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Thought for the Week: *To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.* Oscar Wilde



IRELAND EARNS CIC

The Ireland-Kennedy Office congratulates Victor Ireland for attaining the designation of CIC-Certified Insurance Counselor. By earning and maintaining the CIC designation, he demonstrated professional competence through a series of rigorous written examinations focusing on all major fields of insurance, agency operations, and insurance management. This achievement signifies a commitment to continuing education, required of all those who have earned the CIC designation. To learn about what a CIC can do for you and your insurance program, call Vic at 765-671-9000.

SECOND TUESDAY

Have you wondered about Dan Brown's DaVinci Code? Is there any fact in the fiction? Is it anti-religion, anti-church?

Join the discussion at the Warren Public Library on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. This is the first of the "Second Tuesday" programs at the Library. May "Second Tuesday": Genealogy.

LIBRARY EVENT

Van Buren Public Library is planning a family library night on April 6, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.. The theme is "Families that Read Together Succeed Together". There will be library centered activities for the family including a scavenger hunt and other games. Everyone is

invited to attend this interesting night to learn about the library.

SPRING PANTRY

Remember the Spring Pantry coming up April 15 - Saturday before Easter.

R Bakery, Tri Kappa, Flemmings and Herrings will be there with their specialties. Great time to get those extra things for the Easter Sunday dinner.

Spring Pantry will be held at the Pulse Opera lobby 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Soon it will be time to be moving back to our outdoor location at 1st and Main Streets. Till then Happy Spring!

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Small World Nursery School in Warren is now registering students for the 2006-2007 school year. The 3yr old class attends on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30. The 4-5 yr old class attends on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:30 am or 12:00-2:30pm. Children must be 3 or 4 yrs old by August 1st. The registration fee is \$40 if received by June 1st. After June 1st, the registration fee will be \$50. There is a tuition fee. Please contact Diane Kratzer at 375-3244 for more information.

HCCF MATCH CHALLENGE

As the endowment fund for Huntington County, the Community Foundation reflects our county's character and registers our aspirations. The Foundation reflects all of these things - generosity, pride, vision-all coming together through donors and community organizations building a better world in our own county. Donors are the real story behind our growing endowment—an endowment which will make more and more of our county dreams come true in the future. We are excited about the prospect of further enlarging our donor base. To do this

the Foundation is offering a Match Program with THREE options to encourage Huntington County residents to give through the Community Foundation for the good of Huntington County.

The natural tendency for people here—and across the country—is to give to specific causes in which they have a personal interest. Yet today's most pressing needs are unexpected. Who could have predicted decades ago that technology would have such an impact on our day-to-day life? You, as we do, want your charitable gift to accomplish the most in improving the quality of life in Huntington County. As conditions change, a group of citizens will assess the current charitable needs and be creative and flexible in their grant making made with the earnings from your New Named Unrestricted Fund. Unrestricted Funds are not earmarked for specific programs or limited to particular organizations and causes. Instead, they are flexible dollars that ensure the Foundation has the ability to respond to community needs and opportunities when and where they arise.

Option 1. Create a New Named Unrestricted Fund and receive a \$1 for \$1 Match. Establish a \$10,000 - \$25,000 New Named Unrestricted Fund and the Foundation will match your donation up to \$25,000 Earnings from your named Unrestricted Fund will support worthy projects of Huntington County's not-for-profit organizations, now and forever.

Your New Named Unrestricted Fund is a general fund, the earnings of which will be applied forever to address significant community needs by the Foundation's board of directors and its advisors. This is a perpetual fund. The larger it grows, the more it earns. The earnings are plowed back into Huntington County in the form of grants to support activities as varied as preserving our natural resources, to feeding the needy, to deepening out children's understanding

of art and culture. The scope of the Foundation's vision is limited only by our imagination and is directed by goodwill, tolerance and trust, working together for our common good.

Option 2. Create a New Named Restricted Fund and receive a \$.50 for \$1 Match.

Establish a \$10,000+ New Restricted Fund and the Foundation will match your donation up to \$5,000. Earnings from your new Restricted Fund will support the organization(s) or charity(ies) of your choice, now and forever.

