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Thought for the Week: *Good manners: the noise you don't make when you're eating soup.* Bennett Cerf



WINS CUB CADET

Bill Wright from Lafontaine IN won the Thorne Insurance Agency, Inc. 80th anniversary promotional give away. A 2008 Cub Cadet Big Country Recreational vehicle with a retail value of \$13,000. Bill has been insured through the Huntington store since 1992 on both his auto and homeowners insurance. People were allowed to sign up at shows this summer where the agency was set up at. It was free to enter at the shows and stores throughout the 2008 year. We then took time to go back through all of our current customers and they received another entry into the box for every year we had them insured. I wanted to give away something nice since it was our 80th year in business. Thorne Insurance is a 4th generation owned Independent Insurance Agency with retail locations in both Huntington and Wabash and a satellite location in Fort Wayne. We represent all lines of insurance, and truly do provide our customers with the coverage they need and the service they deserve at the absolute lowest price. You can check us out on line at www.thorneinsuranceagency.com.

Warren Pharmacy. Get all the news and announcements of your local events!

ALUMNI BANQUET

The alumni of Warren High School will hold their annual banquet at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center in Warren on May 9. All former students, teachers, and friends of the Warren School are welcome to attend. The classes of 1949 and 1959 will be recognized as honored classes. All graduates from 1939 and before will also be recognized. Start planning now to attend by contacting Jim Howell at 260-375-3048 or email at howellj@citiznet.com for reservations.

YOU'RE INVITED!

This Friday night, 1/23/09, the Huntington Eagles Boys Basketball team will play IHSAA 2-A Prairie Heights at the Salamonie School Gym. The Junior Varsity contest starts at 6PM, the Varsity game will follow. All Huntington Eagles basketball games are open to the public! We appreciate your support!

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Residents living in and around the Warren community can be screened to help prevent a stroke. The complete screening package now includes a new Heart Rhythm screening, and checking for irregular heartbeat, which is a major risk factor for stroke.

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will be at the Knight Bergman Center on February 19th. The site is located at 132 Nancy Street in Warren. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading cause of death in the United States and often occurs

without warning. In fact, four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent warning signs prior to the stroke. The good news is that with early detection, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Screenings are painless, accurate and affordable. They help identify potential health problems such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor

of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 1.877.237.1287. Pre-registration is required.



SAFE SLUMBER

A new Parkview Huntington Hospital program, called "Safe Slumber," will promote safe sleep and educate parents about the importance of a safe sleep environment for infants.

Sleep sacks are now used at Parkview Huntington Hospital as well as at all other Parkview Health hospitals. Newborns will no longer be swaddled in blankets. Sleep sacks keep a baby warm and comfortable and eliminate the presence of loose fabric around a child's face. The best way for babies to sleep is on their backs in a crib free of fabrics and objects that can block their mouth and nose.

A sleep sack will be sent home with parents, who will be educated about safe sleep practices while at the respective Family Birthing Centers throughout the Parkview Health system.

"Safe Slumber" is made possible through donor gifts to the Family Birthing Center fund at each Parkview Foundation office throughout the Parkview Health system. For information on becoming a donor to the "Safe Slumber" program, call the Parkview Huntington Hospital Foundation at (260) 355-3316.

Pictured above: Sheryl Baker RN, a nurse in Parkview Huntington Hospital's Family Birthing Center, holds a sleep sack designed for newborns which is now used at the hospital. Sleep sacks keep babies warm and eliminate the presence of loose fabric around a child's face.

FESTIVAL MEETING

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival Committee will meet on Feb. 10 at 6:30 at the Van Buren Town Hall. Everyone willing to help with the 2009 Festival is invited to be at the meeting. The festival is August 13, 14, 15. Check www.vanburenindiana.com for more information.

Festival cookbooks from 1973 are available for \$5.00 at the Van Buren Public Library. They make great gifts.

FORMS & GUIDES

The Van Buren Public Library has 2008 tax forms available. There are also Indiana Travel Guides for 2009 available.

CATTLEMAN MEETING

The Huntington County Cattlemen will meet on Wednesday January 21st at 7:00 pm in the Family Living Building, Hier's Park. Topics for discussion include planning for the 2009 Preview Show, officer elections and the Cattlemen 4-H scholarship.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.375.7007 or email to wwkly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

HEARTFELT THANKS

On December 23rd, our family suffered a horrific house fire. As the firemen hurried to put out the blaze, we witnessed the most extraordinary acts of kindness as neighbors rushed to our aid. To those who gave us the clothes off their backs, to keep us warm in the below freezing temperatures, thank you. We want to express our gratitude to every person who keeps us in their thoughts and prayers as we endure this tragedy. We also want to send the uttermost appreciation to the community churches and businesses who donated their compassion and support to our family. To the families from Southern Wells Schools, thank you for providing us with a Christmas. You must know that just saying thank you will never justify the gratitude and appreciation we have for everyone. To the community of Warren, you have made us so very proud to belong to the Warren Family. For anyone who gave out a helping hand or asked if we needed anything, thank you. Your love and kindness will always have a special place within us. We are devastated to have lost our belongings and home, but not our family, neighbors and friends, who can never be replaced. God Bless.

