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Thought for the Week: *Charm is the quality in others that makes us more satisfied with ourselves.* Henri



LIVE NATIVITY AGAIN AT WCC

The Warren Church of Christ will again have a live nativity scene in its church parking lot off 3rd St. The church is located at 3rd and Wayne Sts. in downtown Warren.

The event will be open to the public from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Friday evening, Dec. 9th and Saturday, Dec. 10th. You can drive by or better yet, walk thru and come on in for some hot chocolate and cookies and visit with friends and neighbors as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Gerald Moreland and Todd Winkler are ministers and a whole cast of folks from the church are portraying the characters and will be ready to greet you. There will be live animals as well. Please come by and visit and remember the Reason for the Season.

SPANISH PARTY

¡HOLA! Greetings from the Van Buren Public Library. We will be hosting a Spanish Christmas Party for children of all ages on Wednesday, December 28th, 2005 from 10:30am – 12:00. We will learn about Christmas traditions in Spanish speaking countries by playing games, eating Spanish treats and learning some Spanish words! Don't miss out on all the fun! Call to register at the library at 765-934-2171.

PHONE SCAM

Have you received a phone call? The Northeastern Indiana BBB has received several calls recently from consumers who have received phone calls with the caller telling them that their checking account number is on the Internet. Consumers are getting a customer service number of 866-829-6317. Consumers, don't give any per-

sonal or financial information to anyone calling to request it until you verify that it is legitimate! This goes for ANY call requesting bank routing numbers, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, and anything else that can take money from your account. 'Tis the season!

SANTA LOVES PIZZA!

Parents can enjoy pizza and the children can enjoy Santa.

Santa will be arriving on Saturday, Dec 10 at East of Chicago Pizza located in Warren at the flashing light. Young and old can visit with Santa from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring your camera for pictures. So don't fight the long lines at the mall to visit with Santa, he is making a special stop in Warren. If you need a stocking stuffer idea, East of Chicago Pizza Gift Cards are great!

CONFUSED BY MEDICARE PART D?

On Friday, December 16th, someone will be at the Warren Pharmacy to help answer questions about enrollment in a Medicare Part D plan. Appointments are available between the hours of 9AM & 5PM. Call the Warren Pharmacy at 375-2135.

AND THE WINNER IS ...

Mary Ann Holmes was the winner of the Door Prize at The Loft's Open House held last Thursday and Friday.

The Loft at Creative Elements has lots of Christmas gift items. Stop in and check it out.

GETTING READY

Getting Ready for Jesus will be the message by Dr Blake J Neff, on Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Van Buren United Methodist Church. Special music will be provided by the Van Buren United Methodist Church Choir.

DECEMBER SERVICES

Events planned for the month of December at Jefferson Center United Methodist Church are:

Dec. 11 – Exploring the dreams that come to us and how they may impact our lives. Special music called "Christ Has Come for All". After lunch at the church we will carol at the United Methodist Memorial Home for the residents.

Dec 18 - Great music of the season will continue as we sing Christmas hymns and hear the choir share "Just One Star". The message centers of a theme taken from the movie Close Encounters and ask the question, "Are we alone?"

Dec. 24 – Traditional Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. We will share in the wonder and awe of the gift given to us in love. The message title is "Welcome Mat."

Dec. 25 – Lots of great music will help us celebrate this holy day of worship.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The church is located at the corner of 900S and 300W in Huntington County.

MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Town Council of the Town of Warren has rescheduled its Regular Meeting of December 26, 2005 to December 21, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Assembly Hall, 131 N, Wayne Street, Warren, Indiana.

BLOOD DRIVE CHANGE

The blood drive originally scheduled for Dec. 20 at Parkview Huntington from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. is now scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Parkview Huntington is located at 2001 Stults Road 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).

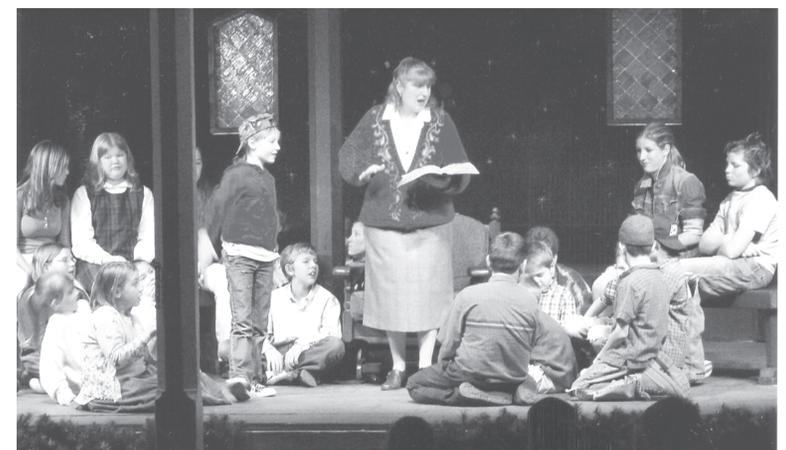
ANOTHER OPTION

Christmas shoppers come and look at the unique handcrafted gifts for sale at the Calico Gift Shop on the first floor of the Fahl building in the United Methodist Memorial Home. Open 2 to 4 daily and open 6 to 8 pm on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10 and 16 and 17.

COOKIE/CANDY SALE

The 3rd annual Extension Cookie and Candy Sale will take place December 9th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first floor of the Huntington County Courthouse Annex.

Cookies will be \$3.00 a dozen and Candy will be sold for \$3.00 a pound. Come and do your Christmas party shopping.



