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Thought for the Week: *When a woman steals your husband, there is no better revenge than to let her keep him.* Anonymous



DINNER & CONCERT

Valentine's Day is almost here. What are you doing to celebrate the day? How about dinner at Dogwood Glen and a concert at the Pulse Opera House? What a great way to have a special Valentine's Day and help out the theatre at the same time!

The festivities start with a dinner catered by Kim Nelson. You have a choice between prime rib or chicken with mushroom gravy. Following the dinner, Barry Jamison will perform love songs at the Pulse Opera House. Tickets are \$40 per person with proceeds going to benefit the Pulse Opera House.

For reservations, call (260) 375-7017 or send your reservation (with check) to Pulse Opera House, P.O. Box 631, Warren, IN 46792. Please specify your dinner choice. Reservations are due February 8.

Enjoy good food, good music and good friends while supporting the Pulse Opera House.

EASTBROOK EVENT

The 2009 Solo and Ensemble Auditions band program will be Sat. Feb 7 at Eastbrook High School. Over 800 students from over 30 schools will be in competition at the school. Interested persons are invited to visit the contests and listen to all the wonderful music. The Eastbrook Band Parents will be serving meals in the school cafeteria. For more information contact Amy Day or Sam Crum at 765-664-1214

PROS LUNCH

This is a reminder that you will want to plan to attend the PROS (Parents Reaching Out at Salamonie School) luncheon at the Knight Bergman this Sunday, February 8th from 11AM-1PM. The meal is generously prepared by Kim's Katered Affair and Salamonie parents. For your dining entertainment the Salamonie School choir will be performing. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids age 6-12 and kids 5 & under are FREE. The menu will include ham, beef & noodles, chicken & noodles, lasagna, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, rolls, applesauce, assorted salads and desserts.

FISH & CHICKEN

The Huntington County Council on Aging presents their annual Warren Fish and Chicken Supper by Dan's Fish Fry Services.

Celebrating the great support from our friends in the Warren Area. Friday, February 13, 2009 4 to 7 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center. Tickets are \$8.00, Children 6-12 \$4.25 and children 5 and under Free. Carry-outs will be available.

Tickets are available at the Senior Center or from any Board Member. For more information call 260.359.4410.

FAMILY EDUCATION

You are invited to Heritage Pointe's Family Education Night Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the Fults Recreation Room.

The topic will be Advance Directives, including information on CPR, feeding tubes and IV fluids.

Presented by Family Hospice. RSVP to J Trout 260.375.2201 ext 216.

READ ALOUD

"If every parent understood the huge educational benefits and intense happiness brought about by reading aloud to children, and if every parent – and every adult caring for a child – read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to the children in their lives, we could probably wipe out illiteracy within one generation."

— Mem Fox, bestselling children's book author and literacy expert.

POLAR PLUNGE

Brave souls and warm hearts from the Fort Wayne area are preparing for an icy dip into Mirror Lake as part of the 2009 Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana. On Saturday, February 14, participants will celebrate Valentine's Day by

"taking the Plunge" to raise vital funds for Special Olympics Indiana programs in northeast Indiana and across the state.

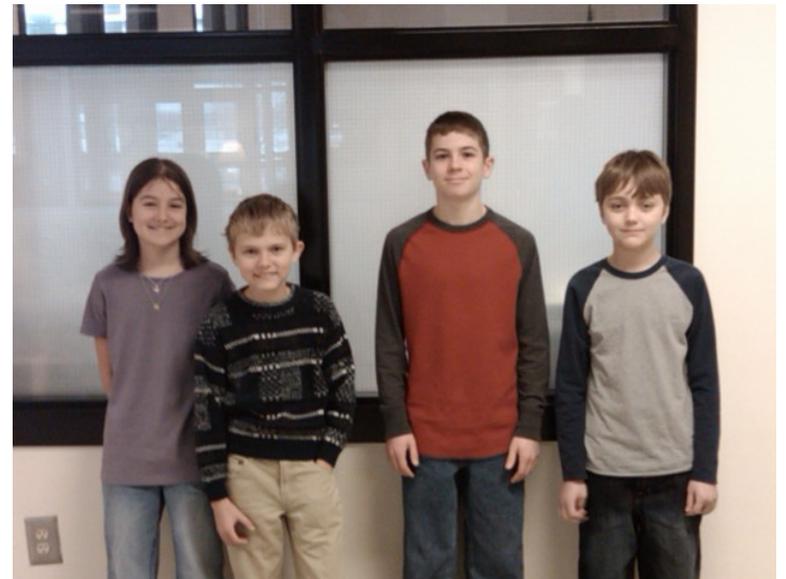
As Special Olympics Indiana's signature fundraising event, the Polar Plunge invites Hoosier residents to be "freezin' for a reason" by raising funds and awareness for adults and children with intellectual disabilities. In 2009, Special Olympics Indiana is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and its 10th year with the Polar Plunge by holding 10 Plunge events across the state throughout the month February. Dozens of local residents are expected to turn out again this year for this wintry event at Mirror Lake on the campus of the University of St. Francis. Last year, Polar Plunge events raised more than \$200,000 for Special Olympics Indiana statewide.

