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Thought for the Week: *Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.* Albert Einstein



TAKING OATH

Debbie Echelbarger is shown above taking her oath of office as the official Postmaster of the Van Buren Post Office last Friday, December 5. Debbie replaced former Postmaster Sarah Hammitt who retired in July of this year. The little lobby was crowded with well wishers. Cake and punch were enjoyed by those attending.

was under construction. Attached to the four wheeler at the time of the theft was snow blade and it had cargo racks both on the front and on the rear.

Crimestoppers assists law enforcement by offering cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of crime suspects. If you have information regarding this or any other incident or if you know the location of a wanted criminal please contact CrimeStoppers at (800)237-7867 or the Huntington County Police Department (260)356-8316, ask for Deputy Chris Newton. We honor your desire to remain anonymous.

Crime-stoppers is seeking donations to cover cash rewards. Donations can be made by check to Huntington County Crimestoppers, PO Box 621, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

90 YEARS YOUNG

Mrs. Helen Shellenbarger will be honored with an Open House in celebration of her 90th birthday from 2 - 4 on December 14th, 2003. The Open House will be held in the Jones Banquet Hall at the Student Center on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. Parking will be provided at the east and north sides of the building at 41st and S. Nebraska Streets.

It is requested that gifts be omitted, but cards including special memories of this special lady will surely be appreciated. If you cannot attend but would like to send a card, please send it to her at 4714 So. Colonial Oaks Dr, Apt 612, Marion, IN 46953.

The celebration is being hosted by the Lancaster Wesleyan Church and Indiana Wesleyan University.

ADOPTS POLICY

In accordance to the Children's Internet Protection Act and Privacy Act, the Warren Public Library Board has adopted a revised computer policy. Patrons must have a valid Warren Library card and present this card to the librarian on duty for scanning. No card = no computer use.

Patrons must have on file a signed form stating that they have read the Library's "Acceptable Use and Safety Policy" and "Policies for Use of Public Access Computing Resources." Parents of children un-

der the age of 18 must also sign the child's form granting permission for their child to use the library computers. These forms need to be completed at the library in the librarian's presence.

Overdue library materials and unpaid fees and fines will result in denial of library computer privileges. Violations of any library standard of behavior will also result in the withholding of privileges.

Computer use is limited to one hour per day by any person; one-half hour if someone is waiting to use the computer unless research is being done. No more than two persons may be at a workstation at one time. "Chat" is not allowed on the library computers and violation will result in loss of computer privileges.

CONGRATS!!!

Congratulations to Warren resident Robin Hardin!!! Robin's photo was published in the 2004 Westfield Insurance Company calendar. His photo was one of fourteen, chosen out of 226 photos that were entered in the annual contest. The calendar has a circulation of over 200,000.

Robin has been a client of the Hunnicutt-Kennedy & Associates Insurance Agency in Warren for 8 years. Hunnicutt-Kennedy & Associates is a local agency that has served our community's insurance needs since 1968.

You are welcome to stop by and see anyone of the staff and pick up your free calendar, while supplies last, at the office located at 119 N. Wayne Street or give them a call at 375-3750.

Good job Robin!

COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The meeting opened with a Public Hearing concerning a Sewer Planning Study.

Kenya Ford from Area Plan was in attendance and explained how the Building ordinance is being extended.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report. He said his Department had

received a Grant in the amount of \$10,000 toward the purchase of a new police car. The purchase will not be made until 2004.

Council voted to pay IACT dues.

The rope on the new flag pole at Town Hall broke recently. The company will replace and install a new rope.

Council passed a Salary Ordinance for 2004.

The next Council meeting will be held Dec. 17.

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next
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CHRISTMAS STORIES

Story book Christmas story hour at the Warren Library, Monday, December 15, 6:30 - 7:30.

SPECIAL TREE

"Memories of Warren" Christmas Tree at the Warren Public Library.

Ruth Herring has crafted ornaments for the Warren Public Library's Christmas tree from pictures of Warren in days gone by. Stop by, enjoy the beautiful tree, reminisce over the ornaments and check out a book to relax with after a stressful day. The Library wishes you and yours a very merry Christmas and peace and happiness in 2004.



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Join the Warren Church of Christ in a celebration of the season - December 12 and 13, 6 to 8 p.m., on the front lawn of the Knight Bergman Civic Center.

