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Thought for the Week: A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away. Phyllis McGinley



PHOTO: (L-R) Ean McIntosh as Henry, Brenner Newsom as Benny, Hannah DuBois as Jessie, and Ava McIntosh as Violet

SSF NEWS

The Salamonie Summer Festival committee is looking for pictures of past queens, also maybe their sashes and tiaras, if they still have them. We are also in need of festival pictures or anything related to the festival in the past 50 years. If you have anything you can loan us that would be great. Pictures can be scanned directly out of your photo albums, you do not need to take them out of your books. Call me if you have anything we can borrow at 260-375-2436.

TENDERLOIN FRY

The Van Buren Lions are having a tenderloin fry on February 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Meal consists of tenderloin, baked beans, apple sauce and chips for \$7.50. Carry-outs will be available and Sandwiches Only are \$5.00 each.

PAGEANT INFO

The Miss Warren pageant is quickly approaching and will be held Sunday March 12, 2017 at 3:00pm at the Warren Church of Christ. The winners will serve in roles throughout the year at events such as the Salamonie Summer Festival,

Scarecrow Festival & the Holiday Walk and Festival of Trees. Entry forms are available on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/MissWarrenPageant and in person at East of Chicago Pizza.

Deadline for entries is February 25th. No late entries will be accepted.

All contestants will be invited to a 'Get Acquainted Social' on Sunday March 5 at 3:00pm where they will receive further information & have photos taken. There will again be 3 age groups: Little Miss Warren 5-8 years old, Junior Miss Warren 9-13 years old, and Miss Warren 14-18 years old. Please check the entry form for more details and if you have questions contact Carly at 260-504-6594. Don't forget to like our page on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest information.

We look forward to a great turnout this year!

PESTICIDE WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be held for crop growers on Tuesday February 28. The sessions will be held at two different locations including IAB Bank Heritage Hall at the Huntington Co. Fairgrounds and at the Allen County Extension Office located at 4001 Crescent Ave. in Fort Wayne, IN.

Topics will include:

- Management of Corn Ear Rots and Mycotoxins

- Agronomic Tools To Help with Tight Margins

- Controlling Drift

Speakers for the program will be Charles Woloshuk, Purdue Extension Specialist, along with Ed Farris and James Wolff, Purdue Extension Educators. Light refreshments will be served at each location.

The Allen County program will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.). RSVP by 2/24/17 @ 260-481-6826 or e-mail jmwolff@purdue.edu. Note that seating is limited at this location.

The Huntington County program will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.). RSVP by 2/24/17 @ 260-358-4826 or e-mail emfarris@purdue.edu.

These workshops are approved Indiana Private Applicator Recertification Programs. A \$10 fee is required for those who wish to obtain recertification credit for attending the program. Attendees who wish to obtain credit are reminded to bring their Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license number with them.

Individuals with an Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license can find more information about scheduled recertification programs online by visiting this Website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/ppp>.

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THE BOXCAR CHILDREN

Opens at the Pulse February 24

Generations of young readers have cherished the spirited Depression-era adventures of The Boxcar Children and now the Alden children's story comes to life on stage. Orphaned and in danger of being sent to different foster home, the four siblings run away and make their home in an abandoned railroad boxcar. Pursued by the authorities and a mysterious stranger, the children discover the rewards and perils of life on the run, as well as the joy of keeping their family together.

In keeping with the theme of family, many of the cast members are related. Families involved in the show include April, Dylan & Ean McIntosh; Abby, Ava & Hannah DuBois; David, Mackenzie & Tammy Parker; and Matt & Ellie Stephenson.

School shows are scheduled for March 15 & 16. There are still opening for elementary school classes. The Home School performance is Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 pm. There will be a Question & Answer session following that performance and teacher's packets will be available.

Performances are scheduled for February 24, 25, 26 and March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4:00 p.m. The theatre is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street in Warren.

Reservations may be made online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at 260-375-7017.

The Boxcar Children is produced by special arrangement with Plays for Young Audiences, a partnership of Seattle Children's Theatre & Children's Theatre Company-Minneapolis.

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HCCOA ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Huntington County Council on Aging would like to thank all those who attended our fish and chicken dinner on Friday, February 3. We served 477 dinners at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren.


