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Thought for the Week: *Let their always be Christmas in your heart - today and every day. Merry Christmas*

## JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

The Community is invited to attend "A Journey to the Manger", a Christmas Eve program to be held at the Mount Etna United Methodist Church. This is one story that is told over and over, year after year, but you will find this experience has a new twist.

The program, starting at 7p.m. on December 24th, will feature a drama by the children of the church, congregational singing and a walk (Journey) to the Stable and Manger on that special night. Be prepared to meet Shepherds on your way and perhaps a meeting with Joseph and Mary.

Plan to attend. This will be a great way to celebrate with family, friends, neighbors and perhaps make new acquaintances. Come as you are - All are welcome. No charge. The Church is located at the corner of State Roads 9 and 124 in Mt Etna.

## NEW TIMES AVAILABLE

Effective January 1st, the office of Dr Kevin DeaKyne will be scheduling Friday appointment times. Call the office at 260.375.2626 for more information and to schedule an appointment. Dr DeaKyne is a MetLife and Delta Dental Provider.

## INVITATION

In thanks and appreciation of God's abundant blessings, an anonymous couple are inviting those of the Warren community who need a free, hot meal. It will be served at the Knight-Bergman-Civic Center on New Years day, at 12:00 noon. Come share in their thanks to Him.

## FREE CALENDARS

2009 Pocket Planners (13-month) are now available at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2008. These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE.

It pays to visit the Pharmacy.

## PLANNING SEMINAR

A program to help individuals, farmers, landowners and family businesses understand and make plans for the transfer of property interest will be Friday, January 23, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. at Huntington University - Habecker Dining Commons. Gerry Harrison, Extension economist and lawyer will present the information and take questions. Gerry is at the forefront of Purdue Extension Estate and Family Business Transfer Planning education for over 35 years. Harrison will discuss basic and complex implications of various property ownership arrangements for estate transfer and tax planning, as well as methods of avoiding probate. Emphasis is on helping understand tax minimization and how to completely avoid federal estate tax by following the tax law and with the use of charitable transfers, including farmland conservation easements.

Five hours of continuing education credits are available for Indiana lawyers, accountants and insurance producers who attend this program. Pre-registration is required with a small fee by January 20, 2009. For a registration form, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

## CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY

In an effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Indiana roadways during the winter holidays, the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) would like to remind all Hoosiers that "buzzed driving is drunk driving."

"We recognize that the word "buzzed" is a common term used among many drivers that we target (during these public awareness campaigns) to describe a

"slight" state of intoxication, said ICJI Executive Director, Neil Moore. "Yet regardless of how one chooses to define their level of intoxication, 0.08 is the legal limit."

Last year in Indiana, a total of 253 people were killed as a result of alcohol-related traffic collisions. Last December (2007), a total of 12 people lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes across the state. During the same month, there were 3,082 collisions that occurred on Indiana roadways over the Christmas holiday period (December 21 - 26) - nine resulted in a fatality.

"In order to drive these collision and fatality numbers down, we must continue to work to change the public's perception of "drunk," which is typically viewed as being out of control. While it is easy for many people to notice when they've had way too many, we also want them to be mindful of what can happen when they get behind the wheel after having just one too many," said Moore.

Motorists are also encouraged to call 911 or their local law enforcement agency if they spot an impaired driver on the road. "Don't let your year end in an arrest - or worse. If you plan to drink, designate a sober driver before doing so," Moore added. "By exercising good judgment behind the wheel, we can undoubtedly reduce the number of lives lost on Indiana roadways this holiday season."

For more information on "buzzed driving," visit [www.in.gov/cji](http://www.in.gov/cji) or [StopImpairedDriving.org](http://StopImpairedDriving.org).

The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates.

## BMV HOURS

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ron Stiver today announced that full-service license branches will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume normal hours of operation at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, December 27.

Stiver also noted that all BMV license branches will be closed on Thursday, January 1, in observance of the New Years holiday. Branches will resume normal hours of operation at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 2.

## WARREN COUNCIL

At 4 p.m. Monday, December 22 the Warren Town Council met in Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright conducted the meeting which opened with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Keith Gillenwater from the Indiana Office of Community Rural Affairs was in attendance at the meeting. He discussed with Council grants that can be available through the office.

Council re-organized and offic-

ers for 2009 will be President Bill Cartwright and Vice-President Julia Glessner.

During 2009 Council meetings will be held the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Monday meetings will be at 4 p.m.

Bill Cartwright was appointed to 3-A Development District Board of Directors.

Council awarded the 2009 General Engineering Contract to Schnelker Engineering in the amount of \$2800.

Ron Neff was appointed as representative to Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

Each Council member commended Town Employees for a job well done during the recent ice storm.

Curtis Day recommended Council consider purchasing hand held radios for employees. Council approved the purchase from Kenwood at \$552 each. Day is to check prices to upgrade base units.

The next Council meeting will be January 12.

*Wishing you all a  
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& a Happy New Year.*



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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### THANK YOU

I really do not know where to begin to "Thank" everyone for all the beautiful cards, food, telephone calls, visits, and Prayers I've received since my fall resulting in a fractured ankle.

It all means so much! How blessed I am to have such wonderful friends and family.

Thanks to everyone!  
 Sheryl Harmon

### THE ORVILLE & IRENE JAMES FIRE PROJECT AT VAN BUREN INDIANA

The James Family moved back home to Van Buren on Nov. 29. Their home had been damaged by fire in the spring of 2008. Elissa Crothers brought together a group of people to work on the home. Funds were received from various individuals (some anonymously) and fund raising events were held: the auction, the breakfast, the dinner, and the Nascar night. Enough money was received to clean up, paint, carpet, and replace the kitchen and bath fixtures. It is a beautiful sight. And to think that volunteers from Van Buren and surrounding communities came together to make this possible, it is an amazing thought. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses that in some way made the restoration possible: Bragg Excavating, DeWeese Appliance, Hemmick Hardware, WalMart, Gas America, Purdue University, Eastbrook Athletics, Arbor Trace Golf, Staples, Curves, Tree of Life, Comforts of Home, Marsh North, Lances, Stone's Harley Davidson, Elder Beerman, Ostermans, B&L Appliance, Webbs Furniture, Flores, Wendy's, Papa Johns, Ivanhoe's, Fazolis, GNC, Maurice's, Van Buren Lions Club, Shobilee Employees, Master Cuts, Days Inn, Hallmark Gifts, Sears, Bath & Body, Ace Hardware, Dave's Carpet Cleaning, Chris's Country-side Grooming, Stacy Clupper-Avon, Oak Comforts, Kingsland Furniture, King Gyros, Van Buren Post Office, WBCL, Taco Bell, WCJC, Les Korporal, Marvin Neil Surber, Robert & Jennifer Gray, George Brewer, Cunningham Glass, Van Buren Fire Department, Van Buren Public Library, Dean Bollhoeffter, Mark & Michelle Stevenson, Max Shinholt, Larry and Linda Beouy, Karl & Willadean Hart, Stephanie & Jerry Beck, Michelle & Dennis Sexton, Gary Turner, Karen Roush, Brent & Shawn Kennedy, Jackie Thrie, Elissa Crothers, Jerry Palmer, Marion Carpet Values, Lowe's, Carter Lumber Company, Ross Supply, Kennedy Heating-Brent & Shawn Kennedy, Time Out Tavern, Waneta Linton, Linda Long, Astrid Richwine, Andie Golden, Flo Doyle, Eleanor Wright, One Way Auction-Kevin Pickett, American Legion Auxiliary 368, Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Byron Brankle, Harry Brewer, George Clupper, Allan Henderson, Emily Henning, Brenda & Harold Hodge, Al Holloway,

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 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship  
 ..... 6:30 p.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**8294S 900W 35**  
*Gary Riley, Pastor*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.  
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor*  
*Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.*

Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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*Pastor - William Shelor*

Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
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Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

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*Dick Case, Pastor*

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School.....9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ....10:30a.m.  
 Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.  
 Wed - Circle of Friends  
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
**101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726**  
*Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor*

1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
 2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Sunday Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
 Chapel Services .....9:00 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.