Thank you,
 Mark, Annette, Kyle, Hanna,
 Megan, Mike and Nick Thompson

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

The weather we have had is strictly for day dreaming about gardening and staying warm. I feel I have a bad case of cabin fever coming on, the most I have been out is on the front porch to get the paper and Sunday I got out to the deck to fill the bird feeder.

The bitter cold and snow got me to thinking about us kids going to school and wading drifts almost waist high to a 10 year old who would have rather stayed home. Our announcement for school to be canceled was 5 rings on the crank phone party line. It also was used for emergency situations where help was needed. When the phone rang 5 rings you knew it was something very important. Sometimes they told dad at work school was canceled but he usually forgot by the time he got home.

Another time was a very memorable time when WW2 ended. If I remember, it was toward evening when our town got word, I know dad was milking and had to wait on him to get done, then we all hurried to town to join in the celebration. The town even got our dear old fire truck started, which sometimes took some effort. They were driving it up and down the street with siren blowing and people in their old

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 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

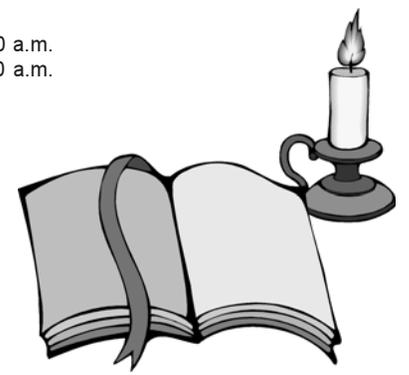
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AREA NEWS

CHILDREN'S DENTAL MONTH

February is Children's Dental Health Month. Dr. Dea Kyne's office, located at 470 Bennett Drive, Warren, is participating.

On February 6, 2009 the Indiana Dental Association, in partnership with the American Dental Association, will host the 7th annual Give Kids a Smile Day. Dentists across the state are opening their offices to donate dental care to children from low-income families.

To participate in Give Kids a Smile, the child must meet the following requirements:

* The child must be 16 years old or under.

* The students must not have access to dental insurance and be unable to afford regular dental care, OR if the child has Medicaid, the family must not have a dental provider. If your child is in need of dental care and meets the requirements mentioned above, please call 800.680.9302 and an operator will confirm your eligibility, and take the following information to provide a volunteer Give Kids a Smile dental office: Name, Phone Number, City where you live, number of children who need treatment.

A local dental office will call you to set up the appointment time.

Show up at the scheduled appointment time. Appointments are on a first-come first-served basis and cannot be rescheduled.

HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT

Christian Home Educators Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 3:30 at Hanfield Methodist Church on SR 18 and 400 East, four miles east of Marion. We welcome children of all ages and grades. The parents and children have their own time of devotion and fellowship. Our group has guest speakers, special events, crafts, games, snack, show and tell, and elected positions. We also do field trips once a month, an annual book fair for the community, and lots more. For further information you can contact Mary Peiffer at 765.934.9425.

BUS TRIP

The Salamonie Summer Festival is holding a fundraising trip to the Hoosier Park Racing & Casino at Anderson on February 28, 2009. This one day trip costs \$30.00 per person. This day trip will be leaving from East of Chicago, 111 E First St, Warren at 9 a.m. Please park in the public parking lot at the corner of 1st and Main Streets (old Eckman's gravel lot). Breakfast is included and will be provided by East of Chicago prior to the bus departing. East of Chicago will be open at 8 a.m. Raffles will be played on the bus. Since this is a one hour trip no snacks will be provided on the

return trip to Warren. The casino provides a \$10 lunch voucher.

Please send check or money order by January 30, 2009 to Salamonie Summer Festival, PO Box 40, Warren, IN 46792. Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth and expiration date of driver's license or legal ID. Seating is on a first-paid, first-reserved basis. Contact Shari Blinn (cell) 260.917.0014 or Kelly Gray 260.37504189 with questions.

WEATHER VOLUNTEERS

The Blackford County Extension Service will be hosting training for local volunteers to measure and report precipitation. CoCoRaHS - Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network is a volunteer effort to collect data on precipitation amounts throughout the country. Come find out what the program is all about and receive training to become involved. Volunteers must have internet access to report precipitation data. For more information go to: www.cocorahs.org.

