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Thought for the Week: *If they want peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon shots.* Napoleon Bonaparte

HURLBERT TO VISIT

Do you need your "battery charged"?! Sidney C. Hurlbert will be at Knight Civic Center to help you learn "what to say and how to say it" March 18, 2003. Two seminars are available 8:30 a.m. - noon and 6-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$15.00 per person for chamber member businesses and \$20.00 for other area businesses and the public. More details to follow in Warren Weekly.

To get on the reservation list call 375-3010 - give your phone #, name and # of people to attend and you will receive a registration form by mail.

Remember - 1st come 1st served - limited seating available for both seminars.

DINNER FRIDAY

The Huntington County Council on Aging is sponsoring Dan's Fish and Tenderloin Supper on Friday, February 21 at the Knight Civic Center. Serving will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.0 for 6-12 years. Carry-outs will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Warren Town Hall, or from Lilly Nutter or Marcia Jackson.

REASSESSMENT HOLDING UP TAX DEADLINE

Spring Property Tax Deadline will not be May 10, 2003! There is a whole new way of assessing each property in Huntington County and the Assessor's have their hands full entering all the new data in a new software program that requires extensive layers of information. Once the Assessor's roll the values to the Auditor's Office, then they prepare an Abstract that is sent to the State for approval. The State has already told local governments to expect 4-5 weeks delay on approval (normal approval is 7 to 10 days) and that it will be a first come, first serve basis. No tax bills can be printed or sent out until approval from the State is given.

I realize this extension of deadline can be a hardship on everyone. There is an option for anyone who wants to use it. We do accept Advance Tax Payments.

That means you can pay whatever amount you would like, then once taxes are calculated we run a process to apply those advance payments to the individual tax bills. The total of all payments shows on the tax bill as a payment, therefore reducing the amount owed or even applied to Fall taxes due.

Should you overpay, then that money goes into Surplus. After distribution of tax dollars, you would be sent a claim form to come in and receive a check.

The Treasurer's Office is asking those people who have moved or have a P.O. Box to please notify us of your new address as it is the taxpayer's responsibility to be sure they receive their tax bills.

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS RECEIVE GRANT

Family home child care providers who are involved with the Huntington County Child Care Network have been awarded a grant to enhance their child care homes. Amy McCord, Barb Conwell, and Christie Bell all received \$383 worth of new equipment they selected based on the needs of their daycare. Examples of the types of equipment are: a puppet theater and puppets, art supplies and storage items, a youth sized basketball goal, and sand and water tables. This grant was made possible through the efforts of several local employers including: Bendix, Cinergy, Ecolab, Hayes Lemmerz, the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Casting, Majestic Products, Our Sunday Visitor, Stride Rite, UT Electronics, Wabash Technologies, and the Indiana Child Care Fund.

Aside from the mentors involved in the network, providers must be licensed or working toward licensure and provide child care during non traditional hours, such as second or third shift, in order to participate. Once all of the providers have been selected for the child care network another round of grants will be awarded for equipment or to apply toward the cost of a fence, a state requirement. Other benefits of the network include money for training, liability insurance, substitute providers, and a peer mentor. Wendy Mink, coordinator for the network project, is excited about all the

benefits for new providers. "Child care regulations have been changing over the last few years and this project really helps give our county the boost it needs to expand child care. There are a lot more costs involved in the business these days."

To find out more about child care in Indiana visit Care Finder Indiana on the web at xwww.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/index.html. Information is available on the licensed providers in the county as well as how to become a licensed provider. Employers may want to check the site for information how your business can get involved. For more information contact Dependent Care Management's local child care resource and referral office at (260) 468-9027 or 1-800-233-0934.

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL UP & RUNNING

Owner, Christie Bell reports the newly expanded Daycare and Preschool facility that is located at 335 east Third Street in Warren has become quite the success. Bell stated that there are so many people to thank for their hard work and donations: Ron Bell, Steve Bowling, Ryan Bell, Andrew Long, Rick Bell, Jim and Connie Mossburg, United Methodist Memorial Home, Julie Bowman, Lynn Shaw, Bob Edwards, Jeff Herr, Don Slusher, John Doyle, Michael Troster, Wendy Minks, Ken Cloud and Tony Rasmussen. The new facility just received their annual State inspection with outstanding remarks. Thanks again to all the wonderful people that helped. Christie and assistant Jennifer Ervin stated that all children deserve a structured environment: it not only prepares the children for school it also prepares them for the years ahead. Bell stated that they are proud to offer such a facility to the town of Warren, that this type of structure was not available when their children were small. Currently they have openings for 1st and 2nd shift with flexible hours for all ages, and also accept CCDF vouchers, this quality childcare offers structured learning centers, age appropriate computer software, safe environment, smoke-free, animal free, and also meets State requirements, with CPR, First Aid, Uni-