"People all over Indiana are fans of Special Olympics," said

Michael "the Icicle" Furnish, president / CEO of Special Olympics Indiana and veteran Polar Plunge participant. "They know about our program and believe in our cause. An event like the Polar Plunge presents people with an opportunity to make their support official by getting involved in a fun activity that really makes a difference in the lives of our deserving athletes."

Participants are urged to sign up online for the Polar Plunge at www.soindiana.org. Each participant must raise a "bear minimum" of at least \$75 to take the plunge, and all funds raised by the event benefit Special Olympics Indiana. Participants will receive long-sleeved event-shirts and can also earn additional incentive prizes at designated fundraising levels (view prizes at www.soindiana.org). Those that

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SMART SPELLERS

Spelling Bee Winners from Salamonie School

Pictured from left to right are: Fiona Sackett runner up from Middle School, Jacob White winner from Elementary, JT Goulding winner from Middle School and James Kibellus runner up from Elementary.

Jacob's parents are Kevin and Carol White, James's parents are Carlton and Vicki Kibellus. The winning word for Jacob was mentor. JT's parents are Richard and Janelle Goulding and Fion's parents are Richard and Debra Sackett. JT's winning word refugee.

The county bee was held on Monday Feb 2 at Huntington University @ 6:00 PM.



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank all of the residents, staff at Heritage Pointe and others who prayed faithfully for my recovery from a serious accident, showered me with tender loving care and sent those wonderful cards! It worked and we can't thank you enough.
 Marjorie Witty

NOTE OF THANKS

I would just like to thank our neighbor, Mike Parks, and his family for their kindness during the recent bad weather. I was stuck in my driveway a couple of weeks ago, and Mr. Parks not only plowed my driveway, but helped me get my car unstuck. Thanks also goes out to Max and Lois Spahr for helping me get out that day, and also for letting me use their driveway as a temporary parking lot while my driveway got plowed out! Then this week, I made the mistake of traveling on Flowing Well Rd, and became stuck in a drift in front of the Parks' driveway. Mr. Parks again was there to help. Also, many thanks to the Snowplow Elf who wishes to remain anonymous who plowed me out THIS week, AND Jared Rybolt for his snowplowing assistance. So thank you again for your kindness, that's why I have chosen to remain in Warren all my life, the people are truly great neighbors and friends.

Angela and Kaylie Dunn

THE UPTOWN GARDENER



by Ruth Herring

Did everyone enjoy the warm weather and sunshine as much as I did this past Sunday? It was such a nice relief from the cold. To bad it couldn't last a few more days.

Sunday was also the big football game day, or as some say the day to watch the commercials. I did neither one, I sure don't understand football and commercials I can do without. When I was in school football as almost nonexistent, we did well to get enough boys together to play basketball and baseball and surprisingly we came up with some really good teams. Our school was fortunate to have for several years the Clark twins who later became famous with their own ball team. Most all of them graduated from Andrews, they even had twin sisters to give moral support.

I can remember when in grade school going to the games which was the highlight of the winter at school, we played Banquo and they really struggled to have enough for a team. Banquo had a boy for cheer leader which everyone thought was bit strange, but later we found out he was to short to play ball (or so he said). Years later I never would have thought this famous cheer leader from Banquo would become my brother in law and what a great addition to our family he was. Art Hall has passed on but what wonderful memories we have of him and all the funny stories and time we shared with him.

This week according to the almanac is a good planting time but not outside. I plan on starting some tomato seeds. I found a tomato that is green when ripe and going to try them with a couple other varieties. The green tomato is called Aunt Ruby's German Green. It says on the package it is heirloom variety and outstanding flavor. Also in the greenhouse I will start some lettuce which I did last year and sure tastes good before the ground outside is ready. I have been doing a

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 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
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 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
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 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
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 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
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 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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468-2411
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 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Dale Lihnart, Interim Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
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 Tony Johnson - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Mel Zumbun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
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 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

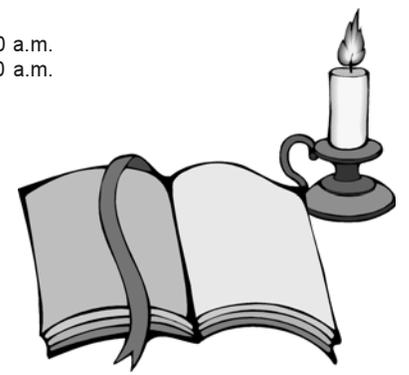
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 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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AREA NEWS

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raise \$1,000 or more will also receive a chance to win two round-trip tickets, courtesy of AirTran Airways.

