "Scapino" as its 2003 season opener beginning March 14th. Their first reservation for the 2003 season was from a woman in Washington D.C., she had found out about the Pulse through their website. This website is currently ranked 15th out of 15,000 community theaters listed nationally. What a great way to promote Warren! The Pulse recently received money from the Huntington County Community Foundation for a heating and air-conditioning project. Work is underway at this time by Bolinger's Warren Service & Supply. Nancy also announced Handcrafters would be opening on April 9, 2003

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with lots of new items featured this year.

Rose Meldrum of the Huntington County Visitors & Convention Bureau was present at the meeting. She presented each member with a copy of the Huntington County Restaurant Guide. This guide will be distributed throughout the County to promote area restaurants. Rose reminded the Chamber that the Bureau is there to assist them with any event they are involved in.

Attorney Joe Wiley spoke briefly regarding the current Huntington County Community Schools redistricting. Joe wanted the members to know how this would affect the Warren area and offered some insight regarding the different options being considered. He asked members to please give their input to Salamonie Township representative Kevin Drayer or himself.

Chamber Co-President Andy Jockheck reminded everyone present of the many projects that the Chamber is currently involved in and asked that they all be supportive and participate any way they can.

Warren should be proud of its support of the American Cancer Society's daffodil sales. Lilly Nutter announced that last year Warren made up 25% of the total sales in Huntington County. Lilly is taking orders now that will be delivered on March 20th. Thanks Lilly, for all the hard work!

MOTIVATED is the word for March 18. We are all looking forward to hearing Sidney and hope to see you there. Grab this opportunity, if you think this seminar is not for you; you're just the person who needs it!!!! Pick up a reservation form at Accent Interiors, Bolinger's Warren Service & Supply, Markle Bank, DeWeese Appliance, National City or Warren Furniture Works.

Businesses represented at this meeting were: Campbell & Dye Insurance, LaQuinta Inn, Warren Furniture Works, Dr. Kevin DeaKyne DDS, Bower Brewer Garrett & Wiley, Salamonie School, Warren Town Council, Handcrafters Marketplace, United Methodist Memorial Home, Huntington County Visitor Bureau, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, D&D Bike Shop, National City Bank, MarkleBank, The Type Galley, Bolingers Warren Service & Supply, Zeller Construction, PJ's Flower & Craft, Ware Brandon Monument, and Accent Interiors.

ATTENDED CONFERENCE

Rosalie Walter of the Warren Public Library has recently returned from participation in the Indiana Library Federations Small and Medium Size Libraries 2003 conference "Building Blocks: Library Partnerships." More than 100 librarians and support staff met at the Ramada Conference Center in Lebanon, Indiana for two days of meetings and discussion that included workshops on grant writing, library laws, and marketing. Other discussions provided information on long-range planning, required library policies, collection development, and library services to the young and disabled populations.

Participants also heard Indiana author Marlis Day speak at the Friday luncheon. Marlis Day is the author of the Margo Brown mystery

series. Ms. Day was an enthusiastic speaker who enhanced the day's events.

Rounding out the educational portion of the conference were discussions on legislative topics, the Indiana State Library, and INCOLSA. Commercial vendors and a variety of public relations materials were made available to the group.

Thursday evening, the group listened to the storytelling skills of Brad Howell and Marsha Murphy of the Anderson Public Library. The Small and Medium Size Library Conference offers participants the opportunity to learn from the successes and failures of other Indiana libraries and to keep abreast of issues vital to the life of the local library.

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice

March 17

French toast sticks

March 18

Cereal, toast w/butter

March 19

Super donut

March 20

Pancake/sausage stick

March 21

Cinnamon toast

Lunch

Each meal includes milk

March 17

Nachos/chili & cheese, buttered carrots, juice, cookie

March 18

Chili soup/crackers, cheese cup, sliced peaches, cinnamon roll

March 19

Corn dog, baked beans, mixed fruit, brownie

March 20

Panther burger/cheese, French fries, pineapple tidbits

March 21

Ravioli, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, sliced apples

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

March 17

Orange juice, cinnamon coffeecake

March 18

Apple juice, egg wrap

March 19

Fruit juice, French toast sticks/syrup, sausage links

March 20

Orange juice, peanut butter/jelly sandwich

March 21

Apple juice, egg/cheese omelet

Lunch

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

March 17

Ravioli w/dippers (ham salad/wheat), celery w/peanut butter, sliced peaches, pudding

March 18

Chili w/crackers (quarterpounder w/cheese), relishes, orange wedges, frosted cinnamon roll

March 19

Shaved turkey on a bun (Rib-b-q sandwich), French fries, green beans, goldfish crackers

March 20

Chicken nuggets (quarterpounder w/cheese), fresh baby carrots w/dip, lunch a bunch grapes, cookies

March 21

Cheese pizza (shrimp poppers), combination salad, applesauce, soft pretzel

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BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

It's time to celebrate mentoring magic in Northeast Indiana. Big Brothers Big Sisters is hosting the 23rd annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraiser April 11-13, so grab some friends to form a team, break out the bowling balls and shine those shoes!