LAST WEEKEND FOR

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

Have you seen the lines around the Pulse Opera House? Seems like the word is out that "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a big hit! The show has been playing to sold out and nearly sold out houses. The classic story of Christmas Pageant rehearsals going bad, the horrible Herdman kids and the true meaning of Christmas is performed by a cast of local and area children and adults. The play is sure to warm your heart with the spirit of Christmas.

During the day on December 9, students from Salamonie, Crestview, Van Buren and Fort Wayne will attend special matinee performances. The evening performances on Friday and Saturday are filling up, but there are still lots of tickets available for the Thursday show. Reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations can be made by calling (260) 375-7017.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

FOR SPOUSES, CHRISTMAS PARTIES CAN BE A CHALLENGE

Whether or not they realize it, spouses have a lot of word-of-mouth information about the company, the office, and everyone in it.

For many, a party means rehearsing the names of bosses and keeping track of things they aren't supposed to know. One spouse, for example, congratulated a man on his promotion and move to a foreign country. It created a problem because the man hadn't told his wife about the impending move.

Criticizing the food, wine, or accommodations is deadly. Others are turned off by the comments, especially if they are event planners.

A survey by the employee-assistance firm ComPsych Corp. shows that some people don't attend the party because they don't like their co-workers. Others think the party is too formal.

For a spouse, it can be even more of a problem. One man got so many instructions on what not to say that he refused to attend future events.

Company people can help by giving spouses a break. Welcome them and make them feel comfortable.

BY WHATEVER NAME, SANTA HAS BEEN WITH US THROUGH THE AGES

Whose picture has been published most often in this world? While no official study has been made, it's a good bet that Santa Claus would be near the top of the list. With his white beard, red coat, and sack of toys, his image is everywhere in December.

He is the human face of Christmas and benevolence. Some say Santa lives near the North Pole and flies through the sky in a sled pulled by flying reindeer. He lands on the roofs of children's houses. Then he comes down the chimney to leave presents for the children in socks or under the Christmas tree.

Because he can't do the whole world on one night, in some countries he is known as St. Nicholas. In those countries he comes on St. Nicholas Day, the 6th of December.

His namesake was Nicholas, a Christian leader from Myra (in modern day Turkey) in the 4th century A.D. He wanted to give money to poor people without their knowing who gave it. One day he climbed on the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in a stocking a girl had put by the fire to dry. That's why, 1,600 years later, little children still believe that Santa fills their stockings on Christmas Eve.

The name Santa Claus originated with the Dutch. His name in The Netherlands is "Sinterklass."

In France, it's "Pere Noel" who brings gifts.

In Portugal, it's "Father Christmas" who leaves presents for children on Christmas Eve.

In Finland, cemeteries are very beautiful at Christmas time. Many families visit the cemeteries to place a candle on the graves of family members.

SANTA MAIL

Don't forget to have your children write a special letter to Santa Claus. There is a special mailbox on the counter at the Post Office or if you are on a rural route, just drop it in your mailbox. Santa will send a letter in response for all letters received by Dec. 21.



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<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 <i>Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:40 a.m. Bible Study, Wednesday.....10:00 a.m. Youth Fellowship Sun6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i></p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6-7:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org</p>
<p>THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica <i>Rev. Gus Hacker</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship9:30 a.m. Church School10:45a.m.</p>	<p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p>
<p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i></p> <p>Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship.....8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship.....9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship11:11 a.m.</p>
<p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathie Jones, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:00 a.m. Worship Service10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 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.</p>	<p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Service6:00 p.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.).....6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service.....6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME</p> <p>SUNDAY: Morning Worship9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Sunday School.....9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.</p>	<p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m. Worship9:15 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....10:30a.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Rev. John Wallace, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship6:30 p.m.</p>

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AREA NEWS

THE WEEKLY SPECIAL

by Helen @ Natalie Jeanne's
 Contrary to popular belief, I did not grow up in Florida. It is true that I lived there for eight years, but my roots are in Connecticut. So I am used to cold, snowy, winter weather. Snow days were like a holiday for me and my siblings. We used to sled, build snow forts, and have snow balls fights all morning, then come in and make hot chocolate and fudge in the afternoon. Mom's fudge recipe is so easy and it's all done in the microwave so the kids can help too!

Mom's Fudge

- 3 cups semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- Pinch salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1.5 tsp vanilla

Melt chocolate chips, milk and salt in microwave safe bowl for about three minutes. Add vanilla and nuts. Pour into 8x8 pan lined with wax paper and refrigerate.

I will warn you, that if this fudge is consumed at a very rapid pace, your belly will not be happy. I am speaking from personal experience! Indulge in moderation! Until next week, Bon Appetit!

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005 in Assembly Hall. President David Scheib conducted the meet-ing.

Council voted in favor of Ordinance 2005-28 concerning Salary Ordinance. They also agreed to grant a position for Ty Sur-fus.

Due to Dec. 26 being a holiday, Council voted to hold the last Council meeting of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 8 a.m.

Council also voted to pay \$85.00 membership dues for 2006 to Huntington County Chamber of Commerce.

Pulse Opera House will give a special presentation to students on Friday, Dec. 9. Council agreed to special parking on West Second Street during the presenta-

tion.

Council also granted permission for street lights to be turned off during the annual Live Nativity presentation by the Church of Christ on Dec. 9 and 10.

A one year contract with INDOT was for street sweeping at Dogwood Villas.

President Scheib gave a report on a recent meeting of the Downtown Committee.

Plans were discussed for 2006 meetings to be held on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Monday at 8 a.m.