On February 14, walk-up registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Mirror Lake Park, located on the campus of the University of St. Francis (2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, 46808). The Polar Plunge will kick off at noon with Opening Ceremonies featuring a costume contest and the lighting of the Special Olympics Indiana "Flame of Hope" by a local Special Olympics Indiana athlete. After the ceremony, participants will take to the water.

Plungers are invited to warm up immediately afterward at the After Splash Bash party, which features complimentary hot food and beverages at Hutzell Athletic Center (located on the campus of the University of St. Francis, 2701 Spring Street, Fort Wayne, 46808).

The 2009 Polar Plunge events also feature a new Super Plunger program, which dares Plunge participants to go beyond the call of duty by raising a minimum of \$4,000 and participating in at least two Plunges at different sites, including the Indianapolis Plunge on February 28.

EXCEL INFORMATION

Huntington University's EXCEL Adult Degree Programs will hold an informational meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the ExecuTrain building on 7337 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne.

This free-of-charge event is open to anyone interested in the possibility of pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree through the EXCEL program. Carrie Hoffman, admissions consultant, will be on hand to

answer questions.

EXCEL offers evening classes tailored to the schedule of most working adults. Classes are held one night per week, one subject at a time. Classes last five to eight weeks and lead to an associate degree in organizational management or bachelor's degrees in accounting, business administration, human resource management or not-for-profit leadership.

EXCEL also offers the Gateway Program through which adults can take continuing education classes for personal enrichment or toward the completion of a college degree. As a student-focused program, EXCEL provides a high quality business education enriched by Christian ethics and perspectives.

EXCEL offers classes in Columbia City, Huntington and Wabash with courses to be offered in Fort Wayne beginning in February 2009.

For more information about the EXCEL program, log on to www.hu-excel.com, call (260) 563-2505 or (800) 600-4888, or e-mail excel@huntington.edu.

DINNER TO GO

Kids Kampus is cooking "Dinner To Go" on Friday, February 20th from 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. The child care center, located at 435 Campus Street in Huntington is offering Ready-To-Serve and Take-N-Bake Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce, Baked Ziti with Marinara Sauce, and Penne with Butter & Cheese. Each meal serves 4-6 people and comes with six breadsticks.

The cost for the Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce is \$15.00, Baked Ziti with Marinara Sauce is \$10.00, and Penne with Butter & Cheese is \$7.00. All orders must be received at Kids Kampus by

Friday, February 13th. Limited quantities will be available on Friday February 20th so please pre order.

All proceeds from the event will go towards Kids Kampus. For more information, or to place your order, please call Kids Kampus at (260) 356-0123 or e-mail them at vkorreck@pathfinderservices.org. Please make all checks payable to Kids Kampus.

FARMER HELP

Purdue University is offering a workshop series to take a comprehensive look at managing margin risk and help producers navigate uncharted waters in 27 different locations across Indiana. The Managing Margin Risk program is being offered in Huntington County using interactive videoconferencing technology. Sessions are being held weekly on Tuesday evenings (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) through February 24 at Huntington University, Science Hall – 2nd Floor Hiner Lecture Room (#225). The program is being sponsored locally by Halderman Farm Management and Real Estate Services, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Bippus State Bank, and Salamonie Mills.

Dates and topics for the four remaining sessions include:

* Feb. 3: What does the farm bill mean to you—will include an introduction to crop insurance, the new farm bill programs and how they influence each other.

* Feb. 10: Pricing alternatives at the local buyer—will cover market volatility and dynamics, the importance of basis and pricing alternatives at the elevator.

* Feb. 17: Crop insurance and marketing—will take a look at how the two work together.

* Feb. 24: Putting it all together in a plan to manage margin risk—will show farmers how their financial position affects their ability to take on margin risks and what strategies they should consider.

Speakers include Purdue Extension agricultural

economists - Allan Gray, Chris Hurt, George Patrick, Luc Valentin, and Corrine Alexander. Registration costs \$40 per person, which includes materials, handouts, and access to the course website. To register for this workshop, contact Ed Farris, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington at 260-358-4826.

ANNIE'S PROJECT

A series of workshops aimed at helping Midwestern farm women become more involved business partners will convene throughout Indiana on Feb. 19.

Annie's Project, sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service's Women in Agriculture team, will be held in 18 Indiana counties every Thursday from Feb. 19 through March 26. Half of each session will be presented via IP video, and the other half will feature local speakers.

"Annie's Project is a very valuable set of workshops, especially in this time of financial stress in agriculture," said Purdue Extension educator, Kelly Easterday. "At a time when it's vitally important to manage farm operations by margins, Annie's Project will emphasize ways to make better financial decisions."

Each of the sessions on the 6-week course will combine lectures, discussions, individual and small group activities and computer training. The IP video portion will be led four of the six weeks by expert speakers from Purdue. Week five will be a presentation by Lynn Lambert of Strategic Financial Group, LLC, who will teach participants about computer software and record keeping for the farm business.