The event will be held at Georgetown Bowl, 6770 E. State Blvd and Village Bowl, 1710 Bluffton Rd. Teams sign up for their choice of date and time and all participants will have the chance to win valuable prizes including a weekend getaway to Chicago, restaurant gift certificates and much more.

Funds raised go to support the mission of BBBS - matching children between the age of 7-17 with caring adult mentors. Last year, more than 600 children were matched with a Big Brother or a Big Sister, building self-confidence, increasing school participation and building lifelong relationships.

For more information, or to sign up a bowling team, call Sarah Miretti at 260.456.1600.

BBBS serves children in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Kosciusko, Hunting-

ton, Noble, Wells and Whitley counties. We are proud to be a United Way agency partner.

MEETING MARCH 19

An award-winning economic development program is expanding across Indiana. All Indiana counties will receive special assistance from federal, state and local economic development programs in a team effort headed by Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation (BMT).

A meeting to organize the program in northeast Indiana will be held Wednesday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Indiana Wesleyan University, 8211 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. The Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council and Region 3A Economic Development District are hosting the meeting.

The Ft. Wayne meeting is one of eight around the state being conducted by BMT to establish regional teams composed of local economic developers, manufacturers, entrepreneurs and service providers. In Ft. Wayne, participants from Adams,

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties will attend. The teams will identify local assistance needs, establish priorities and develop and implement action plans.

After the initial meetings in March and April, a statewide team composed of representatives of more than 150 assistance providers will provide resources to help regional teams implement their action plans.

The economic development assistance provided to each county will come from a streamlined delivery system designed last year for 44 distressed counties — an effort that won the 2002 National Project of the Year in Economic Development Award from BMT's trade group, the National Association of Management and Technical Assistance Centers (NAMTAC).

This year, BMT is expanding the delivery system statewide after receiving a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and private contributions. The USDA grant is for 42 rural Indiana counties whose wages and employment levels often lag behind the national norm. Private contributors are making it possible for BMT to also make the program available statewide.

The USDA grant is entitled "Moving from Distress to Commerce Through Collaboration II." The grant is for 12 months running through March 2004.

BMT is a full-service, nonprofit business assistance resource serving the state from seven regional offices. The Indiana General Assembly created BMT 20 years ago.

Idle Hour

Wilodene Birkey was hostess for the Idle Hour Club for lunch Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Methodist Home.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Pres. Edna Alfeld reading 2 humorous readings.

Jane Haley read St Patrick's Day at the Web Holidays for Wilodene.

Roll call was answered by Your Favorite Time of Year. Treasurer's report was given and minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary. 7-Up was played with Clara Mossburg winning high and Georgia Poulson low.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Wilodene Berkey, Freda Finley, Mildred Gilbert, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Devonna Leas, Clara Mossburg, Evelyn Schweikhardt, Helen Trout, Violet Yoars, Martha Burnau, Merium Rice, and Georgia Poulson.

STORY TIME

Jane Ruble led story time at the Warren Public Library on Friday, March 7. She read Binky Gets a Car, Mr Brown Can Moo, Can You?, Because a Little Bug Went KaChoo; and the Big Honey hunt to Uriah DeWeese, Dylan Hutson, Carson Bolinger and Emma and Katie Melcher.

Mrs Ruble also used the new easel for the flannel graph story, Smile Ralph Smile. The children received a coloring page and an activity page. Happy Birthday was sung to Uriah and Carson and Uriah provided birthday treats for everyone.

Story time is each Friday morning at 10:00.

No TAXES Used

Even though it hasn't been the case for 20 years, many Americans still think part of their federal taxes help fund the U.S. Postal Service. But it's those who use postal services, not taxpayers who pay for postal operations. Postal operations are financed by money generated by the sale of products and services. When you buy a postage stamp, for example, or send a package or certified letter, you're helping to fund postal operations.

When the Postal Service was created in 1971 from the old Post Office Department, a provision of the law allowed for tax appropriations for public service costs. As a result, funds received since 1982 have included certain reimbursement appropriations for providing reduced rate postage to non-profit and other qualifying organizations, and free mail for the blind.

That is why the Postal Service strives to operate in a business-like manner in meeting the changing needs of its customers. A presidential appointed Board of Governors oversees management and policy.

This fiscal independence has kept the Postal Service focused on holding down costs and has provided Americans with the most productive postal system in the world. The Postal Service has become a competitive business, earning the trust of the people who pay its bills — postal customers.

Recent declines in mail volume growth and a lack of pricing flexibility, among other things, point toward a need to change the laws that govern the Postal Service and make it better able to compete in a now aggressive, global marketplace. The Postal Service recently presented its Transformation Plan, essentially a new business model that would preserve universal mail delivery and strengthen the nation's mail system.