**HILLCREST  
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*Rev Mark Davis*  
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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**  
 formerly Warren & Jefferson Ctr  
 at Jefferson Center location in  
 December  
*Kathy Newton, Pastor*

Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
**468-2411**  
*Doug Sharrard, Pastor*  
*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**  
**694-6622**  
*Pastor Dan Sommer*

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**  
 260/468-2148  
*Tony Johnson - Pastor*

Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdm 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.

**SALAMONIE  
CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
**468-2412**  
*Mel Zumbrun, Pastor*

Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School .....10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**375-2102**  
*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  
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ...6:00p.m.

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**765/934-3321 Parsonage**  
*Jeff Wass, Pastor*

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**  
**765-934-1431**  
*Pastor Blake J. Neff*

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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*Janice Jorden, Angel Food Director*  
*Ruth Moreland, Secretary*  
*Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.*  
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Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....10:45 a.m.  
 Teen Youth (AOL) Sundays 6:00 p.m.

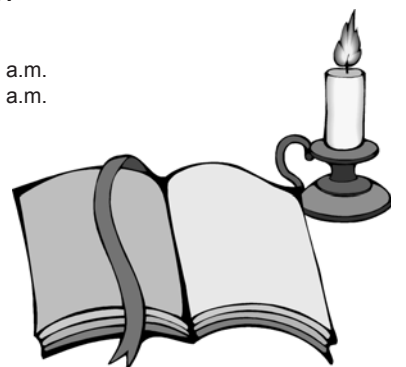
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*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of  
 Family Life*  
*Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.*

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

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
**375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren**  
*Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor*  
*Wesley Welch, Supt.*

Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.  
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## AREA NEWS

### VAN BUREN COUNCIL

President Tony Manry conducted the Van Buren Town Council meeting on Wednesday evening, December 17. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall and opened at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

A Public Meeting had been scheduled to be held prior to the regular meeting, concerning upcoming sewer rate increases. No citizens were in attendance.

Council adopted an Ordinance allowing the first increase to go into effect February 1, 2009. The second increase will go into effect December 1, 2009.

Council signed an Ordinance with Rural Development for a grant for the upcoming sewer improvement project.

In his Police report Officer Pat Collins noted there have been a number of homes and automobiles broken into. Citizens are urged to lock their homes and cars.

Deputy Bosley has graduated from Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He was recognized for receiving the top grade.

Superintendent Jim Webb said a renter has a water leak. It was reported the water will be shut off until the leak is repaired.

All meters had been read in December.

Randy James, sewer plant operator, received a certificate of excellence from the State for his work.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for December 30 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Room at Town Hall. This concerns Local Option Income Tax.

The next Council meeting will be held January 7.

### GRADUATING

Mathew James Hoffman will be graduating from Ball State University with a degree in Anthro-

pology. The commencement ceremony was held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Worthen Arena Ball State University.

An Open House will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. at Mathew's home. For contact information please call Cheri at 765.934.1432 or write to PO Box 152, Van Buren, IN 46991.

We would like to give a special thank you to any people and organizations who helped to make this possible for Mathew.

### ANNUAL PARTY

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their annual Christmas Party in the Sorority Room on December 16, 2008. Everyone brought a Santa gift for their secret sister. Due to the ice weather, no games were played. Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess Suzette Gephart and Sandy Booher, to Carol Irick, Mandy Maddock, Tara Korporal, Peggy Sue Clark, Sandy Eichhorn, Beth Ostermeyer, Betty Yoder, Sondra Zabel, Jenny Plummer and Sharon Gebhart. A good time was had by all attending.

### BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 10 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park. 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on January 10.

4-H youth planning to exhibit their beef animals at the Indiana State Fair 4-H Beef Show in August are required to have their animals identified through retinal eye scans. These animals must be haltered to assist the retinal scan on ID day. Animals not planned for state fair exhibit will be identified as in previous years.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed in mid-December to all 4-H Beef members who were enrolled in the 4-H beef project for the previous year. The Extension Office has additional copies

of the needed paperwork for any interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed during the January 10<sup>th</sup> ID day.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, [laldridge@purdue.edu](mailto:laldridge@purdue.edu) or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington.

### FLU SEASON BEGINS

The Indiana Adult Immunization Coalition wants Hoosiers to know what the symptoms of the flu are but more importantly, that they can protect themselves from the disease.

With the official start of winter today, Dr. Roland Grieb, Chair of the IAIC, says the best way to reduce the effects of influenza is through annual vaccination. "Influenza vaccines are safe and effective. Although mild side effects are possible, a person cannot get influenza from the vaccine."

According to a recent Rand Corp. survey of 4,000 U.S. adults, 30% had received a flu shot, 17% were planning to get one, and 53% said they would not get one. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) reported that between September 28-November 29, 2008, influenza activity remained low in the United States.

Influenza is not the common cold. It's a potentially life-threatening disease that sends over 226,000 people in the U.S. to the hospital each year. Another 36,000 die each year from complications of the disease. This year, 306,736 to 1,226,946 Hoosiers will be susceptible to the flu.

The CDC says 85% of Americans should be immunized before the peak flu season begins next month. There are up to 30 million or more U.S. cases of flu after the new year annually.

Grieb said, "Influenza symptoms include fever, body aches and pains, chills, sore throat, dry cough, loss of appetite, weak-

ness, and tiredness. The virus is spread mainly from person to person through coughing, sneezing or other hand-to-hand contact. It is possible to become infected by touching an object with the virus on it and then touching your mouth or nose."

Most people can infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and for up to 5 days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on influenza to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

Vaccination typically begins in October and can continue through March. In most seasons, influenza virus peaks in February or March, so vaccination throughout the entire flu season is beneficial and recommended.

Where to Get a Flu Shot

The American Lung Association offers a Flu Clinic Locator at [www.flucliniclocator.org](http://www.flucliniclocator.org), which is the largest online directory of public influenza clinics.

The Indiana Adult Immunization Coalition is a voluntary group of health and older adult focused organizations dedicated to eradicating vaccine preventable deaths and disease among adults. The Coalition promotes education and outreach activities to increase awareness of and participation in adult immunizations.