"We are bringing in these speakers because they are the best in their respective fields,"

Easterday said. "Each of them will bring something incredibly valuable for the participating women to take home to their farm businesses."

Purdue speakers and their topics include:

* Farm Family Finances, Elizabeth Kiss, Purdue Extension financial management specialist

* Farm Financial Analysis, Freddie Barnard, Purdue Extension agricultural economist

* Marketing Crops and Livestock, Corinne Alexander, Purdue Extension agricultural economist

* Farm Business Plans, Maria Marshall, Purdue Extension agricultural economist

In addition to the practical, hands-on experience, Annie's Project will help participants develop a support network with others in the same professions. Registration is \$75 per person before Feb. 5. After Feb. 5, the fee is \$85. Registration includes a course notebook and Fast Tools, a software program that allows participants to assess their current farm financial situations and create financial plans for the future.

A brochure with more information about Annie's Project is available on the Web at http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/w_i_a/09AP%20State%20Brochure.pdf. Program brochures are also available by contacting Ed Farris, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington at 260-358-4826.



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.

- 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
- Feb 18 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Feb 23 Warren Town Council, 4 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Feb 26 Warren Recycle Day
- Feb 28 Angel Food Ministry Pick Up Day
- Mar 4 Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Mar 4 Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.

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 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus **Farmers Market** Saturdays 8-noon in Daugherty Parking Lot.

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HONORING LINCOLN

Voices of Lincoln's America
A Lincoln Celebration
Sunday, February 8, 2009,
4:00 p.m.
Arts United Center, downtown
Fort Wayne

Heartland Chamber Chorale hosts a community celebration on the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. Joining the Chorale are members of the Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Children's Choir, and Fort Wayne Philharmonic, with support from Civic Theater, IPFW and the University of Saint Francis.

Tickets available at www.heartlandchorale.org or 260-436-8080

SPONSORS NEEDED

The Indiana Department of Education is encouraging local schools and community organizations to sponsor food service programs for children from low-income families this summer. Although millions of children across the U.S. depend on free and reduced-price meals at school for nine months out of the year, just a fraction of eligible students receive these nutritious meals during the summer months.

"The biggest challenge in reaching more eligible children is simply a lack of sponsors and locations," said Dr. Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction. "We need more Hoosiers to step forward to help make sure Indiana students are healthy and ready to learn."

The Summer Food Service Program reimburses local sponsors that serve healthy meals and snacks to children 18 years and younger in low-income areas during the summer months. Sponsorship is open to public and private nonprofit groups, including local government entities, religious organizations, summer camps, recreation centers, and others. In addition to providing food service, many sponsors offer educational, enrichment or physical activities and may partner with others to do so.

How to become a Summer Food Service Program sponsor

The application deadline for potential Summer Food Service Program sponsors this year is April 27, 2009. All sponsors receive training to learn how to plan, operate and monitor a successful program. For more information on becoming a sponsor, call (800) 537-1142 or visit www.doe.in.gov/food/summer to complete the online interest survey. An informational video on the program is available at www.doe.in.gov/media/video/SummerMeals.html.

More about the Summer Food Service Program

Administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the federal level, the Indiana Department of Education approves local sponsors to operate the state's summer food programs. First created in 1968, the Summer Food Service Program for Children served nearly 130 million meals at more than 32,000 sites across the nation in the summer of 2008. Indiana had 147 participating sponsor organizations last year, serving over 800 sites across the state. Visit www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer for more details.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

JUDGES WORKSHOP

Adults interested in learning how to become 4-H Project Judges at county 4-H Fairs are invited to attend the Northeast Indiana 4-H Judges Workshop, Saturday, March 7. The event will be held at Northrop High School, 7001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

The workshop will begin with registration at 8:30 AM. A general session at 9 AM will explain the philosophy of judging 4-H projects, working with youth during the judging process and understanding project rules.

Breakout seminars will round out the morning workshop that will conclude at 12:15 PM. The breakout sessions will include: Geology, Crafts, Fashion Revue, Natural Resources & Entomology, New Judges, Floriculture, Sewing/Consumer Clothing, Scrapbooking, Photography, and Posters.

The event is being organized by Purdue Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Educators in Northeast Indiana. The workshop is open to all current or prospective 4-H judges who are interested in learning more about the 4-H judging process.

Registration forms, along with a payment of \$10 (workshop materials and refreshments) are due by Friday, February 27th.

For more information about the workshop and a registration form, contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Huntington, phone 260-358-4826 or email laldrigd@purdue.edu.

SWINE CLINIC

The Adams County 4-H program is hosting an educational swine workshop on Saturday, February 28 from 9 am - 12 noon at the Adams County 4-H Dining Hall, Adams County Fairgrounds, Monroe, Indiana. This workshop is open to all interested persons, 4-H youth and adults.