Curtis Day reported from the Utility/Street Departments. He said they hired the town of Huntington to conduct smoke testing to find the cause of odor in the downtown area. The odor was found to be caused from related problems in a couple of businesses.

The 2006 Tahoe Police Cruiser had been sold.

Council agreed for the Police Department to hire a Reserve Officer.

Announcements included: Council meetings Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at 8 a.m.; Office, Utility Closings, Dec. 22, 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2.

SUPPORT TO S.O.S.

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington recently received support for the S.O.S. (Students Out of School) program. ECOLAB Foundation, HELP, Inc., and Vectren Foundation recently contributed to the agency for the S.O.S. program. "Without the caring support of local Foundations and organizations such as ECOLAB, HELP and Vectren, it would be extremely difficult for us to meet the needs of Huntington youths and their families", Jan Williams, executive director.

Project S.O.S. (Students Out

of School) provides students who have been suspended, expelled or in need of altered day with academic support and structure while they are not involved with the traditional educational system. The program is provided daily from 8am until 2:45pm and follows the HCCSC schedule. Students of all ages can participate in the program, however, the majority of the students are middle school and high school age. Academics are stressed, as well, as social skills, study skills and any area specific to the individual students.

Besides S.O.S., the Youth Services Bureau offers 17 other programs. They include parenting classes, Teen Court, Home Based services, Homework Help Hour, Community Services, Safe Place/Host Homes and Mentoring Parents. The agency is a United Way agency. To learn more about the S.O.S. program or any of the programs or services offered, contact the office located at 1344 Maple Drive, Huntington or phone 260-356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444. Email questions to ysbadm@choiceonemail.com.

CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Ring in the holidays with a celebration open house December 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center. We'll have music, decorations, and snacks. Visitors are invited to bring a gift for the Interpretive Center wildlife or operation and the first 50 families will receive a gift themselves.

Marvin McNew, Director of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, said "We had a wonderful time at this event last year. Special volunteers from our Senior's group made cookies and Marvin McNew, Jr. played holiday music with a small combo. The center is decorated inside and out, and visitors often bring cleaning or office supplies, bird food and suet cakes for the center. I'm looking forward to seeing many friends."

The Interpretive Center at Salamonie Reservoir will be closed December 23 through 26 to allow staff to spend the holiday with their families. The building will also be closed for New Year's Day on January 1.

The Salamonie Interpretive Center is regularly open Wednesday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor to ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit our web site at www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis for more information about available programs.

CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

Are your kids ready for some "wild" fun? Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to come to Salamonie Reservoir for a fun and exciting week, December 27 through 30. Each day provides a variety of fun activity sessions during the 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. camp.

Join us for a week of fun learning about nature and winter. We focus each day on a theme. Enjoy learning about geocaching (a high tech scavenger hunt), animals at the reservoir, hunting and target shooting, snow and more. Each day features indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, crafts, and games.

Advance registration is required and space is limited. Call 1-260-468-2127. The weeks activities are guided by Interpretive Naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment to learn

about our world. A small snack will be provided, children need to bring a sack lunch with drink each day.

The camp requires a \$20 participation fee for each child. The property gate is not charging admission at this time. Parents will be asked to fill out health/participation forms before their child enjoys activities on the first day. Call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260/468--2127 to register your child for the winter day camp. Visit our web site at www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis for more information about available programs.

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

- Dec 7 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
 - Dec 8, 9, 10 Pulse Opera House presents Best Christmas Pageant Ever
 - Dec 9 Warren Recycle Day
 - Dec 10 KBC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at Knight Bergman Center
 - Dec 12 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
 - Dec 13 Our Town Committee Meeting, 7p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Dec 21 Warren Town Council, 8:00 a.m. Assembly Hall
 - Dec 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
 - Dec 23 Warren Recycle Day
 - Dec 25 Merry Christmas to All
 - Mar 24 Salamonie School Carnival, Food-Games-Fun
- 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 **Walking in the Gym** at KBC 7-11 a.m. Mon-Fri **After School Adventure** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

SEEKING NEW CROP

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you.

Beginning Jan. 12, a Purdue Master Gardener Program training series will be offered for residents of Grant County and surrounding areas. The Purdue Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program that provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer, representing Purdue University. As volunteers, participants grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

Training will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds from Jan. 12 through May 11 (excluding March 9, 23, and 30). Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$75 per participant, or \$100 for a couple sharing the same materials. This expense fee covers such items as reference notebooks, mailings, and name badges. These materials all become part of the Master Gardener's personal collection. Deadline to enroll is Dec. 28.

While class members will be encouraged to create new educational outreach programs, there are already plenty of opportunities for which volunteers are needed. Some of these projects include the staffing of information booths at the Indi-

ana State Fair and Indiana Flower and Patio Show, speaking to local clubs and organizations, personal consultations and hands-on demonstration gardens. Some work with local community beautification projects will be counted as volunteer time, but the emphasis is on sharing your knowledge and "helping others grow."

Program coordinator and Extension Educator, John Woodmansee, says, "Although it's open to anyone, we designed this program to cater to those individuals who may be retired, who work second shift, or who prefer not to be out evenings." He says that this program is not for the experts, but those who simply want to learn more about growing plants, and then share that knowledge with others. "Don't let the name 'Master Gardeners' scare you - this is just a gathering of normal people learning together," he says.

If you'd like an application to join our league of volunteers or have questions about the program, give us a call at 765-651-2413. An invitation letter and application for the program are available at the Grant County office of Purdue Extension in the Grant County Office Complex, 401 S. Adams Street, Room 422, in Marion. Come grow with us!