### DNR EVENTS CALENDAR

Plan your new year around the

2009 Special Events Calendar, now posted at [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov) and [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov). You'll find information about upcoming hikes, fossil digs, holiday fireworks, reenactments, historic home tours, music in the outdoors, special autumn family weekends and more.

You don't have to wait for spring to participate; there are events to enjoy all year, even some still left this month. On Dec. 27, Spring Mill State Park hosts a Winter Bonfire and hike, and Clifty Falls State Park hosts the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count.

Come 2009, look for the Battle of the Bulge exhibit at Fort Harrison State Park and programs throughout the month, learn how to square dance at Brown County

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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.

Dec 25	CHRISTMAS
Jan 1	NEW YEARS DAY
Jan 2	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 7	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 7	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Jan 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jan 15	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 19	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Jan 26	Warren Town Council, 4 p.m.
Jan 29	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 2	Groundhog 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 Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus Farmers Market Saturdays 8-noon in Daugherty Parking Lot.	



Merry Christmas  
from the employees  
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State Park/Abe Martin Lodge on Jan. 9. February features a Maple Syrup Festival at Mansfield Mill and Eagle Watch Weekend at Turkey Run State Park and Raccoon Lake. In March there's an Aldo Leopold bench workshop at Indiana Dunes State Park and bridge tournaments at the Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park. No matter what the season, entertainment, adventure, relaxation and outdoor learning opportunities are available.

Many events are free with entrance gate admission. Some events include a fee to help cover the cost of materials and preparation.

For up-to-date information about the many other daily or weekly programs, nature brochures, and hours for state park and reservoirs interpretive centers, see [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov). For information about events at state historic sites, visit the Indiana State Museum Web site at [www.IN.gov/ism](http://www.IN.gov/ism). For a hard copy of the 2009 Special Events Calendar, call (317) 234-4926.

**SENIOR LUNCH**

Information on the upcoming 50th Anniversary of the Peru Amateur Circus will be presented at the seniors pot luck lunch in the Salamonie Interpretive Center on Jan. 5. Individuals must be at least 50 years of age to attend. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. A meat dish will be provided, however attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own table service, and \$1 donation to help defray the cost of the event. Staff from the Circus City Festival will share images and information about the upcoming anniversary festivities.

Interested parties are asked to register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127, or by visiting the interpretive center located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area.

**MORE BMV SERVICES**

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has added more services to the popular myBMV online virtual license branch portal. Among many new options, customers now have the option of selecting express delivery so that they can obtain license plates

and stickers in less time and have the convenience of paying by e-check rather than credit card.

Launched in May 2008, the myBMV virtual branch allows Hoosiers to establish personal BMV accounts through which they can access BMV services not previously available online. Recently, new services were added to the portal's initial 15 online services. These new services include:

- Express delivery option for plate orders guaranteeing delivery in three business days.
- New vehicle registrations (previously only registrations renewals could be completed online).
- Payment by e-check.
- Ability to find a plate not currently listed on an account (example: a car in spouse's name).
- Online payment of most reinstatement fees.
- View history of all transactions.
- Print out receipts from previous vehicle registrations.

"Over 323,000 Hoosiers have established myBMV accounts," stated BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver. "These added features enhance the value of the myBMV portal by providing customers the

convenient option of conducting even more BMV transactions online. Also noteworthy is that most of these features have led to operational savings. For instance, each BMV transaction paid for via e-check, rather than credit card will on average reduce costs by \$1.70. It doesn't take long for such savings to add up."

He added, "myBMV is part of the award-winning Customer Choices program designed to provide more convenient ways for customers to do conduct their BMV business. In addition to the enhanced online features, we have partnerships with 307 auto dealerships, seven AAA offices, five Old National Bank branches, and seven Clean Air Car Check emission testing sites in Lake and Porter Counties where BMV registration and titling services are available.

"More than 1.2 million transactions were completed online in 2008, which collectively saved customers \$6.5 million and resulted in 900,000 fewer branch visits."

The success of the discount program led Stiver to extend the offer to 2009 online registration renewals. The 2009 notices are

in the mail and will be arriving in customer mailboxes in the coming days.

**ZOO LIBRARY**

Zoo Animals at the Library! — Meet cuddly critters and find out what the animals do at the zoo in the winter when the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo comes to the Wells County Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m. The program is free. Bring the whole family. Kids under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the library at 260-824-1612.

**POULTRY WORKSHOP**

Indiana 4-H will host a workshop for 4-H Poultry members on Saturday, January 10th, at the O.V. Winks Building located at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

The event will be held 10 AM – 1 PM. Topics include: Fair Judging Demonstration; Biosecurity for Poultry; Disease Control in Small Flocks; Poultry Breeds, Classes and What Judges Look

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ESPN II	24 Hour Sports	THC	The History Channel	WISH 8	CBS Indianapolis
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For; and a Question and Answer Session.

For more information about the workshop, call 1-800-601-5826 and ask for Doug Keenan, Noble County.

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

4-H families in northern Indiana have an opportunity to help host 4-H members and leader from Poland during the first two weeks of June.

Hosts are needed for the youth (ages 12 – 18) and the adults. Families should be willing to share their home and community and involve them in local 4-H activities and meetings.

2009 will be the fifth year for the exchange with Indiana hosting during odd years and traveling to Poland in even years.

The Polish participants are from south central Poland (Swietokrzyski Region) north of Krakow.

For more information about the exchange, contact your Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service or email [rshearer@purdue.edu](mailto:rshearer@purdue.edu).

### SAFE HOLIDAY TIPS

(NewsUSA) - Soft candle glow, crackling fire logs and garlands of twinkling lights brighten homes during the holidays. While enjoying the distinct scenes and flavors of this time of year, give some thought to keeping your holiday home safe and healthy for your family, pets and guests.

\* Watch flammable objects. Fragrant aromas from scented candles, room sprays and potpourri enrich living spaces. But flammable items, including pressurized aerosol products, should never be used or stored around open flames, such as lit candles and fireplaces.

Aerosols should not be exposed

to temperatures higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Don't leave aerosols on or near hot surfaces; the furnace, stove, radiator and space heaters are areas to watch. As a further precaution, do not keep aerosols in cabinets that are adjacent to appliances that get very hot, such as an oven or water heater.

\* Always read the product label. Follow the directions for safe and proper use of the product. Use the product only for the purpose intended by the manufacturer.

\* Store safely. When using and storing common household items, be mindful of the safety of children and pets. Lock medicines and place household products out of children's reach, and check for child-resistant latches on cabinets. Because chocolate is poisonous to dogs, and many human medicines are poisonous to dogs and cats, be sure that these items are stored out of reach of animals.

\* Prevent food poisoning. Wash hands before food preparation and after handling raw meat. Separate cooked and raw meats, and keep raw meats away from other raw foods. Utensils that are used to prepare raw meats should be washed and cleaned thoroughly before using them to pre-

pare fresh foods. Use a thermometer to be sure that meat is cooked to a safe temperature. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold, and promptly refrigerate leftovers.