Hot cocoa, cookies and gifts will be shared inside.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The UMMH Support group will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 10:00am in the 1A Activity Room. Our guest speaker will be Psychologist, Dr. Derek Paris. An open discussion about the disease, progression, overhead presentation, help for patients - medicinal and non-medicinal interventions. There will be plenty of time for questions, concerns, problems you have encountered, etc. As the holidays are upon us, this can be a difficult time with new situations, questions (ie. should I take my loved one home) and more. Please RSVP to Julie Trout x216 or Jane Trickle x243.

United Methodist Memorial Home 801 Huntington Avenue Warren, IN 46792 (260) 375-2201

CRIMESTOPPERS

Crimestoppers requests your assistance in solving the following crime:

On Wednesday November 12, 2003. Sgt. Tom Tallman with the Huntington Co. Sheriff's Department was dispatched to 1222 E. 900 N., the Tim Swihart residence, in reference to a theft of a four wheeler.

Stolen was a 2002 Green and Black Honda Foreman TRX 500 four wheeler that had been parked in the back corner of a garage that



PEPPERMINT HOLIDAY

Gebhart's Floral Barn entered a Christmas tree in the Festival of Trees at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne. The tree won the People's Choice Award. WMEE was the benefactor of the tree and auctioned it off for \$1000. The money will go for WMEE's Toys for Tots program.

The tree, decorated by the ladies at Gebharts and titled Peppermint Holiday, was loaded with candy canes of different sizes, Christmas balls, Santas, Snowmen, ribbon and tulle, all in red and white.

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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

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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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

DEAR CITIZENS OF TOWN OF WARREN

This letter is to formally announce my resignation from the Warren Town Council, effective January 1, 2004. This was a tough decision to make but one that is in the best interest of the Town, my family and myself. The ever-increasing demands of my job and the desire to spend more quality time with my family are but a few of the reasons for this decision. At this point in time, I feel that someone who can devote the time and energy this position demands would better serve Warren.

It has been a privilege to represent the citizens of Warren in this capacity. I have enjoyed working with all the members of council, both past and present. People should not view this position as a job, but rather as a civic responsibility that all voters should accept at some point in their life. It has been an honor to work with a clerk-treasurer that fully understands the intricacies of small town government. Warren would be a far worse place if it weren't for the leadership and passion that Marilyn has for her job and this town.

I would also like to thank former council member, Jackie Huffman, who showed us all how to conduct ourselves with dignity and class during the tough decisions. No one exemplified this more than Jackie. She was a true small town American who valued honesty, fairness and most of all truthfulness.

Again, thank you: Harold, Ron, Bill and Marilyn for your patience, sincerity and honesty. I will value this experience and the lessons learned for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
 Chod Boxell

THE GRINCHES OF WHOVILLE

I am compelled to inform you the Grinches of Whoville are indeed alive and well, perhaps I should say alive ... they are not well and indeed make me sick. On December 6th I had gone to the bank in Whoville around 10:30 a.m., and taking my regular route home at the corner of Wayne Street, one block north of the railroad, I saw a "Who" lying on the ground struggling to get up. She is legally blind but tries to be very determined and self-sufficient. You many not be aware "Whoville" has undergone some major sewer work leaving many people's yards to look like "war torn Bosnia." With lawns torn up like plowed fields, add four to five inches of very wet snow and drop the temperature to the lower 20's to freeze it to a crust on top, making it hazardous to anyone who had to confront it. She had been trying to get to her mailbox and did not make it.

As I helped her up and got her to her house, she told me that she had fallen the day before and four vehicles had passed by with nobody offering to help. She was finally able to crawl through those conditions to her front porch and pull herself up.

This would be sad at anytime of the year, but here we are in the Christmas season when God demonstrated his love and caring for the whole would and yet four Grinches, with hearts half the size of a walnut and twice as hard, passed her by. I am sure in this modern society they quickly figured "what is in it for me" or "why waste my precious time" or "I don't care, don't bother me!" I am very proud of the Christmas decorations down the main street of "Whoville" and at the center of the main intersection hangs a beautiful star. If those "Grinches" understood the complete meaning of that star maybe their hearts would not be so cold and hard. To the greater number of "Who's" in Whoville, I sincerely hope that God grant you a special portion of that light ... to the Grinches among you I merely wish ... the same.

Paul Craig

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 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199

Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor
 Sunday
 Trad. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
Come As You Are
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W Kathie Jones, Pastor

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Eric Vitz, Interim Minister
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
 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" (Begins 9/17) (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, 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.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330

www.hows.net/46792WCT
Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sue Brown, Children's Ministry
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.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.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

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

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.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.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Bard, Pastor

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor
Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510
 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..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Charles Dye , Jr., 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.