ANGELS HAVE WHEELS

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

HONOR ROLL

The following students achieved Honor Roll for the First Grading Period at Southern Wells Elementary.

Sixth Grade High Honor: Kaitlin Bonewit, Quaid Zoda, Bekah Coolman, Jeremiah Anderson, and Bryce Longenberger.

Sixth Grade Honor: Kendra Mounsey, Stephanie Snow, Jagger Love, Katie Love, Lucas Miller, Kyle Penrod, Austin Smith, Kaitlyn Dunnuck, Cody Frazier, Lillian Hartley, Kelsey Miller, Josie Rhodes, Jayde Sills, Chelsea Clifton, Clayton Hamilton, Sadie Herr, Brandon Longenberger, Morgan Perry, Katie Pinkerton, Mallory Preston, and Trevor Furnish.

Fifth Grade High Honor: Amy Boxell, Katie Early, Taylor Estes, Brittney Morton, Jackson Johnson, Rikki Johnson, Devin Price, Sam Rhodes, Travis Coffield, Kayona Benefiel, Colton Kellam, Morgan Napier, Lance Oswalt, and Megan Stoffer.

Fifth Grade Honor: Weslee Bass, Zach Binegar, Dustin Dixon, Austin Ely, Matt Malott, Michael McLain, Tylar Sanford, Levi Sherman, Jase Small, Kevin Stout, Amy Hogston, Travis Huffman, Maddy Mechling, Marisa Geimer, Alexis Heath, Mikayla Pettibone, Kyle Vaught, Allison Williams, Tessa Wyatt, Taylor Beetz, Jessica Bouse, Alex Elston, Vanessa Haigh, Mathew Harvey, Kaylie McCammon, Shea Merchant, Ryan Steiner, and Brandon Wilson

Fourth Grade High Honor: Katelyn Kline and Aleigha Zoda.

Fourth Grade Honor: Christa Schortgen, Jessie McClure, Josh Markley, Chantel Merchant, Andrea Murray, Darren Gillum, Dain Gerber, Ivy Maddox, Amanda Reimer, Austin Osborn, Clay Watson, Nick Thompson, Mike Thompson, Hanna Thompson, Olivia Mossburg, Jessica Betz, Carissa Carter, Alex Schmidt, Austin

Vaughn, Zach Penrod, Cole Preston, Cori Mossburg, Tracy Furnish, Daniel Mossburg, and Brianna Frasier.

Third Grade High Honor: Zane Herr, Lela Knowles, Samantha McDonald, Timber Tucker, Jordyn Sills, Emilee Junk, Megan Lefebvre, Brooke Kratzer, Brooke Sue Penrod, Daniel Shultz, Brittany Thatcher, and Meghan Yencer.

Third Grade Honor: Kedrick Barr, Allissia Baublet, Allison Blevins, Landon Cassiday, Savannah Deakyne, Taylor Doepker, Kory Miller, Kyle Pinkerton, Kelli Roush, Brad Woodward, Molly Stoffel, Jacob Roush, Korbin Gephart, Brooke Gephart, Grant Sills, Sheridan Carney, Terry Culbertson, Vanessa Drennen, Abby Gregg, Jasmine Lichtenberger, Jacob Stout, Joshua Rhoton, and Molly Williams.

Second Grade High Honor: Jackson Bartlett, Dakota Clark, Alexis Collins, Brandt Couch, Sydnee Jones, Codie Thatcher, Grant Harris, Kyra Casterline, Ben Shaffer, and Chloe Maddox.

Second Grade Honor: Adam Carey, Jacey Dunnuck, Wyatt Korporal, Rease Minniear, Thomas Stepp, T.C. Perry, Jacob Moriarity, Jessica Hartley, Breanna-Schoeff, Bryce Bonewit, Hunter Schreiber, Allyson Hamilton, Jacob Studabaker, Tanner Thompson, Autumn Stevens, Anna Thompson, Gavin Barcus, Cameron Dalley, and Savannah Ocasio.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New books received at the Warren Public Library are

Fiction: The Cultured Handmaiden by Cokson; There's Something About Christmas by Macombe; Forever Odd by Koontz; The Lighthouse by James; New Year's Eve Murder by Meier; S is for Silencer by Grafton; High Heels and Homicide by Michaels; Red Lily by Roberts; Dark Watch by Cussler; and Over the Moon at the Big Lizard Diner by Wingate.

CLUB NEWS

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary 368 met December 1, 2005.

President Toni Jones opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Waneta Linton Bald gave opening prayer.

Sheri Reneer reported on the cookies in a jar, we made 42 qts for the Food Pantry in Van Buren.

Toni Jones announced the kids Christmas party is December 11, 2005—ask auxiliary to make cookies for party. Angie Powell is going to make cookies from stuff left over from jars.

Irene Pickard announced rules for pictorial history book, will be given to her later. Also our pull tabs can be turned in any time.

Lequita Taylor reported on the Veterans Day display in the Van Buren school. Lots of good comments were received. Want to do it again next year and get more stuff in it.

Irene Pickard made motion to buy a box of labels for the newsletter. Second by Linda Long. Carried. Irene also told them that Jeep dealers are willing to send our blankets to our service people overseas.

Next meeting January 5, 2006.

After the meeting everyone ate steak dinners, then played games for Christmas prizes.

Those attending were: Debbie Whitlock, Lori Linton, Irene Pickard, Ruth Bole, Sheila VanNess, Joyce Loftis, Jere Edwards, Flo Doyle, Carol Ritter, Toni Jones, Shirley Shinholt, Sally Bancroft, Barbara Stevens, Kathy Stucky, Kim Weinley, Waneta Linton Bald, Linda Long, Lequita Taylor, Elisha Butler.