\* Be a safe party host. Appoint one person to monitor each child at the party. Provide visitors with a high, locked place for medicines and suitcases and purses containing medicines. Also, be sure to empty glasses, cans, bottles, ashtrays and plates of leftover food and drinks immediately after the party so children won't get to them.

Post the poison center phone number on or near every phone. If a possible poisoning occurs, immediately call 800-222-1222. An expert at your local poison center will quickly determine if any treatment is needed and will tell you what to do.

For further information, visit [www.cspa.org](http://www.cspa.org)

### THE NEW YEAR

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
Here it is a brand new year with all the promise of a fresh start that comes with it. At FlyLady we have learned that new beginnings can happen any time we choose and it doesn't take a new day, new week, new month or even a

new year to start over. That doesn't change the fact that we still love new beginnings and starting fresh.

And even though we don't like New Year's resolutions we still make goals for ourselves. This is a healthy thing to do. The other night a dear friend asked me if there was anything I had not done in my life that I really wanted to do. This was a very tough question for me. I am a happy person and I get to do every day what God put me on this earth to do. There is not much better than that! So I thought about it for about ten minutes and came up with something that seemed very strange to my friend.

I told her I wanted to see a volcano and the Grand Canyon up close one day. That was all I could think of at the time. One day I will see them but if my life were to end today; I would not feel sorry for myself because I

had not seen them. I have no regrets about anything. Every decision I have made in my life has ended up being a good one even if at the time it was not. I learned from my mistakes and did not pine away my future by beating myself up over past mistakes. None of us are perfect and the sooner we understand this and quit punishing ourselves for this lack of perfection the better off we will all be.

Perfectionism keeps us stuck in the past so we are unable to function in the present. Let's take that perfectionism bat you are beating yourself up with on a daily basis and use it to hit home runs. Each time you see perfectionism throwing you a curve ball; turn it around and hit it back to where it belongs; Out of sight and out of mind! Perfectionism is the

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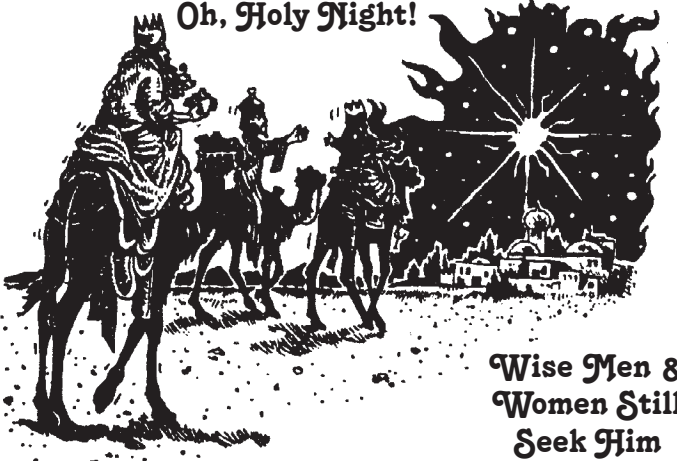
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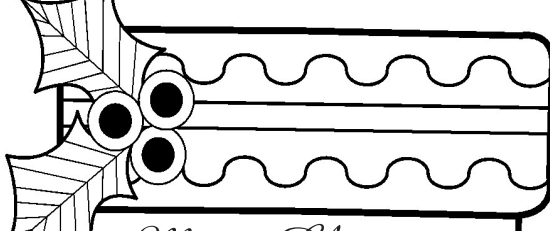


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# CHRISTMAS STORIES & POEMS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ENJOYMENT

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Body Clutter we all have to face. Facing our fears head on and using those fears to propel us to a new level of understanding about ourselves and the world around us will help us to eliminate this clutter.

Fear is the opposite of love! In fact I believe that it is worse than hate. It is hate disguised as something else. When we uncover our fears and bring them into the light of day; we are acknowledging that we don't have to be perfect and that our fears do not make us less than. Fear of failure is nothing more than a lack of love for you and your abilities.

Face your fears head on in this New Year! Let go of your perfectionism and you might just find yourself FLYing!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free life coaching at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net), listen to her channel <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/channels/flylady> show or read her books, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2008 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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## GUIDE TO TAKING MEDICINE

Sorting through medication labels and managing both over-the-counter and prescription

drugs can be very confusing. That's why the Federal Citizen Information Center and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health have put together the Guide to Taking Medicine, a free package of publications that will help you better understand what you need to know before you take any medication.

When you see your doctor, it can be hard to know what to ask about medicines you're already taking or those being prescribed. Use the fact sheets in the Guide to Taking Medicine package for a list of essential questions. The package also explains how to read prescription medication labels and spot red flags you should follow up on. For example, is your medicine an antibiotic? It's important to know that antibiotics work differently than other drugs.

The Guide to Taking Medicine package explains these differences and lets you know what illnesses antibiotics can treat, what they can't treat, and how to use them properly.

There is plenty you can do to take care of your body in addition to chicken soup and the right medication. You may benefit from taking a dietary supplement on a daily basis. The Guide to Taking Medicine package explains the function of vitamins and what you

need to consider before you take them with any other medications.

Don't let reading medicine labels, managing your prescription and over-the-counter medications, or taking dietary supplements be a confusing experience. Use the free Guide to Taking Medicine package so you can stay in control of the medications and supplements you're taking. There are three easy ways to place your order:

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Or call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO. That's 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, and ask for the Guide to Taking Medicine package.

Get even more information and take advantage of online government services resources at [www.USA.gov](http://www.USA.gov) and [www.GobiernoUSA.gov](http://www.GobiernoUSA.gov)—your official English and Spanish web portals to the Federal government.

## POEM TO SHARE

The following poem was written by B. Casey of Fredericktown, OH. She is the great niece of the late Verda Maddock and is related to several in the community.

### Personal Christmas Eve Carol

Peace on Earth and goodwill toward all goes the Christmas Carol. Noble words for times like these. On this Eve of Hope, let's dream for a moment of a time when the young no longer train for war. Instead, the very best fight hunger and poverty. Let's dream of a time when the greatest battles are waged against disease and not each other. Let's dream of a time when Children of Peace speak louder than the drums of war. For now they're only dreams. But perhaps some day, when humankind truly understands, these mere words of a carol will be blazon across the planet. Peace on Earth and good will toward all.

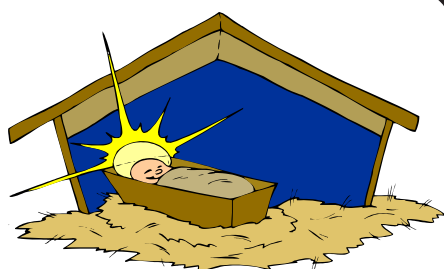
B. Casey

## GOD BLESS THEM ALL

Twas the night before Christmas He lived all alone In a one bedroom house made of Plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney With presents to give, And to see just who In this home did live, I looked all about A strange sight I did see No tinsel, no presents Not even a tree. No stocking by mantle Just boots filled with sand On the wall hung pictures Of far distant lands. With medals and badges Awards of all kinds A sober thought Came through my mind For this house was different, It was dark and dreary, I found the home of soldier, Once I could see clearly. The soldier lay sleeping Silent, alone, Curled up on the floor In this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, The room in such disorder, Not how I pictured A United States Soldier.