Educational topics and speakers include:

Selection - Al Snedegar, Farm Manager of the Swine Teaching & Research Center, Michigan State University

Feed & Nutrition - Brian Hines, Sunglo National Account Manager, Quincy, Michigan

Showmanship - Terry and Aimee Shaffer, of Shaffer's Gold Rush, Albany, Indiana

Overall Swine Health - Dr. Dale Hendrickson, DVM, Stoney Creek Veterinary Services

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Lunch will be served to all participants who respond by the deadline of February 20th. Reservations can be made at the Adams County Extension Office

at 260-724-5322 or email amyjohnson@purdue.edu. For more information, contact the Adams County Extension Office, 313 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 213, Decatur, IN 46733-1656.

NEW PROJECTS

Two new projects will be offered in the Huntington County 4-H program this year - Scrapbooking and Radio Control Vehicle Driving. Youth interested in these projects must enroll in one of the Huntington County 4-H clubs and complete an official 4-H enrollment form no later than April 1.

The purpose of the 4-H Scrapbooking project is to preserve special moments, memories and photographs. It is one source to help remember moments in our lives in a special way. Youth will express their personal creativity while learning about labeling, journaling and embellishing photos, letters and unique items to capture their memories in an album. The scrapbooking project will be judged on Thursday, July 23 at Flint Springs Elementary School, along with a number of other 4-H projects that will be displayed for public viewing during the annual Huntington County 4-H Fair at Hier's Park.

The Radio Control Vehicle Driving project is recommended for middle school and older youth and will teach safe driving habits and vehicle control using battery-operated 1/10th scale vehicles. This project will emphasize the importance of defensive driving while developing skills in reading road signs and driving in a safe manner. A series of meetings for the Radio Control Vehicle Driving project will begin on Monday, March 2 and continue on Monday evenings through April from 6-8:30 pm at Heritage Hall. Youth may bring their own radio control vehicles to use during the

meetings. There is a \$15.00 registration fee to cover expenses during the 8 week course.

For more information about these two new projects being offered in the Huntington County 4-H program, 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 laldrigd@purdue.edu.

H&P SCHOLARSHIP

4-H youth who are currently seniors in high school and enrolled in the 4-H Horse & Pony project are eligible to apply for the Area XI 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship. Applicants must be planning to enter post high school study or training following high school graduation. Selection criteria includes the applicant's involvement in the 4-H horse & pony project along with of 4-H and community activities.

Applications must be submitted to the Dekalb County Extension Office no later than Friday, February 27, 2009. Applicants will be notified of their standing by June 1 and award certificates will be presented to awardees during their county fair.

For more information about the Area XI 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship, contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or email laldrigd@purdue.edu.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

GROGG

Levella Grogg, 88, of Bluffton, Indiana died at 1:35 A.M. Thursday, January 29, 2009, at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Van Buren, Indiana to Alva Williamson and Grace (Slater) Williamson, she married James E. Grogg in Wells County, April 17, 1961. Her husband preceded her in death in 1972.

Mrs. Grogg was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Bluffton and Ossian.

Surviving relatives include a son, Bill Grogg (wife: Melissa) of South Whitley, a daughter, Mazlia Liest (husband: John) of Bluffton, one sister, Faye Williamson of South Whitley, two grandsons, Raymond Barton (wife: Wendy) of Bluffton and Gregory Barton (wife: Amber) of Bluffton, one Great-grand-daughter, Serenity Rowe of Bluffton and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Grogg was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Josie Williamson, two brothers, Issac Williamson and Claude Williamson.

Funeral services were held at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Rev. Craig Davis officiating. Burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com.



WHEELER

Charles E. Wheeler, 73 of Liberty Center passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009 at his home.

He was a 1953 graduate of East Union High School in Wells County. He was a farmer in Wells and Allen Counties for over 50 years. He was an ordained minister and evangelist for over 50 years.

He was born on July 20, 1935 in Wells County, a son of Merlin E. and Louise C. (Kehr) Wheeler. He was united in marriage to Catherine Mabe on November 6, 1972 in Huntington. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include seven sons: David Wheeler of Ohio; Tim Wheeler of New Haven; Roger Wheeler of New Haven; Dale Cleary of Fort Wayne; David Cleary of Danville, VA; Kevin Cleary of Danville, VA; Gaylon Barr of Lynn Grove, IN; five daughters: Joyce Mollette of Warren; Janet Spencer of Zanesville; Berniece Shenefield of Huntington; Bonnie Dawson of Danville, VA; Brenda Cassady of Kansas; a brother: Harold Wheeler of Bluffton; twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter: Christina Louise Wheeler.

Services were held at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, 415 N. Lee Street, Markle, Indiana. Interment was at the Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian, Indiana.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of N.E. Indiana or to the donor's choice of charity both in care of Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, P.O. Box 403,

Markle, IN 46770.