The auxiliary wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Start thinking about your Christmas Greeting to be published in the Warren Weekly the week of December 23, 2005. Early Bird Orders (12/9/05) will receive a 10% discount.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BENNINGHOFF

Rodney A. Benninghoff, 54, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at his home in Markle.

Mr. Benninghoff was a journeyman welder and for many years worked on heavy construction projects, including the General Motors plant near Fort Wayne. He later worked as a welder for Advance Mixer in Fort Wayne and most recently as a welder for Truck Engineering in Fort Wayne.

Born July 12, 1951, in South Bend to Lloyd and Lelah (Summerlot) Benninghoff, his marriage in Uniondale on Feb. 14, 1976, was to Connie L. Bushee, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Stephanie Wheeler of Murray and Stacy Benninghoff of Markle; his mother, Lelah Benninghoff of Warren; a sister, Earlene Bechtel of Wildwood, Fla.; and a half brother, Chuck Benninghoff of Kokomo.

Calling and services were held at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Burial was in Markle Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana in care of the funeral home.

BAKER

A Markle native, Lelilam L. Baker, 102, formerly of Huntington died at 6:55 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Baker worked as a carver for Bircraft for many years and later worked at Wabash Magnetics for 12 years before retiring in 1965.

She was a past president of the Huntington County Home Extension Club, and was a member of St. Peter's First United Church of Christ.

Born Aug. 25, 1903, in Markle to Elzia and Minnie (Smith) Lantis, her marriage in Toledo, Ohio, on June 20, 1921, was to Floyd K. Baker who preceded her in death on March 25, 1990.

Survivors include two daughters, June Brineman of Marion and Betty Jane Grimes of Huntington; a son, Jerry G. Baker of Huntington; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Mabel Hauenstein, preceded her in death.

Calling and services were held at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel with Pastor Ray Scribner officiating.

Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in southern Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's First United Church of Christ in care of the funeral home.

JOHNSON

A Wells County native, Ruth Irene Johnson, 90, of Warren died at 11:20 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren.

Mrs. Johnson was a former bookkeeper for Hi Quality Hatchery in Warren. She also worked at Mary Branden flower shop in Warren, Daugherty Companies Inc., and Eckman Motors in Warren.

She was born July 6, 1915, in Liberty Township of Wells County to Frank E. and Lula A. (Cole) Sliger. She was a 1932 graduate of Liberty Center High School and attended First Baptist Church in Warren.

Her marriage on Nov. 4, 1948, in Jonesboro was to Kenneth D. Johnson, who preceded her in death on June 3, 1977.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Dennis (Ona Mae) Johnson of Van Wert, Ohio; a brother, George Sliger of North Webster; and two nieces, Mrs. Jim (Rose) Harris of rural Montpelier and Mrs. Don (Judy) Shady of Upland.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Nina Blair, Helen Raver and Esther Ross; and two brothers, E. Dale Sliger and Robert Sliger.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren with Pastor Bob Bothast officiating.

Burial was in Taylor Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to First Baptist Church - Building Fund, Warren, or to the American Diabetes Association.

THINNES

Erma "Alline" Thinnies, 95, formerly of Jackson Township, died at 5:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Mrs. Thinnies was a homemaker and attended Dillman United Brethern Church, Warren. The Thinnies family resided north of Roll in Jackson Township for 70 years.

She was born July 14, 1910, in Wells County to Clarence Grover and Clara May (Arnold) Griffith. She was a 1928 graduate of Roll High School.

Her marriage on July 21, 1928, in Wells County was to Harold John Thinnies, who preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. William (Judy) Shoup of Bluffton; two sons, John Thinnies of Gas City and Thomas Thinnies of Montpelier; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Thinnies; and two brothers, Samuel and William Griffith.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel,

Montpelier with Rev. Lynn Mefford officiating.

Burial was in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community.

STUDEBAKER

Mary T. (Taylor) Studebaker, 92, of Warren died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

A homemaker most of her life, Mrs. Studebaker also worked in the housekeeping department at United Methodist Memorial Home.

She was a 1931 graduate of Rock Creek School, and was a member of the Eastern Star in Markle. She attended Markle United Methodist Church.

Born April 8, 1913, in Huntington County to Joseph C. and Dessie A. (Kemp) Taylor, her marriage on Nov. 25, 1932, in Huntington County was to Edgar Studebaker, who preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1981.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruth Denis, Edna McClurg and Norma Andrews; and six brothers, Charles, Harold, Kenneth, Fred, J. Farrell, and Clarence Taylor.

Calling is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Memorial Home, where services will be held at 1:30 p.m. that day.

Burial will be in Markle Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Fort Wayne.

Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, is in charge of arrangements.

SCHOEFF

Helen F. Schoeff, 92, of Bluffton died at 8:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

A housewife, Mrs. Schoeff was a member of the Loyal Neighbors Home Extension Club. She attended Epworth United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 18, 1913, in Jackson Township to Cary O. and Bertha Friar Roush. Her marriage on Nov. 24, 1934, in McNatt was to Glen O. Schoeff, who preceded her in death on July 17, 1995.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. John (Carol) Meeks, Mrs. Walter (Joyce) Neuenschwander and Mrs. Wayne (Glennis) Henley, both of Ossian, and Mrs. George (Francis) McIntosh of Fort Wayne; a son, Roy Schoeff of Poneto; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Keith Davis and Rev. Don Wilks officiating.

Calling is from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Preferred memorials are to Epworth United Methodist Church or Christian Care Retirement Community.