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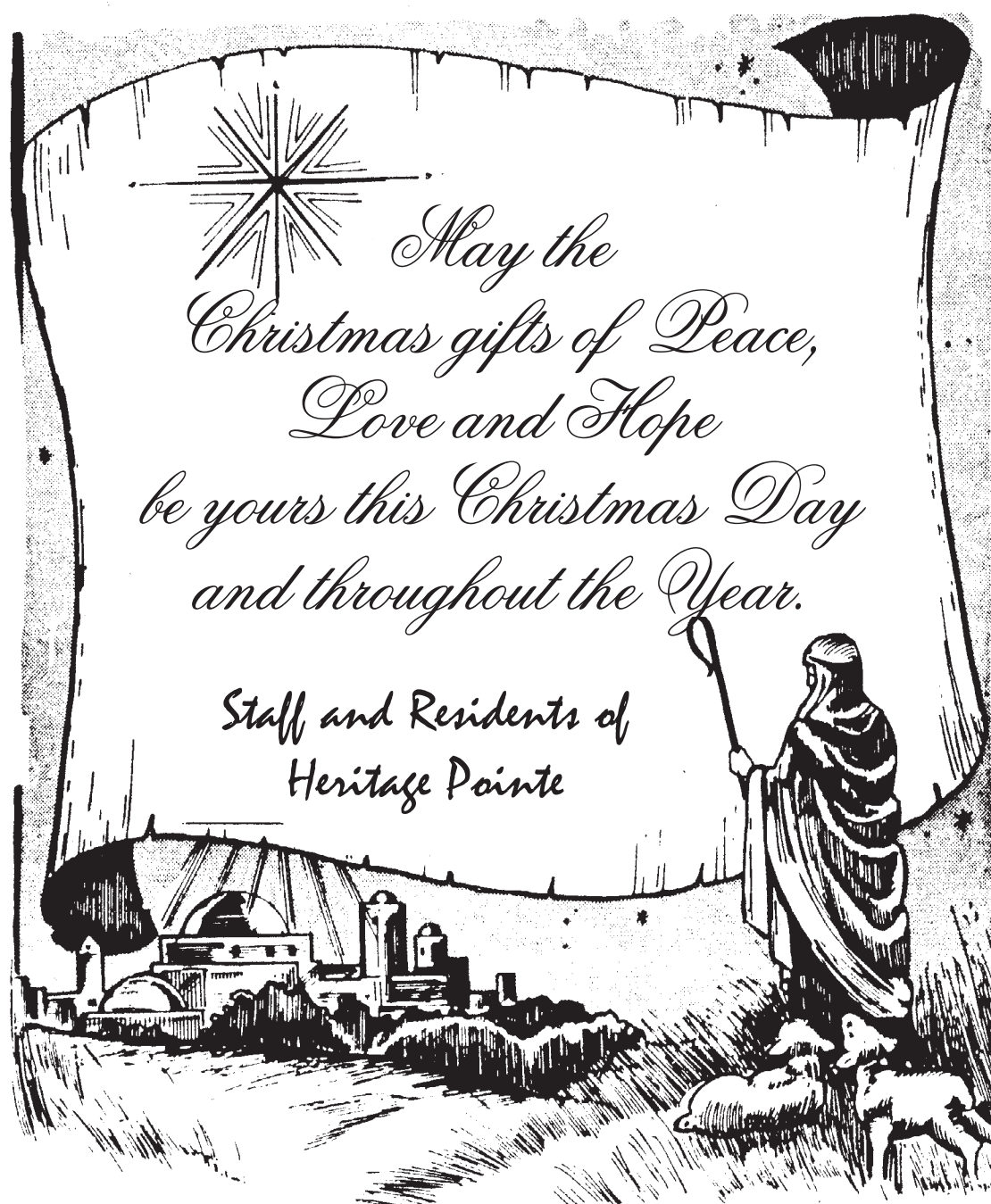
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Love and Hope  
be yours this Christmas Day  
and throughout the Year.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## JOHNSON

Paul E. Johnson, 89, of Markle, passed away at 8:25 a.m. Saturday, December 20, 2008 at Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center of natural causes.

He was born June 28, 1919 to Estel A. and Orpha (Marshall) Johnson. They predeceased him. On June 6, 1943, he married Nina (Gibson) Johnson in Wells County. She survives.

Paul was a dairy farmer. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #145 and the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne. He was a member of Boehmer United Methodist Church. Paul graduated from Liberty Center High School, was a former Wells County 4-H Horse and Pony Leader, a member of Wheels of Yesteryear, and a member of the Wells County Coon Hunters Club.

He is survived by four children, Karen Hunnicutt, Warren, Gary P. Johnson and wife Judy, Bluffton, Jerry Eugene Johnson, Markle, and Steven Johnson and wife Joyce; five grandchildren, Heath Hunnicutt, Seattle, Washington, Lisa Hunnicutt, Indianapolis, Brian Johnson, Fishers, Brad Johnson, Bluffton, and Cameron Masterson, Warren; seven great-grandchildren, Brooke, Kellyn and Patrick Johnson, Ashley, Tanner, Caleb, and Landon Johnson; and one sister, Aileen Mertz, Bryant.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Paula Johnson, and one sister, Lucille Moser.

Funeral services were held at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton, with Pastor Barry Humble presiding.

Burial took place in Mossburg Cemetery, Liberty Center.

Masonic Funeral Rites were conducted at the funeral home by Bluffton Masonic Lodge #145.

Preferred memorials may be sent to Wells County 4-H, Bluffton Masonic Lodge, and Boehmer United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

## THOMAS

Mary Elizabeth Thomas, 97, of Dayton, Tennessee and formerly of Huntington, passed away on Friday, December 19, 2008 at the Rhea Medical Center in Dayton, Tennessee.

She was born March 30, 1911 in Huntington County to Joseph Elbridge and Lena Ardella (Beerbower) Thompson. She was united in marriage to Keith Dale Thomas on January 29, 1935 in Lancaster Township. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Mary was a member of the Farm Bureau of Indiana for over 50 years and was a member of the Northview Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Leon

K. Thomas, Colorado and Leonard D. Thomas, Tennessee; a brother, Paul Thompson, Arkansas; five grandchildren, Veronica Thomas, L. Scott Thomas and Todd Thomas, Cheryl Thomas Mounts and Cynthia Thomas McLain; eleven great-grandchildren Jesse, Brandon, Jacob, and Rachael McLain, Alex, Olivia, Benjamin, Zachery and Hanna Thomas, and Kayla and Samantha Mounts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mary was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Thomas; a brother, Glen Thompson, and a sister, Wilma Thompson Zoda.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2008 at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel with Pastor Del Hamon officiating.

Visitation will take place from noon until the 2 p.m. service at the Myers Funeral Home on Saturday.

Burial will be in the Hoverstock Cemetery in Zanesville.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Mary be made to The Courtyard, 195 Deer Ridge Road, Dayton, Tennessee 37321.