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.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431

Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.
 www.vanburenumc.org

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 8:20 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m.
 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.

Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

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

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Wayne Wright, 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.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Student Pastor - Eric Dubach

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice

AREA NEWS

MAIL EARLY

With the volumes of cards, letters and packages expected to balloon with the countdown to the holidays, Warren Postmaster Sheryl Horst advises customers to mail early. "Our goal is to deliver increased holiday mail volumes at our normal year-round service levels to keep your holidays special," says Horst. "Although we have taken extra measures to handle the added volume, we are asking customers to mail early to avoid a backup of mail the last days before Christmas."

U.S. Postal Service customers will bring nearly 20 billion mail pieces to Post Offices during the holiday season, from November 29 to December 31.

Postmaster Horst said that customers can help speed Post Office transactions by providing retail associates with full information on packages, such as requirements for Insurance, Delivery Confirmation and desired time for package arrival.

Other helpful mailing tips to avoid glitches include:

- Write, type or print the delivery address neatly.
- Always use a return address.
- Always use complete address information, such as AVE., BLVD. and ST. Use the apartment or suite number as well as correct directionals, such as N, W and SW.
- Don't let an incorrect ZIP Code delay delivery of cards and letters. Local Post Offices and the Postal Service Web site - www.usps.com - offer ZIP Code information. Or you may call 1-800-ASK-USPS.
- Avoid placing bulky items such as photographs, keys, coins, rings, etc. in greeting card or letter size envelopes as these items could be damaged in automated processing.
- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.
- Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape or glass-reinforced pressure-sensitive tape.
- Plain air-popped popcorn, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts work well for cushioning package contents.

The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. Tip: Place a return address label inside the package.

Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, remove glass and wrap separately.

Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken into the Post Office for mailing.

Access the Postal Service's Web site - www.USPS.com - to

obtain Click-N-Ship easy-to-use online shipping labels. Customers can print and pay for labels with postage using a credit card, PC and printer. Customers can calculate rates, find ZIP Codes, validate and save addresses, and print labels without postage - all in one convenient location.

When writing to Santa, be sure to use a return address. Santa may write back. Also, when writing Santa, please don't place any cookies for Santa or hay for his reindeer as this can foul mail sorting equipment and delay delivery.

"The Holidays are here, and we want to make sure your mail flies like an eagle and is delivered on time. Just help us by mailing early," Horst said.

HELP FOR MATH SKILLS

Is your fear of math the one thing that keeps you from taking the GED test? Hundreds of adults in Indiana who think their math skills aren't good enough to pass the GED test are calling to enroll in the GED ON TV math series which will begin in December on local public television stations. These people read well, but are afraid their rusty math skills will keep them from passing the GED. If adults remember how to do basic math watching the GED ON TV math series from home may be the answer to passing the GED test and earning an Indiana GED High School Diploma.

The series includes 14 half-hour programs designed for adults and will run through February, 2004. Two lessons each week will present dramatized learning situations in which adults are using math in their daily lives. The programs begin with number sense; decimals; fractions; ratio, proportion and percent. Then they teach measurement, formulas, geometry, statistics and probability, and basic algebra.

Adult students will find learning math easier and a lot more fun than they remember from high school. The friendly GED ON TV staff will answer questions on a toll-free helpline throughout the series. A workbook and scientific calculator accompany the lessons and may be purchased for \$24. Hoosier adults wanting to brush up on their math skills may enroll by calling toll-free 1.877.433.6688.

SEEKING NEW CROP

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you.

Beginning January 20, 2004, a Purdue Master Gardener Program training series will be offered for residents of Grant County and surrounding areas. The Purdue Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program that provides a learning framework for participants to increase their knowledge

on a wide variety of horticultural subjects. In turn, participants volunteer, representing Purdue University. As volunteers, participants grow by sharing knowledge while providing leadership and service in educational gardening activities within their communities.

Training will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$75.00 per participant. This expense fee covers such items as reference notebooks, mailings, and name badges. These materials all become part of the Master Gardener's personal collection. Couples sharing one set of materials may participate for \$100.00.

While the class will be encouraged to create new educational outreach programs, there are already plenty of opportunities for which volunteers are needed. Some of these projects include the staffing information booths at gardening events, teaching public education classes, speaking to local clubs and organizations, and hands-on demonstration gardens.

If you'd like an application to join our league of volunteers or have questions about the program, give us a call at the Grant County Extension Office, (765) 668-8871, Ext. 413.

FAS SUPPORT

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Group - meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - Open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorder.