The informational meeting and training session will be held Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blackford County Fairgrounds. Please RSVP to 765.348.3213 by February 6. Residents from surrounding counties are welcome to attend.

COUNCIL NOTES

The first meeting of 2009 of Warren Town Council was held Monday evening, January 12. At 6:30 p.m. Bill Cartwright opened the meeting and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

A citizen was in attendance to discuss the railroad crossings.

There was also discussion of the possibility of putting in sidewalks at Langton Estates.

A discussion was held concerning replacing all Christmas Lights with LED bulbs. This will be a joint project between Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Curtis Day reported that

Heartland is to expand. Spectrum Engineering was to be there on Tuesday to plan what would be needed for the project.

The next W.H.A.R.M.M. meeting is scheduled for January 25 at Andrews.

The employees benefit policy, including medical insurance, has been received and will include a 9% increase March 1, Council will discuss the matter with their insurance agent.

Curtis Day submitted cost for clean-up from the ice storm. There may be monetary reimbursement.

Reports were given from the Fire Department and Police Department.

The next council meeting will be January 26 at 4 p.m.

NEW AT WPL

New materials have been received at the Warren Public Library. Following is a list of the new items.

Adult fiction - Smart Girls Think Twice by Linz; Outlaw Marshall by Lacy; Moscow Rules by Silva; The Secret Servant by Silva; Fast Track by F Michaels; One September Morning by Noonan; The Associate by J Grisham; The Turnaround by G Pelecanos; Ransom My Heart by M Cabot; Still Life by L Penny; Barefoot Brides by A Jones; A Rule Against Murder by L Penny; A Darker Place by J Higgins; What I Did For Love by SE Phillips; Dark of Night; Knit Two by K Jacobs; Cruel Intent by JA Jance; Crossroads by Belva Plain; The Shooters by WEB Griffin; Welcome to Serenity by S Woods; Eighth Shepherd by Thaine; The Barefoot Believers by Annie Jones; Glitter Baby by Susan Phillips; On a Someday by R Henke; Break Neck by E Spindler.

Non-fiction - Meditations on Chronic Pain and Illness; Answer to Questions About Old Jewelry; Climbing Out of Depression; Slavery by Another Name; The Great Eight; Your Body: A User's Guide; Born Again Vintage: 25 Ways to Deconstruct, Reinvent & Recycle Your Wardrobe; God Stories; Organize Your Digital Life; The Great Depression Ahead; What Every American Should Know About the Middle East.

Children's - Doctor Meow's Big Emergency; How Cleaning My Room Changed My Life; Old Bear; A Dog on His Own; Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3; Love Is a Good Thing To Feel; Molly and Her Dad; Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree; Listen To The Wind.

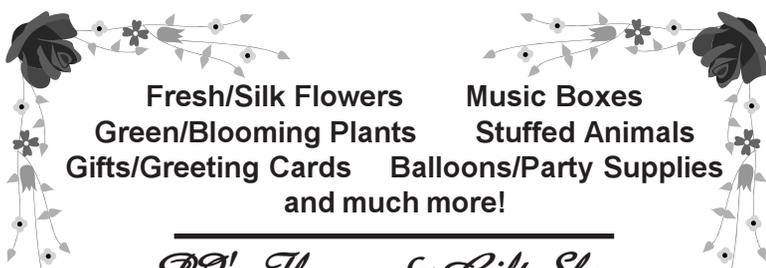
Youth - Bone: Crown of Horns; Mystery at the Monkey House; Just Another Girl; Teens Talk Middle School; Princess Forever; Stolen Children; The 39 Clues; Blackbox; 3 Willows: The Sisterhood Years.

GET THE MILK

Girl Scouts are ready to provide the community with its favorite treat as they gain valuable business and economic literacy skills. This year, Girl Scout cookies will be on sale beginning Friday, January 16. The sale will continue through March 15. In addition to order taking, Cookies-in-Hand will provide these annual taste treats without the wait!

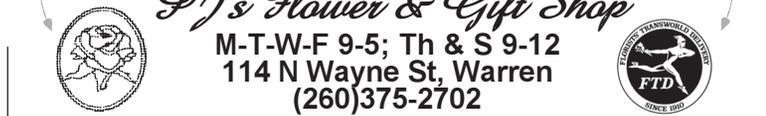
For \$3.50 per box, customers can help girls build business skills and financial knowledge as they sell these Girl Scout Cookie varieties: Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel deLites, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades, Daisy Go Rounds

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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 listed.