versal precautions, criminal history checks, drug screen. Bell and staff have 1 year of Child development, and 1 year to complete. Currently Bell is working towards the National Association for Child care accreditation, and works for Huntington County childcare network as a mentor. Bell has added that all parents are able to turn in childcare charges on their taxes so they can get credit back, she states its only what they deserve, the credit back is more than well worth it. For more information about this new Quality childcare/preschool with competitive rates call (260) 375-3085, (260)375-3024 or (260)375-2926.

DEADLINE FOR ARTIST MARKET

Artists and craftsmen who are interested in selling their work in the Artist Market during Festival of the Arts have until March 1 to submit application to the festival committee.

Scheduled for May 17, the Artist Market will be located in downtown Warren, and will feature hand-made original works which may include mixed media, photography, printmaking, drawing, painting, wood, glass, textiles, jewelry, clay, and several other categories.

Arts and crafts vendors may purchase a 10x10 exhibit area for \$30, and can receive \$10 discount if they spend the day creating their work on-site. Larger exhibit areas, electricity, and tent rental are also available for an additional cost. This is a rain or shine event, so all vendors in the Artist Market must arrange for their exhibit area to be covered.

A wide range of art and craft vendors have already registered for the festival, including vendors from all over Indiana, and the Midwest.

Festival of the Arts will begin at 10a.m. and run through 7p.m. Vendors in the Artist Market are expected to remain open for the duration of the festival.

Other activities during festival include an art show and sale featuring local artists, a children's art expo, children's theatre, three stages of vocal, instrumental, and dance performances, and a barbecue competition. Our Town, Warren's downtown revitalization

group, sponsors the festival.

To obtain application forms for Artist Market, or to learn more about the festival, visit the festival web site from www.warrenindiana.com, e-mail festival chair Brady Smekens at bradysmek@hotmail.com, or call Smekens at 260-375-3101.

FEEDER CALF PROJECT

The 4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Project was the second most popular animal project last year behind the number one, Swine. A total of 55 youth enrolled in the project with 88 dairy steers.

Youth interested in the project in 2003 must be in grade three or above. Enrollment forms for the member and animal forms are available from the Wells County Extension Office located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton, 824-6412.

All dairy feeder calves must be brought to the Identification Day, Saturday, April 26, 8 AM - 11 AM at the 4-H Park.

Animals may not weigh more than 215 pounds at the ID Day. Suggested birth date range for the proper weight include February 15 - April 1, 2003. All animals must be steers.

For more information about the 4-H Dairy Feeder Project, contact Project Superintendent Stan Worthman, 622-4372 or the County Extension Office, 824-6412.

LEARN GIFT WRAPPING

What is a skill that everyone could improve upon during the holiday season? How to wrap a gift and prepare a bow!

In the 4-H Gift Wrapping project youth in grades three and above can learn new skills that can last a lifetime.

This year's rules for gift wrapping have been updated to assign specific types or shapes of packages to various grade levels.

Grade 3 members will wrap a shirt box and make a simple bow. Grade 4 will wrap a six inch square box and make a bow. Grade 5 will wrap a ring or pin box and make a bow. Grade 6 will wrap one cylindrical package, using a self made bow or other decorations.

Youth in grade 7 will wrap a series of two or three packages in

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a tiered effect coordinated as one complete present. Each item must be wrapped individually. The tier must be securely tied or fastened together. Attach a self made bow or other decorations.

4-H members in the eighth grade will wrap a package that has a top and bottom, each wrapped separately. Attach a self made bow.

The Advanced Division allows members to be more creative. Members should choose a different category each year you are in the advanced level.

Some of the options include a wrapped package in materials other than wrapping paper. The outside wrapping materials must be part of the gift item. Example: dishtowels, scarf, baby blanket, diapers, etc. The materials must be wrapped around some sort of box or container that would conceal or enclose the rest of the gift item. Do not put the rest of the gift in the box or container.

Other options include a self-made gift bag or any package wrapped in self made paper.

These and other gift wrapping ideas and tips are included in the manual.