There are many benefits to creating your own endowment in the Community Foundation. With a simple contribution and a simple agreement, you can create an enduring legacy of goodness that reflects you and your interests. This legacy will sustain and nurture that part of life in Huntington County you care most about.

Your New Named Restricted Fund is established by a charitable contribution to the Community Foundation. We don't spend your gift; we invest it wisely to grow and produce earnings. Your fund is governed by a legal document - a fund agreement- that specifies the name of your fund and the intent of your fund. The fund agreement describes the donor's (your) charitable wishes. Be cause endowed gifts are designated to last in perpetuity and benefit the community for generations to come, it is the fund agreement that ensures distributions will always be made in a manner consistent with the donor's (your) charitable intent.

When choosing your fund's name, remember a fund's name stays with it forever. Whenever a grant is made from a fund, it is recognized by name. Thus, donors should give careful thought to their fund's name. Possibilities and examples include: The name of the person(s) establishing the fund, A family name, A favorite cause, A memorial, An anonymous fund.

Option 3. Contribute to an existing Restricted Fund and re-

ceive a \$.10 for \$1 Match up to \$5000. Your donation to an existing Restricted Fund will grow the fund and provide increase earnings which are used to support the charitable institution(s) named by the founding donor.

The Community Foundation has 80 diverse Restricted Funds meeting countless community needs. Giving to an existing Restricted Fund within the Foundation preserves the gift forever allowing only the income to be expended for the purpose of the fund.

There are many benefits to creating a fund in the Community Foundation. Giving through the foundation is local. It's low cost, it's flexible, it's convenient. Creating a Named Endowment Fund is like having your own private foundation without the burdens. We take care of all the services you would have to employ separately if you created your own foundation. When you give through the Community Foundation, all the administrative work is completed for you. Additionally, your fund benefits from being invested with other Community Foundation's endowment assets. This results in lower management fees and greater investment diversification. And lastly, you direct us regarding the degree of recognition or anonymity you require.

The Community Foundation Match Program will end September 30, 2006. The Foundation Match Program applies to donations of \$1,000 and greater to existing funds. Donations to all Foundation funds, New Named Unrestricted, New Named Restricted or existing Restricted Fund, are fully tax-deductible.

Many donors want to ensure that their gifts will be used to the best advantage in Huntington County. By entrusting gifts to the Huntington County Community Foundation you can be certain of making an impact on current and future needs in our community.

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

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ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU

We want to thank our children for our 65th wedding anniversary party; it was truly a beautiful day. To everyone who came to share in our celebration, we thank you. All of the flowers, cards and gifts were appreciated. It was a wonderful day we shall cherish forever.

Thank You
 Marvin & Marie Surber

ANOTHER WEBSITE

A few weeks ago a listing of websites owned and operated by local residents was published in the Warren Weekly. Following is another interesting site to add to your list: www.mycmsite.com/tdecker, Taya Decker-Independent Consultant, Creative Memories.

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<p>THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica <i>Rev. Gus Hacker</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>Come As You Are</i></p> <p>Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship..... 8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth Programs</p>
<p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathie Jones, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i></p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Sunday School..... 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) .. 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME</p> <p>SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Rev. John Wallace, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>

Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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We hope that as you plan your personal giving, for now and into the future, you examine the opportunities to give for the good of Huntington County through the Huntington County Community Foundation. Build a Named Unrestricted Fund, a Named Restricted Fund or make a contribution to an Existing Fund.

LIFEGUARD CLASS

The American Red Cross is holding a Lifeguard class the first week of June, 2006 at the Salamonie Middle School Pool. This class times may vary, with some evening and weekend classes. All participants must be 15 years of age by the completion of the course. This class is ideal for High School Juniors and Seniors, as well as College students who wish to get a summer job as a lifeguard.

The first session of this course will include a skills challenge. Items being completed during the skills challenge include:

Swim 500 continuously doing in this order: 200 yards of front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick; 100 yards of breaststroke; 200 yards of either front crawl using rhythmic breathing or breaststroke (may be a mixture of front crawl and breaststroke).

Swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface drive to a depth of 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound, return to surface, and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

The course fee is \$125 payable to the American Red Cross. To

register for this class, please call 260-356-2910 or come by 354 N. Jefferson to pick up a registration form.