Jan 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Jan 24	Angel Food Ministry Order Pick-Up
Jan 26	Warren Town Council, 4 p.m.
Jan 29	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 4	Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon, Assembly Hall
Feb 4	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 8	Sunday Lunch at KBC sponsored by PROS 11-1
Feb 9	Warren Town Council 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 12	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 14	Angel Food Ministry Ordering Deadline
Feb 16	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 @ KBC
Feb 16	SSF Committee Mtg, 6 p.m., Assembly Hall
Feb 16	President's Day

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm 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
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(The new cookie, a reduced fat cookie bursting with cinnamon and packaged as five handy single-serve snack packs in a box).

Again this year, ALL varieties of Girl Scout cookies are "zero trans fat per serving" (in compliance with FDA regulation).

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls build important leadership skills. Through cookie activities, girls learn how to plan, build teams, speak up, make decisions, solve problems and manage resources. These skills add up, so that ultimately, girls learn to be leaders – in their own lives and in our communities. In fact, many successful business women have credited their business skills to the Girl Scout Cookie Program, making it the premier business and economic literacy program for girls in the United States.

Girls are the ultimate beneficiaries of all Girl Scout cookie activities – either directly or indirectly. Girls benefit directly by learning valuable life skills, earning money for their troop/group treasuries, and planning how to spend that money to achieve their troop/group goals.

"Girls also decide what to do with the money they earned for their troop projects. We don't know of any other youth-oriented activity where the girls themselves decide what to do with the money they earn," says Connie Frederick, Product Manager, Girls Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana.

Girls also benefit indirectly by participating in a wide range of Council-wide activities which are

made possible in part by the proceeds from the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. After the commercial baker is paid, every penny remains in Girls Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana to benefit the Girls Scouts in the local community, providing essential services to membership, such as financial assistance, program resources, training for adult volunteers, and support for special events.

SIGMA PHI GAMMA

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met for their regular meeting at the Knight-Bergman Center on January 13, 2009. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Jenny Plummer. Roll Call was "have you broken your New Year's resolution"? Our thought for the month was "Faith is a force that is greater than knowledge, or power or skill". Minutes of the last meeting were read by Carol Irick, recording secretary. Treasurer report was given by Suzette Gephart. Several thank yous were shared that came from Christmas cheers that had been given by the chapter. Correspondence was read from Alpha Delta Chapter in Layette, they will be hosting our province meeting on March 14 & 15, 2009. Also, a letter was read from the Province President, Beth Ostermeyer.

Announcement of a new chapter, XI Rho in The Villages, Florida was made. Those in attendance were Opal Brubaker, Peggy Sue Clark, Sandy Eichhorn, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer,

Sondra Zabel, Rosemary Zeller. The next business meeting will be held on February 3, with a social on January 20, at the room in the Knight-Bergman Center.

4-H BB & RIFLE

Firearm safety instruction, handling procedures and hands-on experience will once again be included in this year's Wells County 4-H BB Gun & .22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 20th with sign up and safety rules from 6:30 – 8 PM. BB and Rifle Safety will continue each Tuesday until April 7. The Awards Night for BB & Rifle will be held on April 7th.

All meetings (except January 20th) will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park will be the location for the meetings. Final night to sign up will be January 27th.

Enrollment will be limited to 28 youth in BB Gun and 32 youth in Rifle. Sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. The limited club size is to assure adequate instruction and safety.

Youth in grades 3, 4 and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a BB Gun shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105 FM or WMEE 93.3 FM for cancellations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H event will be postponed.

Youth interested in Pistol Safety are asked to sign up at the event. This program may be offered if enough youth are interested.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County Rifle Club. Scholarships are available by checking with 4-H Leaders at the event. If you have more than one person in the family, the second member is only \$15. No person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first or second meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

Youth may also enroll in the Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. Members may make a poster or notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something they have made. Examples might include: Poster or Notebook; Firearm Safety; Cross a Fence with a Gun; Eye Dominance; Muzzleloading; Target Trap; Archery Safety; Types of Arrows; Buying a Bow; Shooting Vests; Hunter Ed; Tree Stand Safety;

Percussion or Flintlock; Hunting Wild Turkeys; Handmade Items – Gun Rack or Tales; Ammo Box, etc.

The 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club and the 4-H Archery Club will begin in April.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders, Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 827-0266; Gregg Palmer, 547-4516; James Painter, 639-6547; and Ryan Kline, 375-3865.

ADVISORY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Volunteers serving on 4-H Advisory groups in northeast Indiana are invited to a special workshop on Tuesday, January 27th at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, Home & Family Arts Building, Fort Wayne.

Theme for the meeting is "Taking your Board from Good to Great". Topics covered will include: Understanding your organizations purpose; Goals and Objectives; Conducting productive meetings; and understanding simple parliamentary procedures.

The event starts at 5:30 PM with registration and a meal. The program will finish at 8:30 PM.