## THORNSBURY

Bennie Thornsby, 59, LaFontaine, passed away at 8:24 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 2, 1949 in Melvin, Kentucky to Boyd and Stella Newsome Thornsby. He was united in marriage to Diana S. Simon on June 28, 1977 in Clintwood, Virginia, who survives.

Bennie was a 1968 graduate of wheelwright High School in Kentucky. He worked at Dana Spicer as a machinist in Marion for 33 years, retiring on December 31, 2000.

He was a member of the S.O.A.R.D.S Dana Union Retirees Association. He enjoyed following Nascar and driver Ryan Newman. He especially enjoyed spend time with his family and his favorite dog, buddy.

Additional survivors include three sons, Tim Thornsby and wife Regina, Warren, Scott Thornsby, Huntington, and Damian Thornsby, Wabash; three daughters, Amy Burnau, Angola, Tiffany Bolding, Huntington, and Teresa Speheger, Liberty Center; brothers, Ishmel Thornsby, Huntington, Gordon Thornsby, London, Kentucky, Denny Thornsby, Huntington; four sisters, Rosalie Isaac, Melvin, Kentucky, Betty Darty, Michigan, Barbara Bailey, Fort Wayne, and Sandy Maloney, Fort Wayne; fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Stella Thornsby; a daughter, Alethea

Garner; and a brother, Carlos Thornsby.

The funeral service was held at Lancaster Cemetery with Rev. Brooks L. Feters officiating.

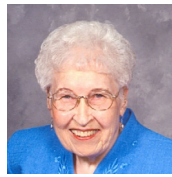
Pallbearers were Brandon Bolding, T. J. Bolding, Wesley Burnau, Zachary Burnau, Austing Speheger, Blake Speheger, David Speheger and A. J. Voght.

Interment was at the Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne and Allen County in care of Myers Funeral home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

## HARRIS

Mary Jane Passmore Harris, 93, Bluffton, died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, at Christian Care Retirement Community.



She was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Van Buren, to Ross and Margaret (Green) Passmore. She married James O. Harris June 22, 1940, in Marion; her husband died Sept. 18, 2004.

She was a 1932 graduate of Jefferson Center High School in Huntington County and also graduated from Marion Business College. She was a housewife and also assisted her husband on the family farm. She worked in the accounting department at Caylor-Nickel Clinic for five years in the 1960s, at the Hoosier Grain & Supply Co., at Producer's Creamery in Marion, and in the Wells County Clerk's office. She was a 57-year member of the First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Wells County Home Economics Club for a number of years.

Survivors include a son, Richard E. (Terry) Harris of Bluffton; a daughter, Lois Jean (Keith) Gallaway of New Mexico; and five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson Kurt Richard Harris on May 1, 1985.

Services were held at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home with Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. Burial was in the Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to First United Methodist Church and Christian Care Retirement Community.

## OFFUTT

Permella Gay Offutt, age 88, of Columbus, OH, died Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

A retired employee of Franklin County Program for the Mentally Retarded/ARCraft after 19 years of service.

Born on February 18, 1920, in Bidwell, OH to Calvin Clyde and

Elberta Jane (Spencer) Jarvis, deceased.

She graduated from Raccoon Twp. High School at Rio Grande, OH, in 1938. She married Denver Clarence Offutt (deceased) on June 16, 1946, in Vinton, OH.

Preceded in death by 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Survived by daughters: Jeanette (Mike) Moore (Jackson Twp, Wells Co.), Janice (Jerry) Harpool, of Akron, OH, Barbara (Gary) Wycuff, of Westerville, OH and Bernice (Doug) Kiser, of Hinckley, OH; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; including Michael (Tara) Moore, Wesley, William, Brooklyn, Bailee of Perrinton, MI; Mark (Heather) Moore and twins Cameron and Caden of Warren; Matthew (Carrie) Moore, Koltan, Kenja and Kaine of Bluffton. Also survived by 1 sister and 2 brothers.

Services were held in the Long Funeral Home, Columbus, OH with interment in Blendon Central Cemetery, Westerville, OH.



## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Larry Alan Whinery and Nancy Grace (Mills) Whinery, 0188 East 100 South, Huntington, IN 46750 will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married December 28, 1958, Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN. Their wedding was officiated by Dr. Harold Curdy from Plum Tree United Church of Christ and Reverend Roy Connor from Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church.

Together the couple owns and operates Loon Creek Valley Farms in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, a grain and livestock farm founded by Larry's parents Dorrel and Edna Whinery in 1921. The couple met while attending Purdue University.

Nancy graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Home Economics/Dietetics and worked as a dietician for the government program Women, Infants and Children, as well as in several nursing home nutrition programs and for the Cooperative Extension Service as a Home Economics Agent. She was also a 4-H project judge for a number of years. Nancy was the President of the Piecemakers Quilt Club, was a member of a local extension homemakers' club

and is currently a Deaconess in at Plum Tree United Church of Christ. She is retired and enjoys quilting and gardening.

Larry graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Animal Husbandry and also studied for a Masters in Business at IPFW. In addition to farming Larry worked as an agriculture commodities broker, as a project planner for Irmscher Construction in Ft. Wayne, as a 4-H livestock project judge and at the General Motors Truck Plant in Roanoke. Larry served in the military as an officer in the United States Army Transportation Corps. Larry also served as a Huntington County Commissioner and on the Huntington County Council, the Huntington County Solid Waste Board and Huntington County Fair Board. He was also President of the Huntington County Red Cross and is currently a Deacon at Plum Tree United Church of Christ. He is retired from GM, but continues to farm and enjoys gardening and antique tractors.

Children (in order of age from oldest to youngest): daughter Kimberley Anne MacMillan and son-in-law Allen MacMillan, Huntington, IN, son Dorrel Alan Whinery and daughter-in-law Jennifer (Ho) Whinery, Honolulu, HI, daughter Sarah Elizabeth Whinery, Greenfield, IN, daughter Heather Rae Zaccagnini, Harvard, IL. Three Honorary Granddaughters (in order of age from oldest to youngest): Rachel Kochensparger, Andrews, IN, Ashley Kochensparger, Andrews, IN, Alexandra Aschliman, Huntington, IN.

In addition, the couple have three nieces, six nephews and thirteen great-nieces and eleven great-nephews.

An anniversary party was held for the couple in July when their son and his wife were visiting from Hawaii. A card and e-mail shower is planned for the couple's actual anniversary on December 28. Cards can be sent to their home or e-mails to [happy50@looncreekenterprises.com](mailto:happy50@looncreekenterprises.com).