The following businesses and families have donated or sponsored items to this event: DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, Gebhart's Floral Barn, The Flower Pot, Gene and Donna Lahr, Heritage Pointe United Methodist Memorial Community, Justin Wall of Wall Legal Services, Kim's Katered Affair, Miller's Merry Manor and Oakbrook Village.

A special thank you to our Corporate Sponsors; Citizens Telephone Corporation and iAB Financial Bank.

The following people donated their time to this events: Sandy Allen, Jim & Carol Anderson, Keith & Mary Ann Eller, Jonathan & Sue Ellet, Beverly Himes, Gene & Donna Lahr, Dick & Barbara Murray, Dan & Sue Rumble, Holly Saunders, Jim & Beverly Shively, Dale Smith, Steve Higgins, Sheriff Terry Stoffel, Deputy Sheriff Chris Newton, Jackie Okuly, RaeAnne Smith, Ruth Winkler, Ben & Katie Hudson, Warren Boy Scouts of America Troop 22 and Cub Pack 3122, Ron Hall, Angie Pearson, Phil Daily, Myrna Neff, Shane McVoy, Peg Smallwood, Sara Brooks, Camy Naragon, Rose & Dick Meldrum, Steve & Darren Jackson, Rochelle DeHaven, Tom Wall, Richard & Becky Hawley, Brenda Whitker, Marcos Salinas, Michael Saunders, Jacob Enyart and Chad Hammel.

We do want to thank everyone who came and helped. We look forward to seeing you next year on February 2, 2018.

Sincerely,
 Dick Murray, Assistant Director,
 Huntington County Council on Aging.



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- * Local Event Calendar * Forms
- * Archives of past Warren Weeklys
- * Antiquity Tales - a new blog
- * Classified & Subscription Forms

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 6:00p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Bus Service 375-2510
www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 Paul Burris, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 Pam Thompson, 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
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Josh Johnson
 Morning Worship9:30 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
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.
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PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Jill Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 Pastor Cindy Osgood
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Directors
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 4-5:30p
 Grades 6-12 5:30 - 7p

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm

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AREA NEWS

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If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 S. Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

CHICKEN/NOODLE DINNER

Blackford County 4-H & Open Fairboard, Inc. will be hosting a Chicken & Noodle Dinner, Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The menu will include Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, roll & butter, corn, dessert & beverage. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults (11 years and older) and \$5.00 for youth (10 years and younger).

Dinner will be served in the 4-H Building at 310 Park Ave, Hartford City.

Tickets are available from Fairboard members, at the Purdue Cooperative Extension Office and at the door the day of the dinner.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

At the sixth Parkview Huntington Community Gala – set for Saturday, April 29 – a local force for enhancing the provision of healthcare will be recognized with a unique award.

You can have an important role in selecting the honoree.

Nominations for the Dr. R.B. Peare and Dr. John B. Kay Award for Excellence in Health Care are being sought from the public, as well as from Parkview Huntington Hospital and Parkview Physicians Group staff members and physicians. Presentation of the award – named for two Huntington physicians instrumental in advancing health services locally, and in establishing the current Parkview Huntington Hospital – will be the evening's centerpiece.

Past Peare-Kay Award recipients include:

2011 Marilyn Rittenhouse, RN

2012 Duane Hougendobler, MD

2013 Mary Wilson, RN

2014 Ruth Wall, RN

2016* Anil V. Rao, MD

Award overview

The 2017 award will go to recipient(s) who have made significant and lasting contributions to the advancement of healthcare in Huntington County and the surrounding area. The recipient(s) can be an individual, a group of people, or an organization whose primary contribution(s), for recognition purposes, must

have occurred from 1960 to the present.

To nominate an exceptional individual, group or organization for this award:

- Provide a brief explanation as to the nominee's achievements, impact, etc. Please limit this supporting information to 100 words or less and submit it in a typed format.

- Mail or hand-deliver your nomination to the Parkview Huntington Foundation office at Parkview Huntington Hospital, 2001 Stults Road, Huntington, IN 46750, or e-mail it to foundation director Mike Perkins at mike.perkins@parkview.com.