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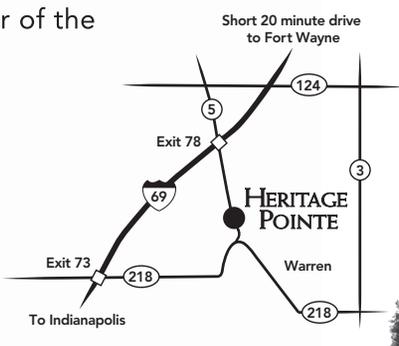
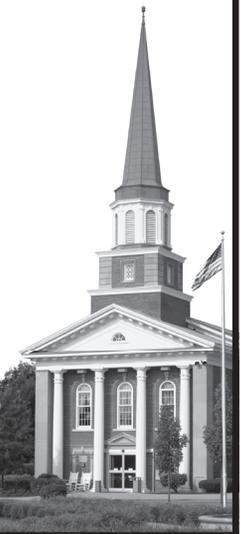
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GENEALOGY REPORT

LEWIS

W. Allen "Stretch" Lewis, 90, of Warren, passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 4:05 p.m. at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton.



He was born on June 15, 1918 in Lagro to Dallas and Rose Hazel (Bray) Lewis.

Stretch was a member of the Warren First Baptist Church. He had been a lifetime farmer in Salamonie Township and had farmed until he was 80 years old. He had been a Heritage Pointe since July of 2008. He married Velma Florine Lewis on February 14, 1943 in Indiana.

He is survived by two sons, Paul Lewis and wife Judy, Warren, and Mike Lewis, Warren; a daughter, Betty Collins and husband Sammy, Batesville, Ark.; grandsons, Steven Collins and wife Leanne, Batesville, Ark., Shaun Lewis and wife Jackie, Minden, La.; granddaughters Stacia Malloch and husband Jeremey, Nobelsville, Kelli Evans; a sister, Georgia Pugh, Warren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a son, Raymond Earl Lewis, a brother, Elzie Lewis, and sisters Louise Adolby and Lola Ziemmer.

Funeral services were held at Heritage Pointe Chapel, Warren, with Pastor Bob Bothast officiating.

Interment was at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in LaFontaine.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 727 N. Wayne Street, Warren, 46792.

Arrangements were handled by Glancy H. Brown and Son Funeral Home.

BIDDLE

Miss Stella May Biddle, 95, of Warren, IN, went to her heavenly home at 8:47 AM, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Delaware County, IN. She was a daughter of the late Watson Biddle and Louveria (Hiatt) Biddle.

Stella resided in Anderson, IN and surrounding areas most of her life. In 1978, she moved to Heritage Pointe, formerly known as the United Methodist Memorial Home, in Warren, IN where she lived until she passed away. Stella retired from Delco Remy Division of General Motors in Anderson after more than 40 years of service. She attended South Meridian Church of God in Anderson.

Stella will be remembered as a loving and kind hearted person. She was devoted to her God and her family. She was especially close to her niece, Dot Miller, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include great niece Peggy (husband, Larry) Hines of Anderson, great nephew Darryl (wife, Lisa) Miller of Summitville, nephew James (wife, Debby) Rushton of Bloomington, great-great-nieces Jennifer (husband, Bob) Beiers, Julie (husband, Eric) Lierman, great-great-nephews, Kristofer (wife, Holly) Miller, Nicholas Miller, and several other great nieces & nephews as well as four great great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents sisters Blanche Rushton and Nellie Wright; brother William Biddle and niece Dot Miller.

Funeral services were held at the Heritage Pointe Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Interment was at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson.

CROTHERS

Dr. Charles H. (Chic) Crothers of Van Buren, Indiana, and Sebring, Florida, and formerly of New Britain, Kensington, and Middletown, Connecticut, passed away of cancer Saturday, January 10, 2009 at his home in Van Buren,



with his wife Elissa Doyle Crothers by his side. He was 88.

Dr. Crothers practiced pediatric medicine in Connecticut for more than 40 years.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he grew up in Springfield. In high school, he was a starter on the varsity basketball and baseball teams, and was elected to the Philadelphia Schoolboy Hall of Fame for Baseball. A member of the National Honor Society, Dr. Crothers was class valedictorian when he graduated at age 16. In 1936, he received a scholarship to attend Swarthmore College, also in Pennsylvania.

He earned a BA in 1940 and then stayed an extra year studying the sciences to prepare for medical school. He was active in sports at Swarthmore as well. In his senior year, as Captain of the soccer team and the team's high scorer, he was named "All American". To help pay for his fifth year, he coached Swarthmore basketball, baseball, and soccer teams and continued this work after graduation. In 1941, he was the first Swarthmore graduate to be admitted to Yale Medical School, and in 1943, he married Maynette Reid. They were married for 54 years and raised three children in Connecticut - Diane, Nancy, and Jeff. Mrs. Crothers died in 1997.