DILLMAN

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, Helen L. Dillman, 95, died at 2:55 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005.

Born in Knightsville Dec. 8, 1910, to William and May M. Waugh Currie, she married Thomas W. Dillman June 1, 1962 in Anderson. He preceded her in death July 3, 2000.

A resident of the United Methodist Home since 2000, she had formerly resided in Anderson. She had worked at the General Motors plant in Anderson and was a Life Member Volunteer of the Community Hospital in Anderson where she received a "Red Coat." Survivors include her brother, William Currie, of Naples, Fla., and several nieces and nephews. A sister, Mae Clarkson, preceded her in death.

Services were held at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Anderson. Burial was at Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson.

CLAGHORN

Mildred M. Claghorn, 78, of Bluffton died at 5:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at River Terrace Estates.

She was a housewife and a 1945 graduate of Bluffton High School. She was born Nov. 19, 1927, in Bluffton to Herman and Hazel Schwartz Pace. Her first marriage was in November 1947 to Jesse Coleman, who died in 1976.

Her second marriage was on Aug. 1, 2000, in Bluffton to James W. Claghorn, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Mike M. Coleman of Poneto and Randy Coleman of Liberty Center; four stepsons, James L. Claghorn of Hartford City, Larry W. Claghorn and Leslie A. Claghorn, both of Bluffton, and Ronald E. Claghorn of Berne; a brother, Donald Pace of Bluffton; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A stepson, W. David Claghorn, preceded her in death.

There is no calling or services. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

BUNCH

Dallis L. Bunch, 66, of Bluffton died at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Bunch was a repairman with Franklin Electric Company, retiring in 2001 with 42 years of service. He was a 1957 graduate of Petroleum High School.

Born March 1, 1939, in Jamestown, Ky., to Willy and Effie (Bennett) Bunch, his marriage on Oct. 17, 1956, in Bluffton was to Patricia Louise (Shane) Bunch, who preceded him in death on March 16, 1987.

Survivors include three sons, Todd Bunch of Portland, Ron Bunch of Pennville and Rodd Bunch of Bluffton; two sisters, Daphene Carnes of Bluffton and Lois Smith of Shelbyville; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his companion of many years, Janet Hunnicutt of Van Buren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Myra Oswalt; several brothers and sisters, Ray Bunch, Louise Roberts, Lucy Bennett, Lawrence Bunch, Cotton (Eldon) Bunch and Dortha Bunch; and a grandson.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating.

Burial will be in Stahl Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Cancer Society.

HODGE

John L. Hodge, 50, Marion, died Sunday, December 4, 2005 at home.

He was born March 7, 1955 in Marion and worked in the maintenance department of the Anderson Country Club, Anderson. He was a former member of Van Buren American Legion, Sons of the Legion and Elks Country Club, Marion. He graduated from Marion High School in 1973.

Survivors include mother, Joan (Fite) Hodge, Marion; father, Roy G. (Nela) Hodge, Marion; brother, David "Joe" (Mickey) Hodge, Marion; niece, Molly Hodge, Marion; and nephew, Tyler Hodge, Marion.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Friday in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren. Friends may call at that time.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County Inc., Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, Ind. 46952, or to American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46219, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club held their Christmas Party at the home of Phyllis Dickey. Florence Taylor won High; Sharron Roush had Low and Doris Tyner had the most Lones. Others enjoying the evening were Jane Lieurance, Marge Jones, Mary Jo Zoda, Sharon Gebhart, Joan Huffman, Marjorie Michaud, Carolyn Carroll and Joyce Willman. Next month we will meet at the home of Joan Huffman.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME

Thirty Four children attended the Bingo & Pizza Party, held after school, at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday December 2nd, 2005.

The children entered the library and signed in. They were able to choose from several different Christmas pictures to color. These pictures will be put on display in the library.

The smell of homemade pizzas cooking in the electric skillets was everywhere in the library. The children were hungry after a day of school and the pizzas were just about done.

Christmas Bingo cards were on the tables and prizes of books, notebooks, games and many other items were ready to be chosen from. Smiles were everywhere as Bingo was called out and pizza, pretzels and cool-aid were enjoyed by all.

Those attending were: Autumn Harmon, Jackson Reid, Sam Litchfield, Emily Bryant, Olivia Bryant, Elizabeth Bryant, Nixon Smith, Aurora Follis, Tyler Follis, Autumn Smith, Ruby Baker, Alex Baker, Emilee Henning, Whitney Embry, Courtney Embry, Amy Kerr, Ashley Kerr, Connor Pannell, Caitlin Imhoff, Austin Hoffheins, Dakodah Wolfe, Emilee Morgan, Jarren Griffith,

Blake Bollhoefer, Drew Ashley, Baylee Morgan, Jessica Berry, Chelsea Cason, Zach, Alie Gray, Kaylee Morgan, Kaylee and Icily Cromer.

Next Story Time will be after school on Friday December 9th for a Tea and Cookie Party. Hope to see you.

STAY WARM AND INFORMED

The Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) and the Indiana Propane Gas Association released important energy saving tips today for American homeowners affected by rising fuel costs. There are several simple steps, both short-term and long-term, that consumers can follow to lower their energy bills this winter.

"Americans are not powerless when it comes to their energy bills," said Randy Chitty, chairman of the Propane Education & Research Council's Homeowner Subcommittee. "A few small changes before and during the cold weather season really can make a big difference."

Energy Saving Tips Consumers You Should Pursue Now:

1. Inspect and tune-up your residential heating system regularly. A heating system that runs well is more efficient and will save you money.