INSTRUCTOR COURSE

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering the following instructor class:

Sun. April 23rd, 2006: 11am to 2 p.m. Fundamentals of Instructor's Training (a prerequisite to the instructor class)

Saturday & Sunday April 29th & 30th: 9am - 5pm First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Course

Upon completing this training you will be eligible to teach Community & Workplace First Aid & Safety, Adult CPR, AED, Adult CPR/AED, Standard First Aid, First Aid, Child CPR, Infant CPR, Child & Infant CPR, AED Essentials and etc.

To register for this training, please contact the Huntington American Red Cross at 260-356-2910. The cost is \$150 per person (includes the instructor manuals and participant manuals). Candidates must have current CPR & FA certification and each participant will be given a skills test at the beginning of the course.

This course is ideal for companies which provide Health & Safety training to employees. By having an on site Instructor, companies can cut costs and be more flexible with scheduling. If you have any questions, please contact Bendy Mann at 260-356-2910.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met Monday, March 27, at 8 a.m. in Assembly Hall. In the absence of president David Scheib, Bill Cartwright conducted the meeting which opened with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of a special meeting and regular meeting March 13, and an Executive and Special meeting March 22 were approved as submitted.

It was reported that AEP negotiations are still underway.

Council agreed to the purchase of the former Eckman Car Lot on First Street in the amount of \$15,000. The lot is expected to be used for the summer Farmer's Market and Salamonie Summer Festival activities.

The "Downtown" committee presented Council with ideas for improving the downtown area.

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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.

- Apr 3-7 Spring Into the Library - 4:30-5:30 Warren Library
- Apr 5 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Apr 8 KBC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at KBC
- Apr 8 Jackson Township Alumni Banquet
- Apr 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Apr 11 Second Tuesday at the Library: DaVinci Code 7p.m. Warren Library
- Apr 11 Our Town Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Apr 14 Warren Recycle Day
- Apr 15 SAM Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m. at KBC Ages 1-12
- Apr 17 Salamonie Summer Festival, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Apr 18 Pork Chop Dinner at KBC, Jefferson Center Men's Group, 5-7pm
- Apr 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Apr 22 United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper, at the church
- Apr 24 Warren Town Council, 8 am, Assembly Hall
- Apr 28 Warren Recycle Day
- Apr 29 - 30 Open House at Gebhart's Farm Greenhouse
- May 6 Jefferson Center Alumni Banquet - Contact Steve Holmes 375-2766
- May 13 Warren Alumni Banquet - Contact Jim Howell 375-3048
- Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 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 **Walking in the Gym** at KBC 7-11 a.m. Mon-Fri **After School Adventure** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene **Pre-school Story Time** - Warren Library 10:30 Fridays

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They are working on types of light poles.

Council agreed to the closing of West Second Street on Thursday, March 30, in order for Salamonie School students to attend a special performance at Pulse Opera House.

Carol Pugh reported that a Workshop will be held April 24 by the Department of Work Force Development.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave a maintenance update, including a new fire wall on computers.

Curtis Day gave a report from the Utility/Street Departments. Work was being done at the water plant and on water lines; limbs cleaned up; mowers being readied for spring; and sewer cleaning is planned. Town crews will pick up limbs on Mon-days and Fridays.

Council decided to look into the purchase of a new dump truck.

Representing the local Fire Department, Lee Poulson told Council the Department has a chance to purchase the tanker from Hy-Line Hatchery. Council was in favor of the purchase.

The Park Board will meet April 10.

Council meetings will be held

April 10 at 6:30 p.m. and April 24 at 8 a.m.

CPR - FAMILY & FRIENDS

The hospitals of the Lutheran Health Network are offering free or low cost CPR classes for the public during April as part of an American Heart Association initiative to teach lifesaving skills to persons of all ages.

CPR for Family and Friends is available in Fort Wayne on:

· April 20 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Dupont Hospital, 2520 East Dupont Road

· April 25 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, 7950 West Jefferson Blvd.

These are free sessions for individuals 14 and older. Please call 260-435-7453 to register for any of these offerings.

CPR for Family and Friends is being offered in Bluffton on:

· April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, 303 S. Main St.