For more information about 4-H and the Gift Wrapping Project, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS TRAINING

Workshop Title: Hitting the Mark with Your Good Intentions

Subtitle: Using developmental assets to build a community that supports our kids

Who will facilitate the workshop: Linda Aldridge, Huntington County Extension Youth Coordinator

Purpose of the Training: To understand that Asset Building is a Philosophy or a mindset to embrace, not a new program, and that 40 Developmental Assets training dovetails with the Character Counts program and with Christian values.

Who should attend? Parents,

Volunteers who work with Parents and/or Children, Youth Leaders, Youth Pastors, Agency Staff and/or Service Providers, Educators.

Sponsored by: Family Centered Services and the System of Care Consortium, Huntington County Extension, and the Youth Task Force.

Cost: Just \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of a light meal and hand-out materials. Space is limited to 75. Registration deadline is Friday, March 7.

Dates and times: Choose one: Tuesday, March 11, 2003, 6:30-8:30 p.m., or Wednesday, March 12, 2003, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where? St. Peter's First United Church of Christ, 206 Etna Avenue, Huntington.

Questions? Call Linda Bordeaux, Family Centered Services, 260-358-1859.

JOIN TOGETHER

The Postal Inspection Service and the Consumer Advocate's Office have joined other federal, state and local organizations, as well as national advocacy groups to launch the fifth annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW).

The U.S. Postal Service has taken this year's subject, Information Security, one step further by sending consumers the message, "Identity Theft—Safeguard Your Personal Information." This year's national campaign focuses on educating consumers about identity theft and information security as well as providing tips to prevent consumers from becoming potential victims. Every year thousands of people and businesses are victimized by identity theft schemes. We are encouraging consumers to be aware and be educated. February 3-8 has been designated as the official week dedicated to promote consumer protection awareness efforts.

While it is impossible for consumers to protect themselves from every swindler, there are actions that can be taken to substantially minimize the risk of identity theft. Consumers can take the following steps.

• Promptly remove all mail from the mailbox after delivery.

• Never give personal information over the telephone, such as

social security number, date of birth, mother's maiden name, credit card number, or bank personal identification number (PIN) code, unless you initiated the phone call.

• Shred pre-approved credit card applications, credit card receipts, bills, and other financial information you don't want before disposing in the trash or recycling bin.

• Order a recent credit card report from the three major credit bureaus once a year to check for fraudulent activity or other discrepancies.

• Sign all new credit cards immediately upon receipt

• Report all lost or stolen credit cards immediately.

• Use caution when you disclose account numbers, credit card numbers, or other personal financial data on any web site or online service location unless you receive a secured authentication key from the provider.

"Information Security," a significant and evolving issue for consumers, was designated as this year's National Consumer Protection Week leading topic by the partnering organizations. Security is at the heart of the Postal Service brand. Over its 226-year history, the United States Postal Service has developed a tradition of trust, valued by the American people, by delivering the mail with the highest levels of privacy and integrity.

For additional information, you can also visit the Postal Inspection Service Web site at www.usps.com/postalinspectors. For more information about Consumer Protection Week, visit the NCPW Web site at www.consumer.gov/ncpw.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

MARCH 1, 2003 IS THE 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE! This deadline is just around the corner.

If you would like join Grant County 4-H, you need to pick up an enrollment form from the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Office Building, 401 South Adams Street, 4th floor, or by calling 765-668-8871 ext. 413.

Join 4-H by March 1. Learn to make the best better!!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County's Annual fund drive is currently underway. The "Striving to Make a Difference" goal is \$10,000 with all funds going towards programs and services that address the issues of Huntington County's children, youth and families. "In the past we held our fund drive in May. However, May is a very busy time for us with the end of school and the planning of our summer programs. Therefore, we have decided to move the fund drive to February," Jan Williams.

"The funds donated during this fund drive are used for programs and services that are not covered by other grants or funding sources. Perhaps it is a program specific to Huntington county such as Project S.O.S. (Students Out of School) or Teen Court that there are 110 funding sources available for them, but are so desperately needed in our community", Jan Williams. "In an effort to be more efficient with the limited resources and staff time, the Youth Services Bureau has two major fund raisers each year, with the community drive being the largest. This also reduces the amount of time the community is sought after to support a local agency", Jan Williams.

The Youth Services Bureau offers many programs and services in Huntington County. These include: Teen Court, S.O.S., Mentoring Parents, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate),

TEG (Tobacco Education Group), Safe Place/Host Homes. Homework Help Hour and a variety of contractual services within the community. All of the programs address the four core roles of the agency. Those are delinquency prevention, youth advocacy, information/referral and community education. "The overall goal of everything we do is to instill a sense of competency, usefulness, belonging and empowerment to all we serve".