Deadline for nominations is close of business Monday, Feb. 27. A committee of hospital staff and members of the community will consider the nominations and select the recipient.

News about the Gala

The Parkview Huntington Community Gala has a new location this year: Chief Richardville Room, Historic Forks of the Wabash, 3011 W. Park Drive, Huntington

The Peare-Kay Award is the main event of the evening, which will also include gourmet dining, a sparkling atmosphere, and a surprise or two.

The Gala is organized by the boards of directors of Parkview Huntington Hospital and the Parkview Huntington Foundation.

For reservation information, call the Parkview Huntington Foundation office at (260) 355-3316.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, February 13, 2017 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Steve Buzzard; Tracey Brown(Absent); Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; Huntington County Tab reporter and others.

President Glessner announced the opening of the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2017 were approved as submitted.

A proposal to clean the river banks in the area between Nancy and Main streets was discussed by Mike Haggerty, property owner in the area.

He stated that he had been in contact with other

property owners and a Volunteer Task Force was being established. Noted was that the concrete added to the bank was an eyesore and should be covered.

Morrison cited that a search for possible grants for such activity would be sought.

Haggerty also cited that Warren Health and Fitness would have events on July 1st and July 4th and requested some police coverage for those events.

He also reported that discussion was being held on hosting a concert prior to the fireworks event and requested input into what would be required. In discussion it was determined that events should be scheduled through the Salamonie Summer Festival Committee and that a parking plan would have to be submitted due to large number of people already in Tower Park for fireworks and other events on that date.

Roxanna Surfus requested that an alley running parallel to Wayne Street between Tenth and Ninth Street be paved as it has high use. It will be considered when the next paving project is planned. In concerns about rebuilding a porch on her property which does not meet setback requirements, she was advised to check with the Department of Community Development.

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Feb 13 5:00p W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall

Feb 15 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting

Feb 16 5:00p W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall

Feb 18 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting

Feb 20 PRESIDENT'S Day

Feb 20 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC

Mar 1 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon at Assembly Hall

Mar 1 7:00p V - Town Council meeting

Mar 6 5:00p Veteran's Banquet @ Banquo Christian Church

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support

Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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Marla Stambazze of the Huntington County Department of Community Development submitted an updated report on the property at 907 N. Main Street. While an existing order for demolition does exist and bids have been received, the tenants have moved forward with upgrading the property and have met plumbing requirements. Electric work cannot be approved as the contractor has not signed the release form. Following discussion, Stivers moved that the demolition order be put on hold for an additional thirty days and that the order be lifted if the electrician signs off. Buzzard seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Contracts were submitted for Council action related to the installation of a new well and based on discussion at the previous meeting. Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, to sign a contract with Linker Construction in the amount of \$22,500 for well house building construction. The motion was approved unanimously. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to sign a contract with Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$58,471 for installation of the well. The motion was approved unanimously. Glessner moved, Stivers seconded, a motion to approve a contract with Kleenco Maintenance & Construction for electrical, mechanical, main work in the amount of \$81,480. The motion was approved unanimously.

As the local emergency sirens are being activated by Miami County and Peru, J&K Communications has notified that a new frequency may need to be licensed with the local siren being reprogrammed. Buzzard moved, Glessner seconded, that Poulson continue working with J&K and the County to remedy the situation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reminded that a county wide meeting with

the Department of Community Development to discuss update of planning is scheduled for February 23rd.

Submitted was a contract from MasTec, representing AT&T, to allow for maintenance work at the Cellular Site on the Water Tower on Eleventh Street involving replacement of three outdated antennas and related equipment and installation of new. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner, to approved the agreement and the motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that employee Dustin Fortney has filed for short term disability due to an injury outside of the workplace. The injury will require surgery which will result in an extended leave. Morrison reported that applications and forms have been filed with the insurance company for the coverage.

Introduced was Ordinance 2017-1, an Ordinance to amend the current Wages and Benefits of Town Utility Employees, moving Lee Poulson from salary to hourly rate. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner to suspend rules allowing for consideration of an Ordinance at the meeting at which it was introduced. The motion was approved unanimously. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to adopt Ordinance 2017-1. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted the Annual Financial Report to the Council as it has been submitted for publication.