Meeting date: Monday, December 15, 2003

Meeting time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Topic: Problematic Play Skills and Special Needs Children: Presenter - Ada Dickinson, M.A., L.M.H.C., A.T.R.

Location: CNS, 3010 E. State, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Contact person: Mary Douglas, 471-3183 (office) or 493-1149.

STILL TIME

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"This is a great program for people who want to help a charity, but aren't able to make a significant cash contribution," says Karen Campese, CEO of cars4charities. "They can donate a vehicle they no longer need, receive a valuable tax deduction, and support a respected charity. It's a win-win situation for everyone."

For more information, visit www.cars4charities.org or call 1-866-448-3487 (GIVE-4-US)

KEEPERS OF HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

SAVANNAH, GA—A nationwide search is underway for holiday cooks, decorators, planners and others to be featured in "Great American Traditions," a television series in production at Farmers' Almanac TV.

The series focuses on traditional American pastimes and practices, while also telling the stories of people who keep such traditions alive.

People who wish to share stories about their holiday traditions will be

asked to submit them on video or in writing, and are asked to follow published materials submission guidelines available online at www.FarmersAlmanacTV.com.

Official guidelines are also available by mail. Inquiries should include a self-addressed stamped envelope mailed to Farmers Almanac TV, 4 Pipemaker Lane, Savannah, GA, 31411.

Virtually any traditional holiday pastime or practice will be considered, including those that have been inherited from ancestors living in foreign countries and passed down to a new generation of Americans.

THE HERDMANS HIT THE STAGE!

The cast has been set for Huntington North High School's production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

The play - telling the story of a church pageant director who must work with the horrible Herdman kids - will be performed in the Huntington North Auditorium Thursday, December 11, and Friday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 per person and will be available at the box office prior to the performance. Proceeds from the show will be contributed to the educational fund established for the sons of the recently deceased Huntington North Agriculture teacher, Rick Hutchinson.

Director, Ruth Reed, describes the play as a "delightful, yet touching comedy, ideal for all groups."

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**Christmas Arrangements Poinsettias,
Stuffed Animals, Cards, Gifts & More at ...**



PJ's Flower & Gift Shop
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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 12 Warren Recycle Day
Dec 13 KBC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at KBC
Dec 13 A Christmas Carol, 2 p.m. Fahl Rec. Room at UMMH
Dec 14 A Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. at United Church of Christ
Dec 17 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 22 Warren Town Council, 6:30, Town Hall Annex
Dec 26 Warren Recycle Day
Mar 26, 2004 Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7, Games 6 to 8
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The touching story by Barbara Robinson concerns the efforts of a woman and her husband to put on the annual church Christmas pageant despite having to cast the Herdman children.

"The Herdman kids are probably the meanest, nastiest, most inventively-awful kids in the history of the world," says Reed. "You won't believe the mayhem – and the fun – when the Herdmans meet the Christmas story in a head-on collision."

The auditorium's new sound system is wonderful. The play should be easy to hear and understand.

MEETING PLANNED

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at the Court House Annex meeting room on the 2nd floor. Please plan to attend.

GIFTS GALORE STORE

The youth of Living Water UM Church are sponsoring a Gifts Galore Store on Saturday, December 13 from 9am-4pm in the dining area of the Bluffton Regional South Campus (former Wells Community Hospital). This will give your child the opportunity to gain experience in earning and saving money as well as selecting and purchasing items with that money. There is nothing more exciting than to see the smile on your child's face when he or she brings home that special gift for you! There will also be helpers available to assist your child with his or her shopping experience. So, parents, bring your children! And while they shop, you can relax in our mini-café! All proceeds will go toward Living Water youth events and missions projects. Please call Henry Lynch, Living Water Youth Director, with any questions, 260.334.5085.

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Wee-Wraps are now available at the Warren Pharmacy!! A warm cuddly fleece sown to wrap around an infant in a car seat or stroller!! A great winter gift for that new-born!!

<http://www.wee-wraps.com/>
Check out our other Home-made gifts: Embroidered sweatshirts by Bev Perry, Pillows by Donna Jones, Tote Bags by Sarah Daniels. It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy!

Pleasant Words Honey is again available at the Warren Pharmacy.

This raw honey is extracted by 17yo Lacy Burnside, formerly of rural McNatt, from bees that she had raised for 4-H. She was awarded the Wells County 4-H Grand Champion for her work. The Honey is only \$3.50/pound, \$5.50/2 pounds & \$3 for a 12oz Honey Bear (squeeze bottle).

Are there Benefits in Honey?