For more information about the Youth Services Bureau or to make a tax deductible donation contact the YSB at 1344 Maple Drive, Huntington or phone 356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

WHEELS WANTED:

DEAD OR ALIVE!

Donate a car, truck, motorcycle, van, RV or boat to PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA—dead or alive-and it will be auctioned to save sight throughout Indiana.

It's easy to make a Wheels for Sight donation. Simply call PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA and answer some questions about the vehicle's history. The donor can then drop the vehicle off at the auction house or arrange for pick-up or towing of the vehicle. PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA works with the Kesler-Schaefer Auto Auction, a very reputable auction house that has been holding auctions every Thursday for over 50 years. Kesler-Schaefer is

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Community Calendar

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

Feb 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 pm
Feb 21 Warren Recycle Day
Feb 21 Dan's Fish/Tenderloin Supper, 4-7pm, KCC
Feb 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex
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
May 10 Warren Alumni Banquet - Contact Jim Howell 375-3048 or howellj@citznet.com

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC **Story Time at WPL** - 10 a.m. Fridays **Walking in the Gym** 6 to 11 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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located at 5333 West 46th Street in Indianapolis.

Upon arrival at the auction house, Kesler-Schaefer will assign the vehicle a fair market value according to the gray or blue book. Complete documentation will be provided to the donor of the vehicle for their tax records. All the proceeds from the sale of the vehicle will be donated to PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA, as has been done for over a decade.

The Wheels for Sight program has been rapidly expanding throughout the state. For more information on PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA'S Wheels for Sight program or to make a vehicle donation, call 1-800-232-2551, ext. 12.

About Prevent Blindness Indiana: As an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America for over 50 years, Prevent Blindness Indiana is dedicated to advancing vision health and wellness with programs that emphasize comprehensive education, vision screening, eye safety and sight preservation research. The organization relies solely on donations, vehicle contributions, memorial gifts and bequests to maintain sight saving programs throughout the state. All donation to Prevent Blindness Indiana are tax deductible. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.pbeye.org> or by calling (800) 232-2551 or (317) 955-9580.

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SPACE SHUTTLE TRAGEDY

Arlington, VA, February 10, 2003 - It is regular as clockwork. Within days of any natural or man-made disaster, the Better Business Bureau knows that some people will attempt to take advantage of Americans' eagerness to assist victims of the tragedy.

"It's unfortunate, but the minute we heard about the loss of the Columbia shuttle, we knew to be on the lookout for questionable appeals that will seek to use headlines to solicit donations, supposedly for charitable purposes," said Art Taylor, president and CEO of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, a national charity watchdog affiliated with the Better Business Bureau system.

* The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Washington and North Idaho was alerted, within hours of the Columbia tragedy, to emails and a web site soliciting on behalf of a brand-new organization that said it was requesting funds to help the families of the seven Challenger astronauts.

* Various charity auctions have taken place on the Internet that report to be raising funds for shuttle-related charities.

* The Texas Attorney General's office issued an alert advising that Texans are calling to report telephone solicitors and email "spammers" urging donations to benefit a fund established to help the astronauts' families.

"We certainly encourage the public to contribute to helpful causes that will assist the families and victims of any catastrophe. Donors should make certain, however, that the charity is properly registered with appropriate state government agencies that it describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims, and that it is willing to provide written information about its finances and programs," Taylor said.

People can check out charities by contacting the Better Business

Bureau or their local charity registration office, usually a division of the state attorney general's office. Information on national charities is also available from the BBB Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org.

Once the donor determines that the charity actually exists, he or she should do their homework to make certain their contribution reaches the intended organization and is used appropriately.

In the case of online charity auctions, for instance, this would entail finding out if the auction: identifies the name of the benefiting charity, discloses what portion of the auction sale will go to the named charity, has appropriate security measures in place to handle such transactions, and identifies the nature of the charity programs the purchase will support.

"Donors who respond purely on the emotion evoked by a fancy web site, an enticing auction item, or a tear-inducing phone call may end up disappointed about how their donation was used. Even well intentioned efforts may be mismanaged or may not have established the means to accomplish what they claim," Taylor said.

In addition to checking with the Better Business Bureau, donors should consider the following tips when giving in the wake of a tragedy or disaster:

* Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion, but short on describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and their families.

* If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.

* If you decide to contribute online, find out more about the charity before making a contribution and be aware of red flags. For example, some charities imitate

the name and style of a well-known organization in order to confuse people. Also, when clicking on the link to "donate", look at the organization's URL in the browser window. Exercise caution if the domain name is hidden, is not familiar to you, or is not the same as the one stated in the text of the link.