Dr. Crothers completed his internship and residency at Yale and graduated second in his class. He served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines and returned to Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1948, where he was chief resident and assistant professor in pediatrics.

In 1952 he began private practice at the Grove Hill Clinic in New Britain.

He developed an extended family of two generations of patients. He loved his parents, and they returned the favor. He retired in 1986.

In 2001, Dr. Crothers married Elissa Doyle, of Van Buren, whom he met at the golf club to which they both belonged in Sebring. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Christ, New Britain, CT and was active in the Central Christian Church in Van Buren, where he sang in the choir and played the piano.

In addition to his wife Elissa of Van Buren, he leaves his daughter Diane Crothers and her son Tobias Crothers Patterson, both of New York City; his daughter Nancy Crothers and her son Cole Crothers-Petta, both of Vienna, Virginia; his son Jeff Crothers and his wife Debra Devins of Winchester, Connecticut; his stepdaughter Nicole Shipp her husband Mitchel Shipp, and their son Blake of Indianapolis; his stepson Scott Rifner and his wife Donna of New Castle, IN; and many other relatives.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Central Christian Church, Van Buren, IN. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:30 also at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Hepatitis Foundation International or Central Christian Church, P.O. Box 412, Van Buren, IN 46991.

ROWE

George R. Rowe, 83, of Gas City, IN, died at 10:15 AM, on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at Wesleyan Health & Rehab in Marion, IN.



He was born on Monday, September 14, 1925, in Radley, IN. He was the son of the late Albert James Rowe and the late Estella May (Shepherd) Rowe. He married Betty Lou (Banes) Rowe on August 31, 1947 in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Mr. Rowe was a former resident of Warren and Van Buren. He was a graduate of Jefferson Twp.

High School in Huntington Co. and had attended Taylor University in Upland, IN. Mr. Rowe retired from Indiana Wesleyan University where he had worked in the maintenance department. He enjoyed his grandchildren and Bible Study. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII where he served from 1943-1946.

He attended Jonesboro Main Street Wesleyan Church, Jonesboro, IN.

Survivors include his wife; daughters Marcia Newby of Kerrville, Texas and Teresa (husband, Frank) Parks of Sweetser; son James E. (wife, Maria) Rowe of Gas City, Ind.; brother Walter (wife, Gladys) Rowe of Lansdale, Pa. and sister-in-law Wilma Rowe of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Gladys Scott, Lelah Kuhn, Beatrice Rahn and Mae Buckland; brothers Richard Rowe, Virgil Rowe and Charles Rowe.

Arrangements were handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home. Services were held at Jonesboro Main Street Wesleyan Church with Rev. Stephen Mowat officiating.

Interment was at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

MENDENHALL

Marlin A Mendenhall, age 81, died suddenly Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, FL.

Mr Mendenhall was a resident of Zephyrhills, FL for the last several years. He was a former resident of the Mt Zion and Warren area.

He is survived by his wife Dr Jean Tucker Mendenhall and one daughter, Dr Gale Mendenhall, both of Zephyrhills, FL, and five grandchildren.

One son, Marty Mendenhall, is deceased.

There was no visitation or services.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Wells County 4-H Volunteers are invited to the 4-H Appreciation Night held in their honor, Thursday, January 22nd, 6:30 PM at the Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Linda Mirante of Wabash will be the speaker. Mirante has spoken around the country at conferences and will share her funny stories and encouragement.

4-H Junior Leader Awards will be presented and 2009 4-H information and flyers will be available.

Volunteers should make meal reservations by calling 824-6412.

SILVER ALERT

Recent proposed legislation of a state-wide Silver Alert, in conjunction with the already established MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® program, could help save Hoosier lives.

An estimated 110,000 Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the memory-stealing disease and 60 percent of them will have at least one incident of wandering away from home. A Silver Alert could be a life-saver if a public notice to watch for a missing and endangered adult with dementia were broadcast and published through visible media.

It is common for a person with Alzheimer's to wander and become lost; many do repeatedly. Wandering can be dangerous—even life threatening. The stress can weigh heavily on caregivers and family as well; like for Sandra DeCastro whose impaired father wandered in his vehicle throughout a majority of the state.

"The best any law enforcement officials could tell us was that basically he would have to be in an accident or seek help on his own to be found," said DeCastro during her state Senate committee testimony Jan. 13 in support of a bill enacting an Indiana Silver Alert.