This is a free session for individuals of all ages. Please call 260-824-3210 ext. 3806 to register.

Participants will not be eligible to receive certification cards for any of the sessions listed above.

RUMMAGE/FLEA MARKET

Blackford County 4-H Community Rummage and Flea Market. Sunday, April 9 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Lunch available. Call 765-348-3213 for information.

WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE

Wishes on Wheels makes available Electric Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old & up) and the permanently disabled of any age, if they qualify.

Usually, there is no charge or out-of-pocket expense for the power wheelchair, including shipping and delivery to the home by a technician, who makes the final adjustments to fit the individual and shows them how to use and maintain it. No deposit is required and there is no obligation for determining if they qualify.

Electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and also cannot operate a manual wheelchair sufficiently or safely enough to care for themselves in their residence. They do have to be able to safely operate a joystick controller on the armrest and understand the basic instructions.

There are additional qualifications including that their doctor

approves and recommends their need for a power wheelchair.

Please call 1.800.823.5220 or visit our web site at www.threewishes2.com for more information on the details of this program.

The Wishes on Wheels program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness of the assistance options that exist to allow senior citizens and the permanently disabled to remain independent in their homes without incurring extra expense.

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MODEL/TALENT SEARCH

On Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 12:30pm, Charmaine Agency will be holding auditions for models, actors, dancers and singers for the Millie Lewis - Actors, Models & Talent Competitions which will be held in Orlando at Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel.

The chosen individuals will be showcased to Leading Model Agents, Film & Casting Directors and Record Companies from all over the world.

The auditions are for Men, Women and Children, ages 4 and up.

Bring a recent snapshot. 18 years and under should come with a parent. Models should be prepared to walk the runway. Singers & Dancers will do a one minute performance with their own back up music. Actors will do a cold reading.

Auditions are at 12:30pm on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at Charmaine Agency - 3538 Stelhorn Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815. Call 260-485-8421.

IT'S SPRING:

TIME TO GARDEN!

Linda Howell chose gardening as her theme for storytime at the Warren Public Library on Friday, March 31. The children heard stories and had an activity.

Preschool story time is held Fridays at 10:30 a.m. All children are invited.

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Diabetic Share Group

Tues., April 11 • 6 - 7 p.m.

Downtown Campus

4th floor conference rooms

Diabetic Foot Care

Dr. Kevin Lind will discuss diabetic foot care. Learn about common foot problems and how to prevent them. For additional information, call Sue Schwyn, patient educator, at (260) 919-3427.

Special Mothers' Meeting

Every Wednesday

9:45 - 11:15 a.m.

South Campus

2nd floor education center

April 12

Becki Norton, speech-language pathologist - How to Encourage Good Speech

For more information about Mothers' Meetings, call Lynne Apple at (260) 919-3143.

Heart 2 HART

Wed., Apr. 12 • 6 - 7 p.m.

South Campus • Dining room

Heart Healthy Food Preparation Demonstration

Brooke Newsom will be demonstrating how to prepare quick, easy, low-cost meals that are also heart healthy.

To register call Sarah Soares at (260) 824-2001, ext. 7923.

Stroke Awareness Day - Huntington

Thurs., Apr. 13 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Walgreen's - Huntington

• FREE blood pressure
• FREE educational materials about stroke
• A trained healthcare professional will be available to answer your questions

For more information call Lisa Geiger at (260) 919-3859.

End of Life Issues

Presented by Keith Huffman

Thurs., Apr. 13 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

4th floor conference rooms

A discussion of Advanced Directives in four "end-of-life" scenarios

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FREE Family & Friends CPR

Sat., Apr. 15 • 8:30 a.m. - noon

South Campus

This course teaches rescue skills in CPR and relief of foreign-body airway constriction (choking) in the adult, child and infant.

To register call Melanie Shady at (260) 919-3806.

Fathers' Meeting

Thurs., Apr. 20 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

South Campus

2nd floor education center

David Shepherd, facilitator

Meetings are free, and children are welcome (babysitting is provided). No registration is necessary.

For more information call David Shepherd at (260) 824-8105.