* Watch out for excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be wary of any request to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

* Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or in response to an email solicitation. Ask the caller or sender to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances.

* Do not hesitate to ask for written information that describes the charity's program(s) and finances such as the charity's latest annual report and financial statements. Even newly created organizations should have some basic information available.

* Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how

much of your gift will be used for the activity mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fund raising costs.

* Find out what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions remaining after they have fully funded their planned activities for the families of the Columbia astronauts.

Donors can obtain further advice on giving and access reports on national charities by visiting www.give.org.

ARTISANS SOUGHT

Madison, Ind.-Are you a painter, potter, weaver or other artist whose craft is representative of the mid-19th century? If so, the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site in Madison is looking for you.

The Lanier Mansion State Historic Site is now seeking artisans for the 2003 Lanier Days Celebration to be held May 17-18. Hours each day are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The celebration is two days full of festivities that showcase the life, arts, and crafts of the mid-19th century. Planned activities

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GENEALOGY REPORT

LAYMON

There were no calling hours or funeral service for Ray A. Laymon, 99, retired Huntington County farmer, who died at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003 at the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren.

Mr. Laymon engaged in farming in Polk Township in Huntington Township and formerly worked for Halderman's Farm Services in Wabash. He also had lived in Florida for 15 years.

He was born in Huntington County Aug. 27, 1903 to Alva W. and Anna B. Johnson Laymon. He was a 1922 graduate of Monument City High School and attended Marion Business College.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores Chenoweth Laymon; a son, Rex W. Laymon of Andrews; a daughter, Jann D. Coldren of Elk Grove, Calif.; a brother, Earl "Bud" Laymon of Andrews; seven stepchildren; four granddaughters; and 18 stepgrandchildren.

Deceased are three prior wives, Lurene Stouder, who died in 1951, Nina Taylor Cleavers, who died in 1954, and Mildred Rickart, who died in 1976; a brother; and a sister.

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

Memorials to the donor's choice.

BUCKNER

A native of Wells County, Mason Buckner, 95, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003 at his home at Wolcottville.

Mr. Buckner was born in Liberty Center and was a former Methodist minister, choir director, public school teacher and farmer.

His wife, Elsa, died in 1999 and a daughter, Joyce Abbott, died in 2001.

Surviving are three sons, Lowell and Steve Gavin, both of San Francisco, and David of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

CRAMER

A retired longtime Huntington County farmer, who also served three terms on Huntington County Council and was a school bus driver, an airplane pilot and a hiking-camping enthusiast, William A. "Bill" Cramer, 96, died at 8:15 a.m. Friday, February 14, 2003 at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, where he resided.

A lifelong resident of Huntington County, he was born July 30, 1906, to Clinton and Elizabeth Long Cramer.

Mr. Cramer was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Huntington County. His marriage was on Feb. 22, 1936, at Huntington to Frances E. Corwin, who survives.

Along with farming for years and 10 years as a school bus driver until retiring in 1972, Mr. Cramer also was a member of the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church and a Farm Bureau Co-op board member and past president. He was a former member of the Farm Bureau Credit Union and a member of the National Hikers and Campers Association.

Surviving in addition to his wife at Warren are two daughters, Mrs. Roger J. (Wilberta) Horrell of Warren and Sharon Jones of Ossian; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A brother, Jesse Cramer, and two sisters, Ruth Smith and Edna Thompson, are deceased.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel at Warren, with Rev. Charles Ternet and Rev. Tom DeFries officiating. Burial was in Mt. Etna Cemetery. Memorials to the Mt. Etna United Methodist Church Building Fund, 6073S 594W, Huntington, IN, 46750.

E-Mail your news items to the Warren Weekly at wwkly@citiznet.com

LANE

Kelly "Buster" Lane Jr., 71, retired after 27 years at United Tech in Andrews, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003 at his residence at 425 North Grover St. in Warren.

Mr. Lane was an avid guitar player and with a brother formed a country music band. He had been a resident of Huntington County for 30 years, moving there from Virginia.

He was born in Scott County, Va., Sept. 27, 1931, a son of Kelly and Sadie Lane. His marriage at Lagro, Ind., in 1964 was to Wilma Douglas, who survives. He attended school in Scott County.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Kelly of Tennessee; three brothers, Bill and Howard Lane, both of Marion, and Danny of Wabash; two sisters, Mrs. Matt (Jean) Lucas and Mrs. Thurman (Joan) Hill, both of Wabash.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, in Warren, with Rev. Tom Brodbeck and Rev. Ken Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren.