**Season's Greetings**

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Was this the hero  
Of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up on a poncho  
The floor for a bed?  
I realized the families  
That I saw this night,  
Owed their lives to these soldiers  
Who were willing to fight.  
Soon round the world,  
The children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate  
A bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom  
Each month of the year,  
Because of the soldiers  
Like the one lying here.  
I couldn't help wonder  
How many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve,  
In a land far from home.  
The very thought  
Brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees  
And started to cry.  
The soldier awakened  
And I heard a rough voice  
Santa don't cry,  
This life is my choice;  
I fight for freedom,  
I don't ask for more,  
My life is my god,  
My Country, my Corps.  
The soldier rolled over  
And drifted to sleep  
I couldn't control it  
I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours,  
So silent and still  
And we both shivered  
From the cold night's chill.  
I didn't want to leave  
On that cold, dark night,  
This guardian of honor

So willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over,  
With a voice soft and pure,  
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, all is se-  
cure.  
One look at my watch,  
And I knew he was right.  
Merry Christmas my friend,  
And to all a good night.  
(Editors Note: The above poem  
is reported to have been written  
by a Marine and has circulated in  
emails for quite awhile now. At  
this time of year it felt appropriate  
to reprint it here to remind us all  
of our soldiers and sailors and  
the jobs they do voluntarily.  
Please take a moment during  
your festivities to remember our  
service men and women.)

### GRANDMA KNOWS

I remember my first Christmas  
adventure with Grandma. I was  
just a kid. I remember tearing  
across town on my bike to visit  
her on the way my big sister  
dropped the bomb: "There is no  
Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even  
dummies know that!"  
My Grandma was not the gushy  
kind, never had been. I fled to her  
that day because I knew she  
would be straight with me. I knew  
Grandma always told the truth,  
and I knew that the truth always  
went down a whole lot easier  
when swallowed with one of her  
"world-famous" cinnamon buns. I  
knew they were world-famous,  
because Grandma said so. It had  
to be true.

Grandma was home, and the

buns were still warm. Between  
bites, I told her everything. She  
was ready for me. "No Santa  
Claus?" she snorted.... "Ridicu-  
lous! Don't believe it. That rumor  
has been going around for years,  
and it makes me mad, plain mad!!  
Now, put on your coat, and let's  
go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I  
asked. I hadn't even finished my  
second world-famous cinnamon  
bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's  
General Store, the one store in  
town that had a little bit of just  
about everything. As we walked  
through its doors, Grandma  
handed me ten dollars.

That was a bundle in those  
days. "Take this money," she  
said, "and buy something for  
someone who needs it. I'll wait  
for you in the car." Then she  
turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd  
often gone shopping with my  
mother, but never had I shopped  
for anything all by myself.

The store seemed big and  
crowded, full of people scram-  
bling to finish their Christmas  
shopping. For a few moments I  
just stood there, confused,  
clutching that ten-dollar bill, won-  
dering what to buy, and who on  
earth to buy it for. I thought of  
everybody I knew: my family, my

friends, my neighbors, the kids  
at school, the people who went to  
my church.

I was just about thought out,  
when I suddenly thought of Bobby  
Decker. He was a kid with bad  
breath and messy hair, and he  
sat right behind me in Mrs.  
Pollock's grade-two class.

Bobby Decker didn't have a  
coat. I knew that because he  
never went out to recess during  
the winter. His mother always  
wrote a note, telling the teacher  
that he had a cough, but all we  
kids knew that Bobby Decker  
didn't have a cough; he didn't  
have a good coat. I fingered the  
ten-dollar bill with growing ex-  
citement. I would buy Bobby  
Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one  
that had a hood to it. It looked real  
warm, and he would like that.

"Is this a Christmas present for  
someone?" the lady behind the  
counter asked kindly, as I laid  
my ten dollars down.

"Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly.  
"It's for Bobby."

The nice lady smiled at me, as  
I told her about how Bobby really  
needed a good winter coat. I  
didn't get any change, but she  
put the coat in a bag, smiled  
again, and wished me a Merry  
Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped

me wrap the coat (a little tag fell  
out of the coat, and Grandma  
tucked it in her Bible) in Christ-  
mas paper and ribbons and wrote,  
"To Bobby, From Santa Claus"  
on it. Grandma said that Santa  
always insisted on secrecy. Then  
she drove me over to Bobby  
Decker's house, explaining as  
we went that I was now and  
forever officially, one of Santa's  
helpers.

Grandma parked down the  
street from Bobby's house, and  
she and I crept noiselessly and  
hid in the bushes by his front  
walk. Then Grandma gave me a  
nudge. "All right, Santa Claus,"  
she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for  
his front door, threw the present  
down on his step, pounded his  
door and flew back to the safety  
of the bushes and Grandma.

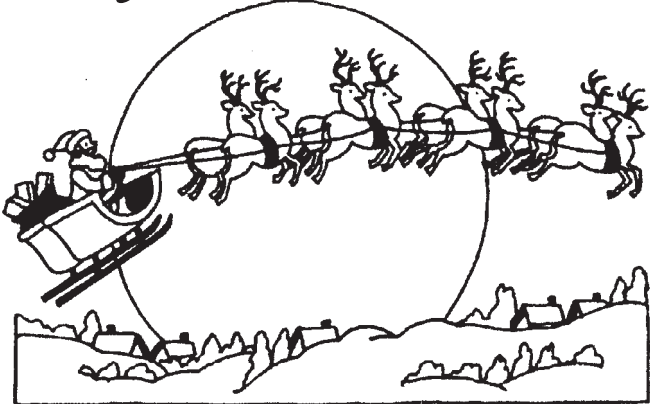
Together we waited breathlessly  
in the darkness for the front door  
to open. Finally it did, and there  
stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the  
thrill of those moments spent  
shivering, beside my Grandma,  
in Bobby Decker's bushes.

That night, I realized that those  
awful rumors about Santa Claus  
were just what Grandma said

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they were: ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team. I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

May you always have LOVE to share, HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS that care...

And may you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus!

## BIPPER AND WICK

by Artie Knapp

The snow had turned the forest into a winter wonderland; and as the bears worked hard to get their den prepared for the long winter ahead, the ice on the trees snapped aloud. The hard work made the bears very sleepy, and their yawns could be heard from far away. There was one bear amongst them, however, that had no intention of taking a long winter's nap; his name was Bipper, and he didn't understand the need to sleep for such a long time. It was Bipper's first winter, and instead of hibernating he wanted to explore the forest for the first time by himself. Bipper was the youngest and smallest bear in his family, and his older siblings never let him forget it. He was constantly teased about his size and age.

As the bears prepared to enter their den, Bipper stretched his legs and rested next to a pine tree.

"Are you going to fall asleep before we've even entered the den, Bipper?" asked one of the older brother bears.

"Just taking a little break, that's all," said Bipper.

"You haven't been doing much to help out," said Bipper's oldest sister. "What are you so tired from?"

"I'm not that tired, and if you ask me it's a waste of time to sleep for so long. I would rather be out having fun in the forest," said

Bipper.

"Bipper, even though you're a bear try not to be such a bear to be around," said Bipper's Momma. All of Bipper's brothers and sisters laughed at Momma bear's comment.

"Bipper, in order to be rested for spring time we bears need to hibernate during the winter," said the Momma bear.

"Yes, Mamma," replied Bipper. Bipper kept to himself for the rest of the evening while the other bears prepared to settle down for their long winter nap. Bipper knew once the other bears fell asleep he could leave the den without being noticed. And that's exactly what Bipper did.

After all the other bears began to snore, Bipper quietly sneaked out of the den and into the forest.