2. Invest in a furnace thermostat timer that lowers your home's temperature when you are not at home. You can cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent per year by turning your Thermostat back 10-15 percent for eight hours per day.

3. Protect against drafts by caulking and weather-stripping around windows, doors and other openings such as ducts, fans and vents.

4. Install flow-restricting showerheads. You can reduce hot water usage by up to 50 percent without affecting shower pressure.

5. Consider switching to a propane water heater. Over time, propane water heaters can cost up to one-third less to operate and they recover hot water twice as quickly as electric water heaters.

6. Discuss payment plan options with your propane retailer. Many retailers have budget payment plans that will help you spread your projected annual cost of propane over many months, lowering the costs of seasonally higher bills.

Energy Saving Tips Consumers Should Follow Throughout the Cold Weather Season:

7. Change your furnace filter monthly. Clean filters will increase efficiency. If on a monthly payment plan, use receipt of your monthly propane bill as a reminder.

8. Run washing machines, clothes dryers and dishwashers with a full load.

9. Turn down your water heater from the standard 120 degrees to 115 degrees. You could save more than 10 percent on your water heating bill.

10. Increase your water heater's efficiency by draining it every six months to remove mineral deposits and sediment.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Not everyone is full of goodwill during the holidays. Unfortunately, the holidays are prime time for financial crimes – identity theft, robbery and fraud – and seniors are often the target.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, seniors fall prey to fraud for a variety of reasons. They are generally more accessible by telephone and mail; are trusting and willing to listen; have limited experience with investments; and are deeply concerned with maintaining finances to last them throughout their lives. Furthermore, many older people are complacent or forgetful of details and may be embarrassed to admit they've been "had" by a scam artist.

To safeguard against financial crimes this holiday season, the Better Business Bureau offers these timely tips for seniors and those who care for them:

1. Hang on to your personal information. Do not give any personal information over the phone or Internet to an unfamiliar company or caller. This includes your credit card numbers, but also the credit card expiration date, your Social Security number, driver's license number, bank account numbers, and personal information, such as your mother's maiden name. Even if you are told it is only for "identification" or "verification" purposes, this information can be used for unauthorized credit card charges or bank account debits. Tell the person to send their request to you in the mail and that you will check out their record with the Better Business Bureau.

2. Use direct deposit. Your mail – both incoming and outgoing – can be vulnerable, especially during the holidays when criminal activity is heightened. If your Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check or other payments is delivered by mail to an unlocked box, you may be at risk for theft. Direct deposit eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, reduces fraud and gives people faster access to their money on payment day. Direct deposit also protects against identity theft. For more information about enrolling in direct deposit of your Social Security or SSI payment, call the Go Direct helpline at 1.800. 333.1795 or sign-up online at www.GoDirect.org.

3. Pay the safest way. Many older Americans enjoy the convenience of online holiday shopping. If you're one of them, remember it's best to use a credit card as your payment option and to check that the Internet connection you will be using is secure. Under federal law you can dispute the charges if you don't get what you were promised, or if the product is not delivered within the stated time period. Many credit card issuers also have a "zero liability" policy for unauthorized charges in the event your credit card number is stolen.

4. Arm yourself with information. The Better Business Bureau offers safe shopping advice and other helpful tips at the www.neindiana.bbb.org web site. When in doubt, check it out. Consult with trusted family members, friends or neighbors before making a major purchasing decision. Whenever you have a question or concern regarding a merchant or marketplace transaction, contact your local Better Business Bureau or check the consumer tips and alerts at www.neindiana.bbb.org.

EXCHANGE TO POLAND
4-H youth and adults in north-east Indiana have the opportunity to explore "and my world" next summer in Poland. Twenty 4-Hers and 10 adults will travel to Poland for two weeks in mid-to-late June to share and learn about the 4-H program. 4-Hers will stay with host families, participate in 4-H activities and will learn about daily living in Poland. The adults will also have host family stays and will focus on Polish culture and history. Extension Educators will travel with the youth group and retired Extension Educators will travel with the adult group. Adults are defined as those too old for the 4-H program.

The first priority for applicants will be those who participated in the Indiana/Poland exchange in summer 2005. However, there are a few openings still available for this international trip. Additional information and application forms are available at the Huntington County Extension Office. Applications are due January 13, 2006 and participants will be notified by January 31.

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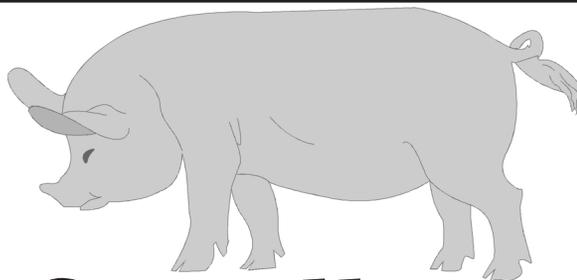


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For more information and/or a copy of the application, contact Linda R. Aldridge, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth at the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson Street – Suite 202, Courthouse Annex or email laldrigd@purdue.edu.

BUILD TO BE POSTPONED

Huntington County Habitat for Humanity's Construction Committee decided that the Warren build will need to be postponed until March 15, 2006 with completion projected for July. The start of construction on the Zumbrun Home at 125 9th Street has experienced several delays that have prevented Habitat from excavating the foundation and starting the construction of this Home. Habitat's original hope was to have the home shelled in at this point so that interior work could continue through the winter months.

Habitat hopes that this delay will turn out to be a blessing. This will give Habitat an opportunity to strengthen three areas of this build project before construction starts; local volunteer base, construction supervision, and fulfill funding needs.