TARR

Wanda Elaine Tarr, 87, Berne, passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at the Swiss Village Retirement Community.

She was born Oct. 6, 1921, in Warren, to Virgil A. DeArmond and Meryl Wilson DeArmond. She married Floyd D. Tarr June 18, 1944, in Bluffton; her husband preceded her in death May 30, 1984.

Mrs. Tarr graduated from the P.A. Allen High School in Bluffton in 1939 and was a "stay at home mom" and homemaker. She lived in the Adams/Wells area most of her life and attended the Faith Baptist Church in Berne.

Survivors include two sons, David Dean (Carol) Tarr of Bluffton and John Edward (Jennifer) Tarr of Berne; two daughters, Gloria Jean (George) Kilmer of Marion and Elaine Ann (David) Tobias of Pilger, Neb.; six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and several step-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Robert E. (Doris) DeArmond of Fort Myers, Fla., and Dick A. (Beverly) DeArmond and Charles L. (Faye) DeArmond, both of Bluffton; and a sister, Rosamond Johnson of Markle.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Donald Lee Tarr, in 1981.

Services were held at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney, and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Brian Baughman and Chaplain Anita Rediger officiating. Burial was at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Faith Baptist Church in Berne.

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VICTORY BAKE-OFF

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All proceeds of the "Sweet Victory Bake-Off" go to the Heads Up!!! Foundation for children with cranial-facial anomalies, and Riley Hospital's Camp About Face.

To register for the Bake-Off by mail, download and print out the "Sweet Victory Bake-Off" Entry

Form available at www.sweetvictorybakeoff.com, or pick up an entry form at your local Marsh, O'Malia's or Bloomingfoods Grocery Store and mail it in to "Sweet Victory Bake-Off", PO Box 120, Medora, IN, 47260. Mail in entries must also include a check or money order for the entry fee (\$10 for adults; \$5 for ages 17 and under) payable to the Heads Up!!! Foundation. Have your entry in by February 16, 2009. Online registration is also available at www.sweetvictorybakeoff.com

All entries must be received no later than February 16, 2009. Finalists will be notified no later than February 21, 2009. If you're chosen as a finalist, you'll bring your dish to the National Maple Syrup Festival for judging.

It's for a good cause, it's part of the National Maple Syrup Festival, and it's full of sweet goodness. So roll up those sleeves, fire up the oven and prime your sweet tooth – it's baking time!



COUNTY WINNERS

Pictured above Left to Right - front row – Kayla Patrick, Mariah Patrick; Back row – Sarah Stine, Ashley Ambriole, Heath Rush, Brandt Walter

The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Organization recently recognized the winner of the 2009 County 4-H Theme & Design Contest. The following youth received awards for their participation in this annual contest:

1st place Theme & Design-Sarah Stine, Huntington Twp, Helping Hands 4-H Club - \$100 US Savings Bond, 4-H duffle bag and hoodie
2nd place Theme—Ashley Ambriole, Jackson Twp, Neighborhood Workers 4-H Club – 4-H hoodie

2nd place Design—Heath Rush, Huntington Twp, Golden Eagles 4-H Club, 4-H hoodie

3rd place Theme— Mariah Patrick, Clear Creek Twp, Hoosier Boosters 4-H club – 4-H T-shirt

3rd place Theme - Kayla Patrick, Clear Creek Twp, Hoosier Boosters 4-H club – 4-H T-shirt

3rd place Design—Brandt Walter, Jefferson Twp, Pork Chop 4-H club - T-shirt

The winning entry, "Learn and Create in 4-H" will be used on a variety of 4-H program materials during the year, including the County 4-H Fair Book which will be available in early March.



JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Jesus Christ Superstar, the groundbreaking theatrical masterpiece by legendary writing team Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is coming to the Honeywell Center in Wabash on February 12 for only one performance. The first collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be performed on the professional stage, Jesus Christ Superstar is one of the most popular and enduring works ever created for the musical theatre. Featuring such notable songs as Superstar, Everything's Alright and I Don't Know How to Love Him, Jesus Christ Superstar earned five Tony nominations.

Set in two acts, Jesus Christ Superstar tells the story of the final seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Superstar dramatizes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the unrest caused by his preaching and popularity, his betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, and his ultimate crucifixion. Perpetually changing the face of musical theatre Jesus Christ Superstar, will leave audiences captivated by its power.

As relevant and timeless as ever, Jesus Christ Superstar, the rock opera vision of "the greatest story ever told," is perhaps more potent in today's troubled world than when it was first produced. Now, for the new millennium, this magnificent story comes once again vividly to the stage with Ted Neeley re-creating his unforgettable performance.