Calling hours at the funeral home will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

KINDLEY

Opal M. Kindley, 88, of rural Andrews in Huntington County died at 9:40 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, 2003 at the Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

A lifelong resident of Huntington County and a homemaker, Mrs. Kindley had retired from Memcor in Huntington after several years.

She was a 1932 graduate of Lancaster High School in Huntington County and a lifelong member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and member of its Missionary Society.

She was born in Huntington County Oct. 15, 1914, a daughter of Isaac Coleman and Bertha Hoover Dolby. She was married on March 26, 1945 to Harold Kindley, who died Jan. 15, 1994.

Surviving are a son, Paul A. Kindley of Andrews; a daughter, Mrs. Rick (Justine K.) Freuler of Worthington, Ohio; and four grandchildren, including Melissa Freck of Warren and Pamela Kindley of Bluffton; and four great-grandchildren. Five brothers and two sisters are deceased.

Services at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, in Warren, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Russell Buzard officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

Calling hours at the funeral chapel will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials to the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, to Norwood Nursing Center, or to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

BIRTHS

Erika and Jason Nightenhelser, Marion, are the parents of a daughter, Lacey Jo, born at 6:44 p.m. February 5, 2003 at Marion General Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. She joins a brother, Kaleb, age 3 years.

Grandparents are Lisa and Rob Williams, Gloria Nightenhelser and Joe Nightenhelser, all of Warren. Great-grandparents are Imogene and the late Marvin Nicholson, Warren, L.D. and Barbara Williams, Huntington, Betty and the late Vern Nightenhelser, Warren and Warren and Nora Lee Percy, Marion.

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Feb. 24

Scrambled eggs, toast/butter
Feb. 25

French toast sticks
Feb. 26

Breakfast pizza
Feb. 27

Cinnamon toast
Feb. 28

Sausage patty, toast/butter

Lunch
Each meal includes milk
Feb. 24

Pizza, buttered corn, applesauce, cookie

Feb. 25
Chili soup/crackers, cheese cup, sliced peaches, cinnamon roll
Feb. 26

Ravioli, green beans, pineapple tidbits, bread stick
Feb. 27

Panther Burger, French fries, jello/fruit
Feb. 28

Burrito, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast
Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal
Feb. 24

Orange juice, blueberry muffin
Feb. 25

Apple juice, breakfast pizza
Feb. 26

Grape juice, egg omelet w/sausage links

Feb. 27
Orange juice, waffle sticks w/syrup
Feb. 28
Apple juice, pancake/sausage on a stick

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
Feb. 24

Chicken patty on a bun (sub sandwich), tater tots, orange wedges, pudding

Feb. 25
Grilled cheese sandwich (pizza stix, quarterpounder w/cheese), peaches, baked apples w/cinnamon, teddy grahams
Feb. 26

Soft shell taco (grilled cheese sandwich), green beans, banana, strawberries w/topping
Feb. 27

Shaved ham w/cheese on a bun (quarterpounder w/cheese), French fries, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookies
Feb. 28

Chicken nuggets w/dip (burrito w/cheese), combination salad, sliced pears, brownies

WINDOWS TIPS AND TRICKS 6

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LEADER LESSONS

What: Blackford County Extension Homemakers Leader Lessons.

When: March 12, 2003

Time: Various

Where: Heritage Commons

Deadline for Registration: March 7, 2003

These programs are sponsored by the Blackford County Purdue Extension Office and will be held on March 12, 2003, at the Heritage Commons, 100 Independence Parkway, Hartford City.

2:00-3:30 p.m. - Do's & Don'ts at the Gas Pump Cost \$1.00 Presented by: Cathy Burkett

3:30-5:00 p.m. - Microwave Oven (Limited to 20 People) FREE Presented by: Betty Bagley. You will receive a free microwave container when you attend Microwave Oven Program.

6:00- 7:30 p.m. - Do you know about Assisted Living-Cost \$1.00 Presented by: Debbie Reed

7:30-9:00 p.m. - Conquering the Seven Deadly Money Mistakes Cost \$1.00

Presented by: Debbie Reed

Call the Purdue Extension Office to Register for any of these programs by March 7, 2003, at 765-348-3213.

SIGMA PHI GAMMA

The Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met on Feb. 4th in the sorority room of the Knight Civic Center. President Sandy Eichhorn presided.

The roll call was answered by "Favorite valentine candy."

The Chicken Supper will be held on March 29th at the Sportsmen Club in Warren. Tickets will be available from any sorority member and may also be purchased at the door.