Michael Sullivan, Alzheimer's Association Director of Public Policy and Advocacy states, "Much like the existing Amber Alert, the proposed Silver Alert legislation will have specific criteria for putting out a state-wide notice which would limit the number of alerts but ultimately save many lives."

Even though there is no true Silver Alert in place in Indiana yet, there is assistance for not only the elderly with dementia, but those in their 30s, 40s and 50s afflicted with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease. MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® is a 24-hour nationwide emergency response service for individuals

with Alzheimer's or related dementia who wander or have medical emergency. The program provides 24-hour assistance, no matter when or where the person is reported missing.

If an individual with Alzheimer's or a related dementia wanders and becomes lost, caregivers can call the 24-hour emergency response line (1.800.625.3780) to report it. A community support network will be activated to help reunite the family member or caregiver with the person who wandered. Critical medical information will be provided to emergency responders when needed. Further enrollment information and scholarships available can be found by calling the Alzheimer's Association's Helpline at 1.800.272.3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer research and support. Having awarded more than \$150 million to nearly 1,300 projects, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer research. The Association's vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease.

SHOOTING SPORTS

The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program begins on Sunday, January 25 with the first classroom meeting for the 4-H Pistol discipline from 2:00-4:30 pm in the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. 4-H members interested in taking the pistol classes and parents must complete and sign the necessary enrollment forms and pay the \$20 registration fee no later than the January 25th classroom meeting.

Other 4-H Shooting Sports discipline meetings include:

Rifle – Tuesday, February 10, 6-8 pm, Sportsman Club, Warren
Muzzleloader – date to be announced

Shotgun – Tuesday, March 10, 6-8 pm, Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington

Archery – Wednesday evening, date to be announced

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is designed to teach safe use of archery and firearm equipment while helping youth grow in a variety of life skills. There is a \$20 registration fee for each discipline which must be paid at the time of enrollment. Shooting Sports leaders and the Extension Office have copies of the necessary enrollment forms and forms must be completed no later than the first scheduled meeting of each respective discipline. All 4-H Shooting sports classes are under the direction of 4-H adult volunteers who have been certified through the State 4-H Shooting Sports program and

Purdue University. Goals of this 4-H program include:

Promoting the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, including sound decision making;

Teaching safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, self-discipline and concentration;

Strengthening families through participation in lifelong recreational activities;

Enhancing the development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities;

Encouraging responsible, self-directed and productive members of society;

Encouraging participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting and related activities;

Exposing youth to the broad array of vocational and lifelong hobbies related to the shooting sports.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program, including enrollment and registration information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826 or email laldriddg@purdue.edu.

JUDGING TEAM CALLOUT

4-H youth interested in participating in the Huntington County 4-H Horse & Pony judging team are encouraged to attend the call-out meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Scott & Kristin Husband's home. For directions to their home, contact the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office or Scott & Kristin at 672-8225.

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For more information about the 4-H Horse & Pony Judging Team, contact the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington or contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-H Youth, at laldriddg@purdue.edu.

LAND VALUES

Faermland values continue to hover near all-time highs. According to the August Purdue Ag Economics Report, Indiana faermland averages between 3,300 per acre and 5,000 per acre depending upon quality of land and location. In 2008, at an auction conducted by Halderman Real Estate Services, the price of La Porte County faermland reached record highs of \$8,375 per acre for 240 acres. That evening, a total of 759 acres sold for an average of \$7,140 per acre to five local farmers. Buyers were allowed to bid on individual tracts, then on the whole farm, and then any combination of tracts.

Local area sales results are reflecting these trends. "Despite a tough general economy and lower grain prices, land values remain very strong in Wells County," stated Rick Johnloz, Halderman Area Representative. "We had strong demand and active bidding for our Wells and Huntington County auctions this

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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces it is accepting applications for financial assistance for kidney dialysis and kidney transplant patients. Funded by the Indiana State Department of Health, the State Renal Program assists these individuals with specific expenses. To be eligible for the program a person must be an Indiana resident, have a medical diagnosis of End-Stage Renal Disease, and meet income guidelines. The application must include proof of each of these requirements.

One in eight American adults has some form of kidney or urology disease. The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. is an affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc., the nation's largest voluntary health organization, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

Complete applications must be postmarked by March 20, 2009. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Applications are available by contacting your social worker or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (800) 382-9971.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces the availability of applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship. Scholarship funds are available to Indiana residents who have chronic kidney disease, are on dialysis or have received a kidney transplant and wish to pursue higher education in an academic or monitored occupational setting. All applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The Fund was established in 1992 with monies donated by the Smock family and the Martinsville community in memory of kidney patient Larry Smock. Larry was awaiting a kidney transplant when he passed away. Nearly 100,000 Americans are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone

marrow and pancreas). Nine to ten people die each day while waiting for an organ transplant. In Indiana alone, over 900 Hoosiers await transplants.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

The application deadline is February 28, 2009. Applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship Program are available by contacting the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (800) 382-9971.