Also submitted was Form 1782 from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance citing approval of the 2017 Municipal Budget as submitted with \$1100 in adjustments to be made in nontax funds.

Marshal Spitler submitted the January Activity report and stated that the Police Vehicle was being built as of this date.

Poulson as Fire Chief submitted the January Activity report and explained

the new format. Submitted was a quote from Motorola for purchase of two radios for the department in the amount of \$5,302.82. Approval given by consensus for one half of the cost as Salamonie Township would be responsible for the other half. Reported was the #802, pumper, and #804, tanker, are being repaired.

Poulson as Utility Manager submitted a quote for ceiling repair at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$3800 from Zeller Construction. It was the only quote received. Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, approval of the project.

Motion approved unanimously. WESCO has quoted the cost of six poles for the lighting improvements on Second St from Main to Nancy at \$2225 each. It is necessary to order the poles immediately as there is a ship date of 80 days from order. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the order. The

motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson submitted a quote for purchase of a Bobcat with tracks to replace a twelve year old unit which is in need of extensive repair. The original cost of the unit is \$66,423.10 but with Municipal Discount and Trade in value of \$30,500, the actual purchase price was set at \$36,664.10. Buzzard moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Stivers. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Council is March 13, 2017.

SHREK MUSICAL

Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona and Lord Farquaad are coming to Huntington University's stage as the Huntington University Theatre Company proudly presents Shrek the Musical. Opening night is March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The performances will be held in the Zurcher

Auditorium of the Merillat Center for the Arts on March 30 & 31 and April 1, 6, 7 & 8. Performances are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Afternoon matinees will be presented on April 1 & 8 at 2 p.m. An educational matinee for areas schools and home schools is scheduled for Friday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m.

In this truly unique musical, you will join Shrek as he reluctantly sets out with his new found pal Donkey to save the fair Princess Fiona and return her to her promised husband, Lord Farquaad. Unfortunately, none of Shrek and Donkey's plans go smoothly in this outrageous adventure, particularly in the realm of love. You'll laugh as the duo attempts to save Princess Fiona from the highest room in the tallest tower of a castle protected by a fierce fire-breathing dragon. Audiences of all ages will appreciate the humor, heart and unlikely

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SHROVE TUESDAY

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GENEALOGY REPORT

KRAMER

Paul O. Kramer, 90, of Marion, IN, and having ties to Van Buren, IN, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at 10:20 a.m. at his home.



Mr. Kramer was a 1944 graduate of Van Buren High School. He was a produce manager for A&P in Marion for 38 years.

He was born April 30, 1926, in Germany to Otto and Emilie Kramer. He married Betty M. Clark on Jan. 1, 1944, in Grant County, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 20, 1998.

Survivors include a daughter, Terry (Mark Reece) Stephenson, of Van Buren; a son, Rick (Donna) Kramer, of Marion; a daughter-in-law, Linda Kramer, of Marion; six grandchildren, Lisa (Marvin) Corey, Tom (Karen) Stephenson, Kelly Wright, Corey (Gabe) Wagner and Chris Kramer, all of Marion, and Craig Kramer, of Van Buren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Calling is Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren. A service of celebration will follow immediately after at 4 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Heath Jones officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

GEARHEART

Thomas Paul Gearheart, 66, of Hartford City, IN, and having family members in Warren, IN, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at IU Health Blackford Hospital, in Hartford City.



Mr. Gearheart graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1969 and attended Ball State University for two years. He joined the United States Air Force in 1971 and served for 20 years, working in weather maintenance. He later worked as an electrical technician for the

Indianapolis Post Office. He attended Asbury Church and served on the board of directors for the church cemetery. He was a member of Millard Brown Post 156 of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 21, 1950, in Wells County to Jim and Elsie Moss Gearheart. He married Joyce Miller on July 3, 1970, at Asbury Church, and she survives.