At first, Bipper was happy with his new found freedom and loved being able to do whatever he wanted. He rolled around in the snow and repeatedly fell to the ground to make snow angels. But after some time passed, Bipper started to feel lonely and missed his family. The berries he was accustomed to eating off the trees were long gone, and he found himself growing very hungry. Bipper had also traveled a great distance, and even though

he had a powerful sense of smell, he was finding it hard to find his way back to the den. One evening with nothing but the moonlight above, and a pesky owl repeatedly asking him who he was, Bipper decided it was time to go home for good.

Suddenly out of nowhere, a horrible creepy sound could be heard close by. The noise startled Bipper, so he looked around to see where it was coming from. He didn't see anything! The horrible creepy sound could be heard again, and this time Bipper knew it was getting closer.

"Who's there?" asked Bipper. "I'm a bear so you better watch out."

At that moment, a little dog peeked at Bipper from behind a tree. It was the little dog stepping on old fallen limbs that was causing the creepy noises.

"Please don't hurt me, Mr. Bear. I'm just a little dog."

"Relax," said Bipper. "I'm not going to hurt you."

"Well, that's a relief to hear, but aren't bears meat eaters?" asked the little dog.

"Yeah, we're meat eaters all right, but I don't want to hurt anybody," said Bipper.

"Lucky me," said the little dog. "I have a family that no longer

wants me, and I can't even get a bear in the middle of the forest to want me either."

"Do you want me to change my mind?" asked Bipper.

"Oh no," said the little dog sheepishly. "I was only joking."

"Me too," laughed Bipper. "I'm just teasing you."

"I appreciate your kindness," said the little dog.

"What on Earth is a little dog like you doing out in the forest anyway? This isn't a safe place for you to be you know. There really are a lot of animals out here who would hurt you."

"Couldn't the same be said for a little bear?" asked the little dog.

"Not you too," said Bipper. Bipper cupped his paw over his face and said, "Now, I have a dog the size of my arm calling me little."

"You appear to be a very young bear, so I am surprised to see you out here in the forest by yourself. That's all I meant!"

"Well, I am young. And yes, I am a little bear," said Bipper. "Until I get older there's nothing I can do about it. I can't wait until then."

"Why do you want to grow up so fast?" asked the little dog.

"I am tired of being teased about my age and size."

"As my grandmother used to say when I was a pup, 'Don't wish your time away. Enjoy thy youth,' said the little Dog. You'll be a big old bear before you know it. Years from now you'll look back and wish you were still a little cub. Earlier you asked me

why I am out here; do you still want to know why?"

"Yeah, I'm curious," replied Bipper.

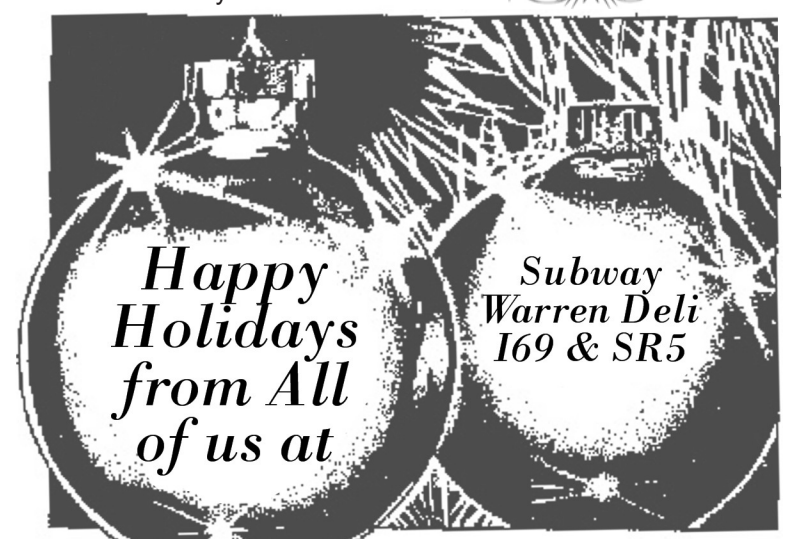
"Well, I am out here because I am an old dog that nobody loves anymore."

"Why would you say such a thing?" asked Bipper.

"Well, tomorrow's Christmas day and as an early gift for Christmas my owners bought their children a new puppy. When the kids saw the puppy for the first time it was as if I didn't even exist anymore," said the little dog.

"I am sure they still love you just the same. My Momma always

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says she has no favorites. She says she loves me and my older siblings equally. Your age will never change how much your family loves you," said Bipper.

The little dog nodded his head and said, "You know, you're right. What was I thinking? They have loved me my entire life. I know they don't love me any less than before. I guess I was just jealous about the puppy. You have great wisdom for being such a young bear. Listen to your own advice about family and you won't be so frustrated about being teased. Take it from an old dog, being young is a wonderful thing so enjoy it and have fun. What's your name by the way?"

"Bipper, what's yours?"

"Wick's my name," said the little dog. Bipper and Wick shook paws, and promised to help one another find their way home.

To help ease the burden of such a long trek, Bipper and Wick laughed and played in the snow. Much to Bipper's surprise, however, Wick started to bark out Christmas carols along the way. About a dozen rabbits popped their heads out of their holes to see what was going on. Wick's singing made every rabbit flap their long ears downward to ease the strain on their eardrums. Since Wick was still engaged in song, one of the rabbits looked over at Bipper and said, "What is wrong with that dog? Why is it making so much racket?"

"Sorry, he's just having a little festive fun by singing some Christmas carols," said Bipper.

"That's what you call that huh, singing?" asked the rabbit. Bipper approached the rabbit and said, "Look, I know this dog can't sing in tune, but please just bear with me. We're on our way home and he just wants to spread a little holiday cheer."

The rabbit pointed at her hole in

the ground and asked Bipper, "You hear that?"

Bipper leaned over the rabbit's hole and said, "Yeah, I hear Christmas music playing."

"That's right," said the rabbit. "I already have all the Christmas music I need, and I've got seven more carrot cakes to make before morning. Time's a wasting!"

"I understand! Sorry again about the disturbance and happy holidays to you. We'll be on our way now," said Bipper. The rabbit shook her head at Bipper and then dived back in her hole.

As Bipper and Wick continued their journey through the forest several more animals vented their frustrations to Bipper about Wick's singing. A squirrel even claimed Wick's singing caused her peanut cake to turn upside down. Enough was enough! The sound of Wick's singing was so bad Bipper thought it was going to wake every animal in the entire forest up. To get the point across to Wick that he needed to quit singing, Bipper reminded him that bears are meat eaters and he would appreciate it if he wouldn't sing another note. Wick was disappointed that no one appreciated his talent, so he just hummed Christmas carols the rest of the way home.

### THE TABLECLOTH

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. and on Dec 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On Dec 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rain-storm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a

Cross embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the center aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman

could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the Tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. She was captured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the

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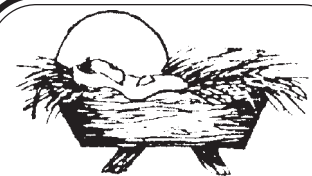
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pastor recognized from the neighborhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike? He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety, and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Story - submitted by  
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A house blessing and reception were held and the family heard "Welcome Home" over and over.

Thanks again.

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