WINTER CLINICS

Getting a bit of cabin fever from being cooped up on these cold winter days? Then consider signing up for a Winter Clinic being offered by Bit-By-Bit Farm, Inc., a professional equine training facility located near the towns of Uniondale and Ossian in Wells County. All clinics will be held in an indoor riding arena and will be open to riders of all skill levels. Bit-By-Bit Farm, which recently celebrated its 30-year anniversary in 2008, is owned by professional horse trainer Jack Brush.

Clinic dates are February 14 and March 14 and will offer training in horse showmanship, western pleasure and trail riding. Showmanship Clinics will be held in the morning on both dates from 10 a.m. to noon, with horse warm-ups starting at 9 a.m. The Western Pleasure Clinic will be offered on February 14 and the Trail Clinic will be held on March 14, both in the afternoon. The afternoon clinics will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., with horse warm-ups from noon until 1:30 p.m.

The cost to participate in each clinic is \$20 per participant, with a limited number of participants being accepted for each clinic. All participants must pre-register

and may sign up for multiple clinics. Riders may bring their own horse or ride one of the horses owned by Bit-By-Bit Farm. Call Jack Brush at (260) 760-8669 for registration instructions. Spectators may also attend the clinics and will be charged \$10 each; however, they do not need to pre-register.

In addition to horsemanship clinics and camps, Bit-By-Bit Farm offers horse training, horse show judging, and sales of horses that have been trained by Jack Brush. Brush is a nationally-recognized horse trainer who has trained hundreds of horses, including 16 that became world champions. He began riding horses when he was 11 years old and started by competing in 4-H shows.

Brush has been working with the Northeast Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to expand the offerings of his farm. To learn more about Bit-By-Bit Farms, visit www.jackbrush.com. For more information on the services of the Northeast Indiana SBDC, call the regional headquarters in Fort Wayne at (260) 481-0500 or visit www.isbdc.org.

CLASSES OFFERED

The Northeast Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC), in partnership with the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce, is offering courses to help entrepreneurs and small business owners learn how to start, finance and market their business. The courses will meet at the Huntington County Chamber, located at 305 Warren Street in Huntington.

"How to Start a Business" is a one-session class designed for individuals who are thinking about opening a business. A \$25 fee will cover all course materials, including Web-based software that evaluates the feasibility of a business idea. Dates and times for this course are: Feb. 2, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; May 26, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 28, 5 p.m. to

6:30 p.m.; Aug. 25, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 24, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required for the above course and can be made by calling the IPFW Division of Continuing Studies at (260) 481-6619 or registering online at www.learn.ipfw.edu.

"Business Planning" presents tips and tricks for writing a successful business plan. The course meets on April 28 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$15. Advance registration is required and can be made by calling the IPFW Division of Continuing Studies at (260) 481-6619 or online at www.learn.ipfw.edu.

Two other courses—"Funding Options and Financial Literacy" and "Marketing Analysis"—are free of charge. These one-session courses will meet on:

Funding Options & Financial Literacy: Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; April 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; July 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Oct. 27, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Marketing Analysis: Mar. 24, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; June 23, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Sept. 22, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Dec. 22, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required for these two courses and can be made by calling Jo Ann Burnau at the Huntington County Chamber, (260) 356-5300, or e-mailing chamberadmin@huntingtonchamber.com.

The Northeast Indiana SBDC, which is hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, serves ten counties in northeastern Indiana. For more information on the SBDC and its services, call (260) 481-0500, or visit www.isbdc.org.

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cars and trucks were throwing toilet paper out the windows. I think this was the original beginning of TPing.

The last time I was out shopping I met Carlene Jackson and she suggested I put a recipe in for something exciting such as Snowball Soup. So here is my rendition.

Freeze ahead a few small snowballs (about the size of golf balls). In a sauce pan put 2 cups half and half cream 1/2 cup sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla, heat to near the boiling point but do not let boil. Pour into bowls or mugs and add one snowball to each serving. Try it Carlene you might like it.

To go with it you might like trying the cookies I made using up rice chex cereal left over from the holiday goodies.

Cream 1 1/4 cup shortening (I used half shortening and half butter) add 1 cup each of granulated and brown sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla 1 egg. Sift together 2 cups flour 1 teaspoon soda and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt, add to the creamed mixture. Add 2 cups crushed rice chex 1 cup coconut and 1/2 cup nuts. On lightly greased bake sheet take about 1 teaspoon dough and form a ball and flatten lightly, bake 8-9 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Have fun and stay warm.

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