Cancer Awareness Day - Decatur

Tues., Apr. 22 • 9 a.m. - noon

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• FREE colon cancer home screening kit

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Sat., Apr. 22 • 10 a.m. - noon

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• Hemogram, \$15
• Chem 30, \$30
• Thyroid panel, \$15
*Recommended 2-hour fast for diabetes screening

No appointment necessary. All events weather permitting. For more information call Lisa Geiger at (260) 919-3859.

Cancer Awareness Day - Pennville

Tues., Apr. 25 • 9 - 11 a.m.

Pennville Fire Station

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• Trained healthcare professionals will be available to answer your questions

*10-hour fast is recommended for Chem 30; water and daily medications are permitted as prescribed by your physician

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GENEALOGY REPORT

FRY



Darrol Roy Fry, 70, Huntington, died at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Huntington following an extended illness.

Born Dec. 2, 1935 in Iriquois, Ill., to Robert and Viola Perkins Fry, he married the former Sylvia Simmons, Aug. 18, 1956, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Sheldon, Ill. She survives.

An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he worked for Orton Crane Company in Huntington for several years as the head crane operator.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Robert Lee Fry of Plymouth and Mike Fry of Indianapolis; a daughter, Debra L. Scheiber of Huntington; a brother, Benjamin Fry of Sheldon, Ill.; a sister, Shirley Sanford of Benton, Mo.; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Services were held at Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, with Pastor Russell Buzzard and Pastor Raymond Stamper officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Etna Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Associated Churches Weekday Religious Education Bible Trailer Fund.

SUMWALT



Edward L. Sumwalt 86, Show-Low, AZ, passed away March 29, 2006 in the Show-Low hospital with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson at his bedside. He was born in Farmland, Indiana to Harry F. Sumwalt and Myretta (McWilliams) Sumwalt but lived most of his life in San Diego, CA. He served in the military during World War II and retired from General Dynamics Corp. in 1984. He moved to Tucson, AZ in 1989 and then moved to Show-Low in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bernie, his son Ernie, his parents, two brothers James Sumwalt Fort Wayne, IN, Frederick (Rev. FA) Sumwalt Winston-Salem, NC, and one sister Barbara J. Sumwalt Hartford City, IN. He is survived by his daughter Dina Simpson (Rob), and a most beloved grandson, Shawn, two sons Larry Sumwalt (Ruth) Muncie, IN, Gary Sumwalt Canada; also four brothers Thomas E. Sumwalt (Helen) Valley Spring, CA, Donald L. Sumwalt (Rosie) Hartford City, IN, Joseph F. Sumwalt (Virginia) Warren, IN, Max E. Sumwalt (Betty) Muncie, IN., two sisters Mildred (Mimi) Coppock Fort Wayne, IN and Harriet E. Andersen (Harry) Sun City West, AZ.

Also surviving are grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Private services were held. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to your favorite charity.

MILLER

Crystal M. Miller, 85, rural Poneto, died at 6:37 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Wells County on May 31, 1920 to Clell and Nellie Harris Murray, she married John E. Miller on Oct. 22, 1938. He preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1994.

A 1938 graduate of Chester Center School, she was a homemaker and worked alongside her husband on the family farm. She also worked as a nurse's aid at Caylor-Nickel Clinic and retired from CTS in Berne after 22 years. She was an active member of Hope Missionary Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Kerry Miller of Bluffton and Dennis Miller of Zanesville; a sister, Mrs. Paul (Helen) Bryan of Geneva; three brothers, Earl Murray of Seymour, Bob Murray of Redkey and Don Murray of Hartford City; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ned Murray.

Services were held at Hope Missionary Church with Rev. Gary Aupperle and Rudy Frauhiger officiating. Calling hours were held at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, and prior to the service at the church.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the church.

BERRY

Wilma M. Berry, 82, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2006 in Bradner Village Health Care Center.

She was born July 4, 1923 in Wells County, to the late Charles Hartley and Josephine (Cutler) Hartley Watson and had been a resident of Marion since 1929. She married Wayne Berry on March 23, 1940. He died in August of 1989. She was a homemaker. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts and Brownie Leader for Girl Scouts and was a member of the Purple Heart Mothers.

Survivors include daughters, Levina Russell Coffelt, Van Buren, Barbara Granstaff, Warren, Diana Pressley, Salem, Oregon; son, Charles Wayne (Karen) Berry, Ft. Wayne; Special Friend, Sheryl DeRossett; 13 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son William Berry.