Additional survivors include four sons, Jason Gearheart, of Columbus; Damien (Kelly Murphy) Gearheart, of Phoenix, AZ; Jeremy (Jessica) Gearheart, of New Ross; and Kevin (Ciera) Gearheart, of Indianapolis; seven brothers, Jerry (Sharyl) Gearheart, of Thackery, OH; John Gearheart, of Warren; Mike (Natalie) Gearheart, of Durango, CO; Dale (Joan) Gearheart, and Joe (Liz) Gearheart, both of Montpelier; Lee (Penny) Gearheart, of Henderson, TX; and Steve (Carolyn Beckley) Gearheart, of Eaton; three sisters, Carolyn (Larry) Bayless, of The Villages, FL; Linda (Steve) Geisman, of Chapel Hill, TN; and Kathy (Gary) Rhodes, of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Juanita Gearheart, of Bullock, TX; a brother-in-law, Larry Hunt, of Petroleum; and six grandchildren.

Calling is Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. A service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at 11

a.m., with Rev. Phillip Freel officiating. Interment will be at Asbury Cemetery, in Montpelier, with military rites conducted by the United States Air Force and Millard Brown Post 156 of the American Legion.

Memorial gifts may be made to Asbury Church, 7959W-1200S-90, Montpelier, IN 47359.

BEAR

Mildred I. Bear, 80, of Warren, passed away at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2016, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 22, 1936, in Bluffton, to Roscoe and Frieda Kuntz Denney. She married Rex O. Bear on Sept. 26, 1952; he preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1999.

She was a homemaker and attended Lafayette Center High School. Her constant companion was her dog, Katie. She enjoyed reading, flower gardening and spending time working and sitting out in her yard.

She is survived by her children, Ricky L. (Loretta) Bear of Land O'Lakes, Fla., Gary L. (Cindy) Bear of Ossian, and Teresa Bear of Bluffton; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter Denney of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Eileen Reddin of Shalimar, Fla., and Georgina Roth of Bluffton.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements

have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

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TAYLOR

Mary Jane Taylor, 81, of Bluffton, passed away at 2:07 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, at Vibra Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mary Jane was born Aug. 12, 1935, in Chester Township, Wells County, to Lester C. and Mabel V. (Sheets) Taylor, and was raised by her stepfather Floyd Spade.

She graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1953. She retired from the Kmart Corporation, where she worked for over 35 years. She was a member of the First Reformed Church, where she served for many years as the Sunday School secretary and was on the board of Christian Education.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Jo Spade of Warren; along with nieces and nephews, Kathy (Dave) Golden of Zanesville, Steve (Linda) Sturgeon and Jim (Carol) Sturgeon, both of Bluffton, Beth (Bryan) Zukowski of Glenwood Springs, Co., Meg (Kent) Ulery of Arlington Heights, Ill., David (Sandy) Spade of McCordsville, Connie (Craig) Mounsey of Huntington, and Jackie (Dan) Norris of Markle.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William M. Spade; and two sisters, Patricia Ann Turner and Jean L. Sturgeon.

A service to celebrate Mary Jane's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral

Home in Bluffton. Celebrant Jeff Lemler will officiate. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Calling hours will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorials may be made to First Reformed Church or Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

JIMENEZ

Anthony Bulmaro Jimenez, 10, of Anderson, died at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 at his residence. He is the grandson of Montpelier residents and the great-grandson of a Bluffton resident.

He was born April 26, 2006, in Marion, to Carlos Alarcon Jimenez and Michelle Lee Ocasio Jimenez. His parents survive in Marion.

Also surviving are a brother, Marcus Jimenez of Anderson and two sisters, Andrea R. Jimenez and Baylyn Irene-May Jimenez, both of Anderson. Also surviving are two grandparents of Jackson Twp., Dan and Edwina Ocasio, and a great-grandmother in Bluffton, Charlene L. Mercer.

Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Keplinger Funeral Home, in Hartford City. Services will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

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romance found in Shrek the Musical.

"Huntington University Theatre and Music departments are thrilled to bring this highly entertaining musical to our community. We've assembled a talented and energetic cast of HU students, faculty and community members," stated Professor Jay Duffer, associate professor of Theatre Arts and Department Chair. "Ja'Shon Burks (Senior Music Education major) stars in the title role along with Amber Zangari (Senior Theatre Performance major) cast in the feisty role of Princess Fiona. We are going BIG with this production. A large cast, live musicians, great sets, costumes, makeup...all to tickle your funny bone! Don't miss this wonderful production!"