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The Pinewood Derby for the Boy Scouts was held Jan. 26th at the United Methodist Memorial Home with 22 scouts participating. The sorority provided 3 trophies to the winners.

Province Meeting will be held at Warsaw this year, on March 15th and 16th. Several of the members will be attending the meeting this year.

Sigma Phi Gamma sorority will also sponsor a 7th or 8th grader for the trip to Washington D.C. with year.

Present at the meeting were: Sandy Eichhorn, Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Sally Ford, Peggy Clark, Shelly Stafford, Georgia Poulson, Glendora Booher, Rosemary Zeller, Sandy Booher, Dianna Bradford, Susan Ralston, and Suzette Gephart.

The next social will be held on Feb. 18th and the next business meeting will be March 4th.

RALSTON PASSED CPA EXAM

Ben Ralston, a 1996 Huntington North High School graduate and a 2001 Graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, has successfully passed the entire certified public accountant exam on his first attempt. He is employed by CBIZ Rootberg Business Services, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois.

Ben is the son of Gerald Ralston, Warren, and Jane Nes, Markle.



CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Club met in the Calico Room on February 7, 2003 for their monthly meeting. After the Club Collect was read, roll call was answered by 20 members. The business meeting was led by President Lou Ann Shafer. She asked that members contact those who were absent. Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. No new business was presented.

Elaine Eckman was in charge of the program. She introduced Tamara Spahr who gave a delightful demonstration on flower arranging. Tamara, who works at Gebhart's Floral Barn gave many helpful suggestions as she put together several beautiful arrangements.

Those members enjoying the delicious refreshments served by the hostess Roberta St John, were Barbara Baer, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, Elaine Eckman, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Ann Miles, Florence Mott, Jane Ruble, Roberta St John, Lou Ann Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Bertha Turner, Alice Whitmore and Oma Zent.

The next meeting will be held on March 7 in the Calico Room with Alice Whitmore as hostess.

INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

Jeffrey Berghoff and Shannon Knight, both students at Huntington North High School have qualified for induction into the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll.

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By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

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Bad breath is a social problem. Mouth odors are embarrassing and people relate this as a lack of care for yourself. Odors can be caused by a number of reasons. Food between your teeth, failure to brush twice daily and floss regularly, and calculus buildup, which leads to gum disease, can be contributors of bad breath.

Your tongue is like a carpet. It collects bacteria from foods, especially garlic, onions, etc. Smoking and coffee drinking are also contributing factors. Brushing your tongue gently, or using a tongue scraper, can significantly decrease the problem. Denture or partial wearers also need to take great care as to removing their prosthesis and cleaning it thoroughly, and then brushing and flossing the remaining teeth.

If you are brushing and flossing on a regular basis and seeing your dentist for regular hygiene appointments, but still find you have bad breath, then it may be time to look at other causes. Sinus drainage, gastrointestinal problems, kidney or liver problems may be the cause. Also, your mouth could be dry to medications. Lack of saliva, that rinses your mouth of bacteria, can cause bad breath and decay. Your dentist may suggest seeing your physician to rule out a systemic problem.

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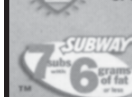
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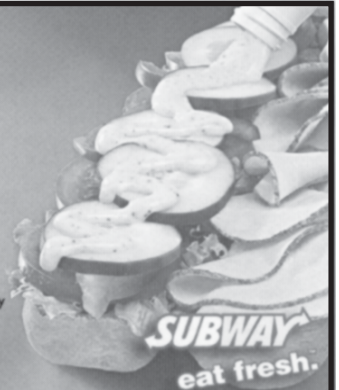
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A STORY TIME FILLED WITH LOVE

Jane Ruble led story time at the Warren Library on Valentine's Day. She read "A Book of Hugs," "Clifford's Valentines," and "One Very Best Valentine's Day" to Jake Strait, Kory Miller, Sarah Kline, Andrew Freck, Emma and Katie Melcher, Uriah DeWeese, Nick Stucky, Alex, Amanda and Zach Tolen. She also had materials for the children to make worms out of paper hearts and led them in finger plays.

Treva Flemming made chocolate candy heart suckers and Ruth Herring made Valentine "Love to Read" bookmarks for the children. The kids say, "Thanks, a lot!"

Story time is each Friday at 10:00 unless school is cancelled due to the weather.

IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining room of UMMH for lunch on Monday, February 3, 2003 with Georgia Poulson as hostess.