Services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel. Burial was in Estates of Serenity.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton St., Marion, IN. 46953.

BERRY

David Wayne Berry, 25, of Huntington, died at 7:36 a.m. March 30, 2006 in Parkview Huntington Hospital.

He was born May 2, 1980 in Huntington, Indiana to David & Pamela

(Brooks) Oyler and was a life resident of Huntington area. He married Trena Alred. She survives.

He was employed at JR Brooks Construction, Inc. Huntington. He attended Huntington North High School and enjoyed hunting fishing & cooking.

Survivors include his wife, Trena Berry; son, David Wayne Berry, Jr.; mother, Pamela (James) Oyler, Wabash; father, David (Rebecca) Berry, sisters, Tiffany (Kurt) Tressler, Warren, Lindsay (John) Anson, Andrews; grandmother, Emma Brook, Warren; nephew, Thad Berry, Warren; uncle, Wayne Brooks Jr.

Services were held in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, Marion with Rev. Rick Tolley officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the David Wayne Berry, Jr. education fund. c/o the funeral home.

EDWARDS

Shawn L. Edwards, 32, Huntington, died at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2006 in his residence.

He was born December 20, 1973 in Marion to Earl and Beverly (Hawk) Edwards. He married Christina Byrd on May 9, 1998. She survives. He was a former resident of Peru and Michigan City. He attended North Miami High School and was a former Van Buren Volunteer Firefighter.

Survivors include his wife, Christina Edwards, Huntington; daughters, Saige Rockwell, Anderson, Sierra Edwards, Shyanne Edwards, both at home; sons, Blake Foster, Shawn Edwards, Jr., both at home; parents, Earl and Beverly Edwards, Peru; sister, Amber Young, Logansport; brother, Troy Edwards, Huntington; half brother, Nick (Danielle) Eccles, Shelbyville; half sister, Misty (Jack) Holly, Wabash; maternal grandparents, Bill and Joyce Hawk, Gas City; maternal great grandmother, Grace Hawk, Montpelier; parents-in-law, Richard and Ronda Flemming, Van Buren.

Services were held at Needham-

Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion with Pastor Robert Harris officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

BARBIERI



Services for James C. "Jim" Barbieri, 77, of Bluffton, will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton.

Barbieri, who's long and distinguished career at the Bluffton News-Banner has been the subject of awards, feature articles and legend, died Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 2:34 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on Dec. 20, 1928 in Park Ridge, Ill. to Joseph F. and Vera Gillick Barbieri, he married Barbara C. Forsell on April 28, 1951 in Greencastle. She survives.

After graduation from DePauw University in 1950, he worked briefly at The Chicago American as a reporter before being hired on June 18, 1950 as an advertising salesman at the Bluffton News-Banner. He eventually became editor and general manager in addition to his writing duties, and became a co-owner, president and publisher in 1986. He received numerous journalism awards and honors during his career, including several from DePauw's School of Journalism. In 1997 he was named publisher emeritus and continued his daily duties as editor and also continued to serve as secretary on the corporation's board of directors. His numerous community awards included being named the Citizen of the Year by the Wells County Chamber of Commerce in 1996.

Mr. Barbieri served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Germany as a Top Secret Radio Operator. He was a member of the American Legion Post 111 and named Legionnaire of the Year this past January. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a former member of Bluffton Kiwanis Club and the Parlor City Country

Club. He was named Permanent Class Secretary of the DePauw Class of 1950 and was speaker for the class of 1950's 25th and 50th reunions. As class secretary, he raised thousands of dollars each year for scholarships.

In addition to his wife of nearly 55 years, he is survived by a son, Chuck Barbieri of Haslett, Mich.; a daughter, Cindi Pastore of Bluffton; a brother, John Barbieri of Vancouver, Wash.; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Barbieri and Mary Lear; and a brother, Joseph Barbieri.

Calling hours at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home are from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. There will also be calling for one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. The service will be officiated by Pastor Robert Madsen. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery with a military flag presentation by the American Legion Post 111.

The family is encouraging memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Foundation, the First Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign Fund and the DePauw University Annual Fund.