Shrek the Musical was adapted into musical form by David Lindsay-Abaire and the music was composed by Jeanine Tesori. For Huntington's production, a guest director and choreographer has returned to the HUTC to lead the cast and crew.

"HUTC is excited to bring back guest director and choreographer, Robin Higginbotham.

Higginbotham is a professional New York City based actress, director and choreographer. She has many regional and NYC credits. She also regularly directs and performs for Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre festival in Virginia. She is a long-time member of Actors' Equity Association, the professional union for American actors.

Higginbotham previously directed HUTC's successful 2013 production of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," said Duffer.

For ticket reservations and information contact the Box Office at (260) 359-4261 or purchase tickets online at www.huntington.edu/theatre. Tickets are priced at \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors, \$9 for HU faculty and staff, and \$5 for HU students.

HP SPORTS

Heritage Pointe winners week of February 9, 2017:

Congratulations to the pool winners this week who were Bill Couch and Norm Hiser. Runners- up were Virginia Landon and Kay Mounsey. There were 16 players. Good luck to all for next week.

Wi-Fi winners this week were Bob Slusser with a series of 171 and Bob had a high game of 203. Next was Sawdust Minnich with a series of 159. Then Mary Dungan with a series of 133.

TAYLOR THEATRE PRESENTS

Taylor Theatre presents Andrew Bovell's When the Rain Stops Falling February 24-25 and March 3-4 at 8pm, February 26 and March 5 at 2pm at Taylor University's Mitchell Theatre. Friday performances include a post-show panel discussion. Purchase tickets through Taylor University Theatre's website, Facebook and Twitter pages, or contact the box office: 765-998-5289 and boxoffice@taylor.edu. For mature audiences only.

It's 2039. A fish falls from the sky and lands at Gabriel's feet. Where did it come from? Gabriel's estranged son decides to visit for dinner. What does he want? To know about his past? Gabriel barely knows his own past. From 1959 to 2039, from London to Australia, When the Rain Stops Falling follows the fragmented history and mystery of Gabriel's family and the falling fish.

"This play is one part mystery, one part drama, one part comedy... a sort of montage, " states director Tracy Manning. "The playwright challenges us to think about the effects of human actions on both the natural environment and future generations. These characters are in deep conflict due to damaging choices they've made, but in the midst of pain, they share a meal of fish together. Because of my Faith tradition, I cannot get away from the power of that metaphor. This parallels the reality of Christ's reconciliation with his people—that grace, that offering of forgiveness. It is a beauty that overrides all the muck of human experience. Reconciliation is not just a contemporary cultural buzzword. It is about being made right. We're broken, and we need healed. We despair, and we need hope. We need to see that it can happen because, maybe, if reconciliation is possible for these characters, it can be possible for us, too."

Taylor Theatre provides an immersive experience for audiences and participants by pursuing excellence on and off the stage, embracing difficulty and asking questions in pursuit of truth.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The next Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be March 6. The featured speaker will be Jen Rankin, the executive director for the Wabash

County Solid Waste Management District.

Rankin will be speaking about the volunteer group "The Wabash River Defenders". The Defenders are responsible for cleaning up miles of trash in and along the shores of the Wabash River.

The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon in the Salamonie Interpretive Center. A main dish of a sloppy joe sandwich will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A one dollar donation is accepted.

Salamonie Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

CAMPGROUND HOSTS NEEDED

Several of Indiana's state parks, forests and state recreation areas are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.

Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The length of the volunteer period varies by property based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required.

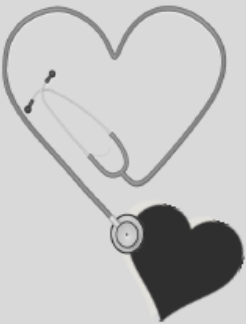
Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with people and DNR staff.

A complete list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties are at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

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THERE MUST BE A PONY IN HERE SOMEWHERE

There's the story about twin 6-year-old boys who were total opposites. One was always dreadfully sad and the other always vibrantly happy.

Their parents took them to a psychiatrist in hopes of balancing their personalities somewhat.