The afternoon meeting was opened by Pres. Edna Alfeld giving a reading. Georgia Poulson read Best Friends from Ideals.

Roll call was answered by My Favorite Food.

Secretary report was read and the treasurer's report was given.

7-Up was played with Jane Haley low and Mildred Gilbert high.

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

Next meeting will be at the home on March 3, 2003 with Wilodene Birkey as hostess.

SUCCESSFUL JUDGING

The livestock judges at Black Hawk College - East Campus wrapped up a successful fall campaign in December. Following a win at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn., in early September, the team continued its travels at the World Beef Expo - Livestock Judging Contest in Milwaukee, Wis. on Sept. 28. Their next two contests were the Oct. 26 American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Mo., and the Nov. 2 Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif. On Nov. 21, the team competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky. The last contest for the fall season was Dec. 7 in Indianapolis, Ind.,

at the Hoosier Beef Congress.

Sophomore team members included Brian Arnold of Liberty Center, Ind., Eric Duttlinger of Hebron, Ind., Jonathan Harfst of Easton, Ill., Noah Horsely of Toulon, Ill., Jeremy Jones of Bluffton, Ind., Jonas McGrew of Good Hope, Ill., Philip Myers of South Solon, Ohio, Matt Schneider of Lone Tree, Iowa, Tanner Schwartz of Mulberry, Ind., Kasey Smith of Washington Court House, Ohio, and Craig Steck of Knoxville, Ill. The team was coached by Dan Hoge, and Lee Denzer, and assisted by former Black Hawk East livestock judge Andy Rash.

Here are the contest results for Brian Arnold of Liberty Center and Jeremy Jones on Bluffton:

World Beef Expo - Livestock Judging Contest: Brian Arnold - 1st Reasons, 2nd Beef, 6th Sheep, 2nd Overall. Jeremy Jones - 3rd in Beef, 6th Overall

American Royal Livestock Show: Team - 2nd Sheep, 2nd Reasons, 4th Swine, 4th Beef, 3rd Overall. Brian Arnold - 1st Reasons, 3rd Sheep, 6th Beef, 1st Overall

Cow Palace: Team - 2nd Hogs, 2nd Sheep, 2nd Placings, 3rd Reasons, 3rd Cattle, 2nd Overall. Brian Arnold - 1st Cattle, 2nd Hogs, 2nd Reasons, 6th Placings, 2nd Overall

North American International Livestock Exposition: Team - 1st Swine, 2nd Swine Performance, 2nd Reasons, 4th Beef, 7th Beef Performance, 6th Sheep, 2nd Overall. Brian Arnold - 5th Swine, 5th Reasons, 8th Beef, 7th Overall

Hoosier Beef Congress: Brian Arnold - 2nd Overall

VALENTINE TEA PARTY

Jo Chatham and Chris Knox co-hosted a delightfully elegant tea party for Warren's Red Hatters. Upon arrival, each guest received her own fortune-telling device which proved to be more interesting than the Lottery. Remembered songs of love were beautifully played with the talented Connie Sample at the piano. It seemed like Cupid's birthday, for every guest received a lovely gift and what an assortment it was. Following our celebration, we vis-

ited Addie Holm, one of our chapter, who is recovering in Health Care at the UMMH. In addition to the two hostesses, the following Real Elegant Dames were present: Fritz Boxell, Mary Brown, Martha Buzzard, Taya Decker, Irene Henderson, Willy Hethcote, Velma Lindstrom, Lilly Nutter, Flo Mott, Virginia Olson, Connie Sample, Helen Jo Strassner, Helen Stokes and Kay Woods (from Markle). We are looking forward to Friday nite, the 21st, as we are attending the Fish Fry/Tenderloin supper sponsored by the Huntington County Senior Center. Hope to see you there!

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

The Warren Area Sportsman's Club is revitalizing and reorganizing. The first meeting of the year was held in January. This meeting amended the by-laws to allow women to become members of the Sportsman's club. An on-going membership drive is now in full swing. We hope to attract many new active members.

February will be a busy month. 4-H Shooting Sports-Rifle Discipline, will meet three times during the month. The building has been donated for these classes. The building was also donated to the family of Nellie Roush for a funeral dinner on February 7th.

President Jay Shaw informed the members present that we will again this year donate \$200.00 to "Booker", the county K-9 unit. This donation will be in March.

The building will also be donated for a Hunter Education class that will be held on March 8th and 9th. This class will be held from 8:30-3:30 both days. To register for this class, please call Ken or Robyn Groves at 260-375-2984.

In the future the Club will be working to give Scholarships to area seniors.

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