BIRTH

Mick and Shonna (Rhamy) Leas, Petroleum, are the parents of a daughter, Cambri Maree born at 7:26 p.m. February 22, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The infant weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. She joins a brother, Korbin, age 12 and three sisters, Aubrie, age 5, Elley, age 3 and Maecy, age 19 months, at home.

Grandparents are Brenda Rhamy of Warren, Duane and Marsha Rhamy of LaFontaine, Becky & Lee Poulson of Warren and Dave and Tammy Leas of Montpelier. Great-grandparents are Doris Laymon of Marion, David Rogers of Pulaski TN, Jack Leas of Montpelier and Larry Wright of Gas City.

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BINGO/PIZZA PARTY

Twenty-Eight children were present for a fun day of home-made pizza and Bingo. The children signed in at the Van Buren Public Library and were able to look over all the bingo prizes being offered. The prizes were books and toys of all kinds. Just about everyone had a special prize they wanted to win.

First we decided to eat the homemade pizza while it was still nice and warm. Along with the pizza we had a fruit drink.

Playing bingo was next on the to do list. Everyone had a card and corn to put on the numbers as each number was called. Kids calling out bingo were at every table. The kids really enjoy playing this game and they enjoy all the prizes.

Karen wants to thank Missy Wass for helping with the children this week. Missy is new in the community and the library staff wants to welcome her and her family to Van Buren.

Those attending were Austin Maxey, Amy Kerr, Alie Gray, Desirae Litchfield, Jackson Reid, Ashley Kerr, Brandon Hutcheson, Matthew Wintode, Megan Stevens, Autum Smith, Jessica Smith, Nixon Smith, Kaitlyn Peer, Emily Webb, Kaylee Morgan, Emilee Morgan, Jarren Griffith Cathryne Anderson, Edward J. Quick, Kortney Peer, Jarred Peer, Chelsea Cason, Jessica Berry, Seth Wass, Ruthane Wass, Hanna Wass, Aurora Follis and Tyler Follis.

VERTICAL GARDENING

The Blackford County Extension Service will be hosting the program, Going Vertical in the Garden. Learn how to utilize trellises, arches, and even an old wire fence to grow a wide variety of plants. Going vertical is perfect for those with limited garden

space and those wanting to experiment with new ideas. The program will be held on April 19th at 7:00PM at the Blackford County Courthouse Annex. There is no cost for the program, but reservations are requested by April 13th to (765)348-3213 or cluppers@purdue.edu.

SISTERS OF FAITH

The Sisters of Faith of the Warren United Church of Christ held their regular meeting on Monday evening, March 27, 2006, in the church lounge.

President, Eileen Dye called the meeting to order with prayer.

After a regular business meeting, Eileen Dye gave the devotions and program for the evening. Her topic was "Freedom in Christ". The main idea brought out in her lesson was to: Love God totally and Love your Neighbor, as yourself, to be your guiding way for a Christian living.

Delicious refreshments were served by Eileen Dye to: Jean Wright, Marguerite Guenin, Nancy Smyth, Suzette Gephart, Peggy Wilson, Betty Parker, Patty Butler, Ellen Laymon and Rosemary Zeller.

LILLY WINNERS

Two Huntington County students will receive full, four-year scholarships as the Huntington County Community Foundation 2006 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Jarod Hammel and Heidi Haefner will receive not only full tuition to the Indiana college of their choice, but also an \$800 stipend for required books and equipment.

Heidi Haefner plans to attend Purdue University and major in aerospace engineering. She is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Haefner, Roanoke, IN.

While at Huntington North High School, Heidi was a member of

National Honor Society, Aviation Explorer Club and a Hoosier Girls State delegate. She was listed as a Who's Who Among High School Students, a member of National Honor Roll, a member of the softball team and received a first place at ISSMA. Heide was active in her church youth group, church choir, vacation bible school and as a volunteer softball coach.

Jarod Hammel, the son of Jeffrey and Marie Hammel, Andrews, IN will major in secondary math education at Huntington University.