Three bedroom Home for the Zumbrun family, 2 parents and 2 children. This home will be built at 125 9th Street Warren, Indiana.

Current Partners for this Home: Huntington County Community Foundation, Crossroad Missions Brownsburg Christian Church, Star Excavating, Town of Warren, Warren S.O.S, First Baptist Church, Jefferson United Methodist Church, Square D Corporation, Larson Storm Doors, Whirlpool, Huntington Ready Mix.

Funds still needed to complete this home \$28,500.

New Project Schedule:
October 2, 2005 - Walls delivered to site by Crossroads Missions

March - Excavate and set footers and foundation walls.

April - Set Walls and Trusses, Roofing.

April/May - Siding, Porches Rough Plumbing and Electrical, Insulation

May/June - Drywall, Paint, Hang Doors and Trim

June/July - Flooring, Trim and Cabinets, Finish Electrical and Plumbing

July - Finish work, punch list, Dedication of Home

Ways that you can help complete this simple, decent, affordable home. Volunteer your time, expertise, and talent, In-kind donation of construction materials, Provide lunch for volunteers, Serve as a Construction workday supervisor, Provide financial support.

4-H MEMBERS HONORED

4-H members in Liberty, Jackson and Chester Township met recently at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park for their annual Achievement Awards Program.

Township Record Book awards were presented to:

Liberty Township: Jared Jacobs, Alfalfa; Kaitlyn Huffman, Arts & Crafts; Sarah Spaulding, BBQ; Jake Ripperger, Beef; Emily Pinkerton, Collections, Dog Poster, Foods, Gift Wrapping, Health, Home Environment, Personality, Rabbit Poster, and Scrapbooking; Amy Spaulding, Consumer Clothing; April Reynolds, Corn & Wheat; Damon Smith, Electric, Geology, Woodworking; Steven Smith, Entomology & Goat; Caleb Pinkerton, Flowers, Models, Rabbit & Weather; Jacob Alford, Forestry & Wildlife; Sara Alford, Garden, Poultry, Sewing & Weeds; Meredythe Smith, Ge-

nealogy; Caige Morris, Model Rocketry; Sarina Winterrowd, Photography; Liza Arnold, Sheep & Swine; and Cody Campbell, Small Engines.

Jackson Township: Levi Sherman, Aquatic Science and Cake Decorating; Kari Butterfield, Arts & Crafts; Kelsey Miller, BBQ & Foods; Sadie Herr, Beef; Quaid Zoda, Collections; Bill Frauhiger, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf; Katelyn Kline, Flowers & Garden; Carissa Carter, Goat; Mike Thompson, Models; Nick Thompson, Poultry; Megan Thompson, Rabbit; Aleigha Zoda, Scrapbooking; Emily Hartley, Sewing; Travis Huffman, Sportfishing and Wildlife; Jennifer Feemster, Swine; Hanna Thompson, Weather; and Zackary Doepker, Woodworking.

Chester Township: Jessica Nusbaumer, Arts & Crafts; BBQ & Flowers; Cathy Boxell, Beef & Rabbit; Casey Carroll, Collections; Tia Henderson, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf; Josh Lavanchy, Entomology; Leah Grimm, Foods; Ian Boxell, Forestry and Soil & Water Conservation; Rebecca Lane, Genealogy; Kendra Mounsey, Gift Wrapping, Goat, Personality, Poultry, Sewing, Sheep, Strawberry, Swine, and Vet Science; Dakota Simpson, Models; Vanessa Haigh, Photography; Katie Lavanchy, Scrapbooking.

County Record Book Awards were presented to:

Liberty Township: Emily Pinkerton, Collections, Health, Home Environment, and Rabbit

Poster; Amy Spaulding, Consumer Clothing; April Reynolds, Wheat; Damon Smith, Genealogy and Woodworking; Sara Alford, Weeds; and Liza Arnold, Sheep.

Jackson Township: Levi Sherman, Cake Decorating; and Kelsey Miller, Foods.

Chester Township: Josh Lavanchy, Entomology; Ian Boxell, Soil & Water Conservation; and Kendra Mounsey, Personality and Strawberry.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

Emily Pinkerton was presented with a \$50 gift certificate for the Overall County Record Book Award.

Electric Awards were presented to: Brittney Morton, first year; Linly Lloyd and Jenny Lloyd, third year; Damon Smith, fourth year; and Trent Smith and Cody Campbell, advanced. The awards are provided by United REMC and the State 4-H Electric Committee.

Information was shared from the Wells County 4-H Foundation and their activities at the 4-H Fair. High school seniors were encouraged to apply for the scholarships that are sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

A PowerPoint presentation "4-H Fair Highlights" was given by Roger Sherer, Extension 4-H Educator.

Wells County Farm Bureau was

thanked for the financial support of the meal and 4-H member pins.

4-H Leaders Cindie Mounsey, Christina Furnish, Lisa Miller, Carol Herring, and Shawna Herring were thanked for their work with the 4-H clubs.

Wells County 4-H Association and 4-H Council volunteers Mike Piquene, Bruce Herr, Doug Klefeker, Tammy Klefeker, Kristy Stalker, Sheryl Roush, Cindie Mounsey, Dan Perry, Lynette Prible, Greta Nusbaumer, Robin Lane, Leon Kilander, Louella Kilander, Gary Frantz, Denise Beck and Tim Morris were thanked for their service.

Volunteers were also thanked for their assistance with the annual Street Fair Booth.

Volunteers from the townships are requested to serve on the 4-H Council and 4-H Association from Chester, Jackson, and Liberty Townships. Interested adults should contact the 4-H Leaders or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

The 4-H program is organized by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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