The psychiatrist first focused on the sad child, taking him to a room filled to the ceiling with brand new toys of all kinds. But instead of yelping with delight, the little boy burst into tears, saying he had seen much better toys at Walmart.

Next the psychiatrist took the happy child into a room piled to the ceiling with horse manure. Instead of wrinkling his nose in disgust, the little boy screamed with delight, climbed to the top of the manure pile, and started digging.

The psychiatrist asked him what he was doing.

"With this much manure," the little fellow responded, "there must be a pony in here somewhere."

Christians tend to be happy people and optimistic people. They tend to have absolute trust that God will meet their needs, and that kind of faith brings smiles.

You may recall the Apostle Paul wrote about "the peace of God that passes all understanding" in Philippians 4:7.

That kind of peace brings contentment. Contentment brings smiles. And smiles are contagious. Happy Christians can make others feel good just by being in the same room with them.

No one should ever feel guilty about being joyful. When everything seems to be running amuck in this world, it's still OK to find joy. In fact, happy Christians can have their greatest impact when times are tough.

When things were changing in the life of the Old Testament hero Joshua, God offered encouragement.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord

your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Why would we ever be frightened or dismayed if we believed the Lord is with us wherever we go?

How to know peace of mind amid turmoil is no secret. It's proclaimed throughout the Bible. This kind of peace comes naturally when you have a relationship with Jesus.

I've known an awful lot of people who have felt the need to go to the dentist office after meeting Jesus. They wanted their teeth cleaned, because they simply couldn't get that ear-to-ear smile off their faces.

They're as happy as that little boy on the manure pile digging for a pony.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

LESSONS YOU CAN LEARN FROM HAVING THE FLU

There's a wonderful cartoon by Gary Larson depicting two mosquitos on the skin of a human and one of the mosquitos has her sucker in the human and her body is swollen up like a balloon that's ready to burst. The other mosquito says, "Pull out! Betty! Pull out!!! You've hit an artery!"

I had the flu in January and during my illness I really learned a valuable thing. I noticed that when I'd start to entertain scary thoughts (mainly of dying) it was like a stream of thought that if I allowed myself to go there, I'd get swept up in fear. That's when the image of Gary's mosquito cartoon came to me. So whenever I'd start to think a negative thought that could go into a rushing stream of more negative thoughts, I'd say to myself, "Pull out! Betty! Pull out!!!" So far it has stopped me every time and made me giggle! It was great to put such humor to my situation and I know it aided in my healing. I love the name Betty for a mosquito and I love Gary for his incredible humor.

The interesting thing is that I've used Betty the mosquito for all manner of negative thought now that I'm not sick! When I start to get mad, sad, worried

and such I immediately say, "Pull out! Betty! Pull out!!! Then I poke my sucker into a thought artery of joy, excitement, peace, or whatever positive artery I chose. It is amazing how much power we have to change our minds.

If we can practice pulling out before we get into deep doo doo, we can keep our minds full of positive ideas un-mucked-up by past or future negative thought patterns. As we keep our minds stayed on positive ideas our circumstances begin to change in good ways as we stand guard at that doorway of thinking.

I discovered that being ill is a great time to de-clutter even more than the regular surface de-cluttering we do every day. When you look at your stuff with "sick" eyes you really can question why you're holding onto anything you don't use

regularly. I took a very serious look at the bookshelves in my office and I decided if I haven't looked in a book on my shelf in the last year, it's time for it to go. I did the same with CDs and DVDs.

I've always said there are some things in the home that reproduce when you're not looking, referring to jars, plastic shopping bags, twist ties, business pens and such, but I hadn't considered cassette tapes, CDs and DVDs. When those suckers had babies when I wasn't looking I realized that because of technology I'd left those babies in their little box nurseries unattended for years, when they could have been given to adoptive parents who could take care of them and use them.

Terry and I get all of our entertainment on the internet

and our mass collection of DVDs of movies just sits, alphabetized on the shelves of our in home theater. Shameful. It took getting sick to realize what we were doing.

If you've got the flu, use some of the rest time to de-clutter what you are not using. You'll be serving yourself and those who can use what you aren't.

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