Internationally beloved star Ted Neeley, best known for his Golden Globe nominated role as Jesus in the Norman Jewison film of Superstar will be headlining this tour of Jesus Christ Superstar. While Ted has enjoyed a distinguished career in resident theatres throughout

America, appearing in a wide variety of productions from Hair to the works of Samuel Beckett he is world renowned for the title role in Jesus Christ Superstar. Creating a fan base that borders on a cult-like phenomenon, this production heralds the long awaited triumphant return of Ted Neeley in the title role of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Director Dallett Norris (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Can-Can, South Pacific) says, "What could be better than having Ted Neeley, so grand in the film, on board as we delve into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's brilliant musical telling of this timeless story. Their idea of setting this tale in terms that immediately resonate with today's audiences is revolutionary. Here we are, twenty-one centuries later, and it is oh, so clear: we need the message of this story now more than ever."

Already seen and loved by thousands, don't miss the opportunity to introduce a new generation to this exhilarating and significant piece of musical theatre, Jesus Christ Superstar, the original rock opera.

Tickets are available at the Box Office, by phone at 260-563-1102 and online at www.honeywellcenter.org.

OTTER PROGRAM

Otters will be the center of attention during a program designed for preschoolers at Salamonie Reservoir, Feb. 18-19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The same program is being offered twice to accommodate more children.

Ages 2 to 5 are invited participate with their parent or caregiver. Activities and crafts focusing on otters will highlight the event.

There is a \$2 fee per child for the program. The property entrance

fee is waived for program attendees. Participants may bring a lunch to eat together after the event.

MODEL BUILDING

The 4-H Models Project continues to be a popular 4-H project in Wells County.

Participants can start off simple with their favorite kit that matches their age and skill level. As they improve their skills and become older they are encouraged to expand and try various techniques with painting, special glues or build their own model.

Exhibits at the 4-H Fair judging are divided into the following grade levels: Level 1, grades 3 – 5; Level 2, grades 6–8; and Level 3, grades 9 – 12.

Two models are selected each year at the county level to advance to the Indiana State Fair where they will compete with other 4-H exhibitors from across Indiana.

Youth may become 4-H members when they are in third grade and may continue their membership through grade 12 for a maximum of 10 years. (Mini 4-H members may join when they are in grades 1 & 2.)

4-H enrollment forms will be available at the 4-H Open House, Saturday, February 28, 8 AM – 12 Noon, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Purdue Extension Service – Wells County Office, 824-6412, or rsherer@purdue.edu

RECITAL AT HU

The Huntington University Chamber Trio will present a recital at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the Longaker Recital Hall of the Merillat Centre for the Arts. The trio will feature Elizabeth Smith, violin; Marlene Schleiffer, oboe; and Steven Bergdall, keyboard.

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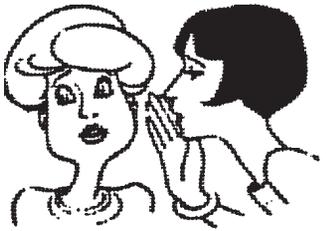
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The recital is open to the public, and admission is free.

CLUB NEWS

5th District American Legion Auxiliary met January 17, 2009 at Van Buren Post.

President Rosemary Hammons brought the meeting to order. Sgt @ Arms, Anna Pickard placed the POW-MIA flag. Chaplain Belinda Ritenour gave opening prayer. Secretary Kim Huffman called the roll and read minutes. Treasurer Virginia Baker gave finance report. Membership Chr Irene Pickard said 5th District is in 6th place and we have 4 100% units. Chaplain Belinda said she has sent "get well cards" and read the names of deceased members for the month. Historian Sue Fugitt asked for pictures and clippings for her History book. Americanism Chr Roxy Stoner, Girl Scout Achievement Award due Feb 10th. Americanism Essay and Coloring Contest due April 15, 2009. Community Service Chr Donna Baker, Food Banks need money and food. Homeless shelters for veterans need help also. Education Chr Belinda, give 10 to Education. National Presidents award goes to a military personnel child.

VA Hospital Chr Irene Davis, Had Bingo Party, served 52 veterans. IN Veterans Home: Send cards to your sponsored person, any or every holiday.

Finance Chr Thelma Butler: Chinese auction next meeting. Poppy Chr Carolyn Cunningham, Corsages 1st place Montpelier Unit, 2nd place Kokomo Unit 6.

CLUB NEWS

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary met January 8, 2009.

President Julie Webb opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Anna Pickard placed the POW-MIA flag and gave opening prayer. Secretary Jere Edwards called roll and read minutes. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report.

Irene Pickard brought up they

are going to close Knightstown Home after graduation in May 2009.

Junior Activities Chr Julie Webb asked for donations for the Womens Shelter for the Juniors to take over.

Valentines Dance for the Juniors is at the post February 13, 2009.

Fish Fry is Friday, February 13, 2009.

Next meeting February 5, 2009.

Those attending Jere Edwards, Julie Webb, Anna Pickard, Betty Turner, Carol Ritter, Lequita Taylor, Waneta Linton, Linda Long, Elisha Butler, Irene Pickard.