A strong and universal system is important for the Postal Service to maintain. Improvements in mail processing and delivery are continually being sought, to maximize the capabilities of equipment and to keep operating costs low. Changes in technology, wages and customer requirements have not made the job easy, but results have been wonderful. The

postal system in the United States remains among the most efficient and reasonable in the world — all without the assistance of tax dollars for its operations.

FREE OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Markle Health Care is providing a FREE Osteoporosis Screening at the Huntington Senior Center on Wednesday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. The Physical Therapist from Markle Health Care will also be here to teach exercises to assist in the preventing the progression of osteoporosis. Some delicious snacks will also be provided.

Please take advantage of this valuable opportunity at the Senior Center. Call 359-4410 for more information.

WINDOWS TIPS AND TRICKS 9

ADD A VOICE MESSAGE TO AN E-MAIL MESSAGE

Personalize e-mail with a voice message? You can perform this task using the Windows XP Sound Recorder and a microphone. First, open the sound recorder:

To open the sound recorder

1. Click Start, click Programs, click Accessories, click Entertainment, and then click Sound Recorder.

2. On the File menu, click New.

3. To begin recording, click Record, and to stop recording, click Stop.

4. Save the .wav file to a folder of your choice.

5. Attach the file to an e-mail message.

To record sounds, your computer must be equipped with a microphone. Recorded sounds are saved as waveform (.wav) files.

If you have a question you need answered, email me at jami@citznet.com. I will try.

CLOSING OVER 5.5

Eva P. Witkamp has received the designation of Closing over 5.5 Million in Gross Sales for 2002. This was a net increase of 25% over 2001.

In her 7th year of selling Real Estate as a full time Realtor with Larry F. Wells & Associates Eva received her broker's license in 2002. She specializes in the Warren and surround-

ing area and represents her husband Greg Witkamp, owner of GDW Construction & Design, in new construction sales. Greg & Eva are the developers of Langton Estates in Warren. The Witkamp's are the parents of 5 children and reside near Warren. If you would like to contact Eva please call @ 888-701-0156 or evasells@yahoo.com

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Eight children attended the After School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday March 7, 2003 to celebrate National Anthem Day.

The children received a search-a-word to find the states of the United States. Indiana was the nineteenth state and entered statehood on December 11, 1816.

Everyone received a copy of our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner. We all enjoyed singing this beautiful song. On the opposite side of the paper was a short biography of the author Francis Scott Key and how he was inspired to write this song and under what conditions. He lived from 1779 to 1843.

Karen read the book "I Pledge Allegiance" by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson. After we sang the The Star Spangled Banner. We were in-

spired to say the Pledge of Allegiance. The children were able to say the Pledge as well as they sang The Star Spangled Banner. I was very proud of the children. We then went upstairs to the computer and I had found a couple of web sights that played the music of the Star Spangled Banner, one sight even had the words. They were really neat.

Each child received a printed double sided flag to cut out glue together and attach to a straw. The children did a good job making their flag. Rikki Rumble won the attendance prize.

Those who attended were Rikki Rumble, Cassie Davis, Laquita White, Icily Baker, Cassie Davis, Mallory Messersmith, Becki Oswalt and Amber Oswalt.

This coming Friday March 14th we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Hope to see you.

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WARREN BASEBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP Boys & Girls Baseball & Softball

Warren Baseball is about to kick-off another great year! Every boy and girl, **ages 5 thru 17 on June 1st** will have the chance to play in every game.

Leagues include T-Ball (5 & 6 yr old boys and girls), Coach's Pitch (7 & 8 yr old boys and girls), Junior Girls Softball (ages 9 - 12), Senior Girls Softball (ages 13 - 17), Boys Little League (ages 9 - 12), and Boys Pony League (ages 13 - 17).

* Note: Only 13-16 yr. old boys will pitch in Pony League

* **Note: The birthdate has been changed from August 1 to June 1**

A fee of \$10.00 per player will be assessed for T-Ball and Coach's Pitch. We will also have a sales program to help defray the costs of running the league.

LITTLE LEAGUE, JUNIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL, SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL, AND PONY LEAGUE WILL PAY \$20.00 AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SALES PROGRAM!

NOTE: If you play Huntington County Baseball you are NOT eligible to play for Warren Baseball League. You may send in your entry and if your child makes the team in HCB you will receive a refund by calling 375-4643.

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM!

Mail form and make payment to:

Warren Baseball League

P O Box 719 Warren, IN 46792

Make checks payable to: Warren Baseball League

Clip & Mail With Payment by March 29, 2003

Name _____ Circle: Boy or Girl

Parent Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (or how to be reached) _____

Birthdate _____ Age on June 1st _____

Team Last Year _____

Shirt Size, Circle: CHILD S M L or ADULT S M L XL XXL

List brother or sister you wish on same team _____

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