While a student at Huntington North High School, Jarod was a member of National Honor Society, HNHS Athletic Board and Viking Mentor Program. He served as a peer tutor and as a tutor for special needs students. Jarod was on the High Honor Roll throughout high school, received the National Leadership Merit Award, was an Academic Letter recipient, a 4 year member of the high school baseball team, was named Scholar Athlete and received a Varsity Letter.

He is a Ten Year member of 4-H and served as a volunteer referee for St. Mary's Elementary Basketball League.

The Huntington County Community Foundation received 37 applications for its two Lilly En-

dowment Community Scholarships. Applicants were required to be Huntington County residents, high school graduates by 2006, and accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private Indiana college. The Scholarship committee, Lee Bowers, Tom Ayers, Marjorie Hiner, and Jim Scheiber, considered academic performance, honors and awards, personal statement of goals, community service and volunteer activities, work experience, school activities, and personal statement of need in the selection process.

After the Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee narrowed the field

to three nominees, the finalists' names were submitted to the Independent College of Indiana, Inc. (ICI) for the selection of the recipients.

ICI is a nonprofit corporation that represents 31 regionally accredited degree granting, nonprofit, private colleges and universities in the state. ICI conducts the state-wide Administration of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program.

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COMFORT FOR THE SOUL: SOUP

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
One of the most wonderful comfort foods under the sun is soup. Great big soup, not anemic wimpy soup that you can sip with a straw.

I am not one of those that believes soup should be served as a first course. First courses are for people who have butlers. For the rest of us work-a-day stiffs, we need rib-sticking, hale and hearty Soup, capital S.

The problem with these kinds of soups is the unfortunate propensity for a nice, thick soup to feed a nice, thick waistline. What we want is warm, robust, soul satisfying soups without all the fat and calories. The question then is how do we do that?

Here are my Top Ten Ways to Make Great Soup (and without all the extras).

1. Skim the Surface. If you're using a ham bone or a chicken carcass to make soup from, you'll get a lovely broth, but you'll also

get a heck of a lot of fat. That's easy to dispense of. Once you've made your homemade broth and removed the solids, chill the broth for a few hours or overnight. The fat will rise to the top, solidify, and make it easy to skim right off.

2. Can It. There are a multitude of wonderful, nearly fat free broths already made and available for purchase at your local grocery store. I find the low-sodium chicken broth to be a close second place to my homemade and definitely a first place in timesaving!

3. Chill Out. If you already made your soup and you didn't first degrease your broth, you can do it even as it sits on the stovetop. Throw a few ice cubes in your soup and watch how the grease migrates to them. Pull the ice out (with its cling-on greasy friends) and dispose of them before they melt.

4. Decrease the grease. Another way to get rid of the extra fat in soup is to use a lettuce leaf. Weird, I know (talk about your soup and salad!), but if you float a big old lettuce leaf in your pot of soup, it's like screaming, Buffet! to the little grease blobs they come running to the big leaf and cling to it like a life raft.

5. Flavor Saver. If you sauté the

onions and other veggies before adding them to the soup pot, you will add extra flavor to your soup. The veggies themselves will retain their flavors rather than giving it all up to the soup and having everything taste the same.

6. The Frozen Chosen. Use frozen veggies, such as corn, petite peas and beans to cut your prep time way down. Just remember they will continue to cook as your soup simmers so you need to be careful when you add them.

7. Scrap Heap. Rather than chuck your leftovers, why not save them and make soup out of them? Leftover veggies, meats and pasta will all add a new dimension to your soup. Simply freeze your little leftovers and on soup day, add it all in to the same pot. True, your soup will never taste the same, but it will be good and definitely unique.

8. Thicker Stock. It's easy to thicken up your frail little soup with a modest amount of instant potato flakes. Just be sure you look for the kind without the trans fats and you're good to go.

9. Lean and Green. Soup is a great place to get your kids (and other picky eaters) to eat their veggies. Some kids and grown ups hate broccoli but adore cream of broccoli soup and it can be made without the cream and still be just as wonderful.

10. A Change of Seasonings. Sometimes your soup loses the oomph it once had and that's because your seasoning needs to be corrected. Don't be afraid to taste and re-taste your soup as necessary (just go easy you don't want to have a full soup meal before you sit down to the table!) and add a little more seasoning if it needs it.

Next week, I'll give you a few recipes to go with these tips. Stay tuned!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication

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