LIFEGUARD TESTS

Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs lifeguarding tests will be held at no cost to the participants for those wanting to work at State Park and Reservoirs properties, starting March 29. These tests are only for applicants who are already certified in Lifeguarding and CPR for the Professional Rescuer before attending this test.

The test serves as a hiring tool to allow applicants a chance to show their guarding knowledge and abilities. We want to assure that our guards are of the highest quality. Guards who need to recertify must do so on their own through their local Red Cross or YMCA when such classes are offered throughout the year, prior to the swim season.

Registration for each test starts at 8:30 a.m. The actual test starts at 9 a.m. It is likely building will not be unlocked until 8:30 a.m., so participants should plan accordingly.

The Indiana State Parks and Reservoir lifeguarding test schedule follows.

Sunday, March 29, at the Harrison County YMCA, Corydon - Take I-64 to Exit 105. Go south on Highway 135, turn left onto Highway 337 South. This will take you toward downtown Corydon. Follow Highway 337 South, approximately 1 mile until you see "Shanghai Chinese Restaurant and State Farm/Schuler Bauer on Left. The road (Foundation Way) goes to the YMCA is between these businesses.

Sunday, April 5, at Ball State University, Muncie - Ball State's pool, the Lewellen Aquatic Center, is down the "main road" on campus, McKinley. Enter by the pool and follow signs to room HP 100.

Sunday April 19th, Bloomington High School North - Bloomington High School North is off Indiana 37. Sign-in is at the cafeteria.

LESH SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation, Inc. is offering the Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship to Huntington County residents. The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship was established by Mr. Lesh's family in honor and memory of their father who practiced law in Huntington for many years. The purpose of the scholarship is to support and encourage students who wish to pursue a career in the legal profession.

The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship will be awarded from the Joseph Lesh Fund administered by the Community Foundation. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a Huntington North High School senior or graduate enrolled as a full-time college student majoring in law or other law-related careers. Huntington County residents currently attending law school are also eligible for the scholarship. Past scholarship recipients are also eligible to apply.

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Montpelier Boys Tournament 7th Grade Champions

The 7th grade Salamonie Rebels defeated West Jay 50 vs 35. Kennan Mooberry and Matt Knight were the top scorers with 10 pts each, Ethan Riddell sunk the ball for 8 pts and Grant Canady & Robert Sliger each had 7. Coach Rod Sprinkle stated "Our Defense was awesome once again! The ball movement was excellent-Compliments on how well we play as a team!" The Rebels then played Adams Central for the Title Game. The Rebels defeated Adams Central 38 to 34 - Wyatt Cocklin lead the team with 12 pts, Grant Canady scored 11, Ethan Riddell scored 10 and Kennan Mooberry scoring 5! Coach Rod Sprinkle stated "Rebels Defense started strong and they played an awesome, exciting game!" The Rebels 7th Grade Boys are now 12 and 1.

Pictured above: First Row L-R: Jared Bradford, Grant Canady, Kennan Mooberry, Ethan Riddell, Austin Rosen, Cam Buzzard; Second Row L-R: Brayden Poulson, Robert Sliger, Brady Herr, Wyatt Cocklin, Matt Knight, and Colton Mooberry; Top Row Coach Rod Sprinkle and Manager Kody Smith

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lot of thinking of how to downsize the garden and flower beds, it is getting to be a bit more than I can handle, so this keeps me thinking on the long winter days.

Next week will be Valentines Day and I have a cookbook that has all chocolate recipes in it. I will share one that might be nice for a special someone.

Triple-Tier Chocolate Pie
3 large egg whites, 1 pie shell, 1/2 teaspoon vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 4 oz serving size instant chocolate pie filling, 2 cups chocolate milk. Allow egg whites to stand at room temp for 30 minutes. Bake pie shell according to directions. For the meringue, in large bowl beat egg whites, vinegar and cinnamon till forms soft peaks, gradually add sugar 1 tablespoon at a time beating on high speed about 4 minutes or until it forms stiff glossy peaks. Spread meringue over bottom of cooled pie crust and the sides. If you want to get fancy make swirls with a decorator bag around the

top edge of crust. Bake for 15 minutes at 325. For the filling prepare according to package directions except use the chocolate milk. Pour into the cooled pie shell cover with plastic wrap and chill about 2 hours. Top with White chocolate whipped cream. In a small sauce pan combine 1/4 cup whipping cream and 2 ounces white chocolate bark, heat over low heat to melt the bark. Cool completely and in a chilled mixing bowl beat 1/2 cup whipping cream at low speed till forms peaks add the cooled chocolate mix and continue beating till forms soft peaks. Dollop spoonfuls of mix on the pie and garnish with chocolate sprinkles. Or take a short cut and use cool whip and the sprinkles. Happy Valentines Day and also **Happy Birthday John.**

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