Yes! Locally grown honey is a benefit. Bees collect pollen from surrounding plants to make honey.

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Honey can also be used for quick energy. The simple sugars in honey are easier for your body to digest so it gets to your bloodstream faster. Many professional athletes eat honey before a game for quick energy.

As an interesting side note honey can also be used as a natural bandage on cuts and scrapes because it is completely safe and seals the wound from dirt and germs.

2004 SCHOLARSHIP

The National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society has announced details of its 2004 National MS Society Scholarship Program, which provides financial relief for people affected by MS who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

In 2003, 36 awards were given nationwide to people with MS or their children entering an accredited post-secondary educational program. Awarded based on financial need, academic record, and a personal essay discussing the im-

pact of MS, the non-renewable scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Leslie Ribordy, 18, of LaPorte, was one of the inaugural recipients of a 2003 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship. For Ribordy, everything happened at once the year she was diagnosed with MS. While she was learning to tolerate her new MS medication, her grandfather passed away. Later that year, she lost a good friend in an accident. Through it all, she learned that she could "give up or push even harder in life." She chose the latter.

"Now, I cherish the smaller things in life and refuse to dwell on things I cannot change," said Ribordy.

Currently, she attends Indiana University.

"We know so many families struggling to cope with the financial impact of MS," says Connie Molland, Chapter President of the National MS Society, Indiana State Chapter. "This is why we are fighting this often hidden effect of multiple sclerosis—because MS shouldn't stand in the way of an education."

The National MS Society Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship America. Applications will be accepted between January 1 and February 16, 2004. For further information or to receive an application, contact Director of Chapter Programs Tiffany Bogard at 1-800-FIGHT-MS or visit nationalmssociety.org.

Every hour, someone in the United States learns that he or she has multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable and often devastating and disabling disease of the central nervous system. The mission of the National MS Society is to end the devastating effects of MS for over 400,000 Americans living with the disease. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds more MS research, offers more services for people with MS, and provides more professional education programs than any other MS organization in the world.

For more information call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or visit us online at www.msindiana.org.

AUX. MET

The Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary met at the Post Home on Dec 4, 2003 for the annual Christmas party. Members met at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and short announcements. President, Toni Jones, conducted the meeting. A prayer was given by Waneta Linton, Chaplain for the unit. The evening was spent on playing Robber Bingo, with much fun by all. Those attending were Toni Jones, Joyce Loftis, Sheri Reneer, Susan Cragun, Royce L Holmes, Trudy Ann Plummer, Shirley Shinholt, Linda Long, Lequita Taylor, Keteba Mayo, Eula Belle Farr, Irene James, Kathy Stucky, Sheila VanNess, Martha Sparks, Kim Weinley, Creta Arlington, Ruth Bole, Julie Webb, Flo Doyle, Laurel Shook, and Sally Bancroft.

The next meeting will be January 8th, the second Thursday night, because of New Years Day.

The Children's Christmas party will be Dec 20th with the Auxiliary providing the cookies. The Sons of the American Legion will host the party.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club met in the Calico Room for their December 5th meeting. President Karen Hunnicutt led the members in reciting the Club Collect. The roll call was answered by telling about Christmas memories or favorite gifts.

After a short business meeting everyone went to the chapel where they enjoyed a piano concert given by Jodi DeSalvo, a very talented musician. Following the concert, the members returned to the Calico Room where they were served delicious refreshments by the hostess, Ann Brauchla.

Those present were Barbara Baer, Ann Brauchla, Mary Brown, Jean Cress, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Florence Mott, Peggy Schweikhardt, Carolyn Sparks, Bertha Turner, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent and guest, Becky Arnett.

The next meeting will be on January 2, 2004 in the Calico Room with Robert St John as hostess.

IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining room of the United Methodist Memorial Home for lunch on Monday, December 1, 2003 with Marjorie Lieurance as hostess.

The afternoon meeting was held in the Calico Lounge. President Edna Alfeld was in charge. Marjorie gave a reading, "Chosen", to open the meeting.

Roll call was answered by "What gift you would like to receive for Christmas." Treasurers report given. A bill was allowed to Marjorie for the Christmas Party. A donation of \$100.00 will be given to the Warren Fire Department as our Christmas Project this year.

Secret Pal names were revealed, new ones will be in the program book we will receive in January.

Margaret Knight gave a humorous read, "Chicken Sandwiches."

Kings on the Corner was played with Mildred Gilbert high and Violet Years low.

Cookies and punch were served by the committee of Ruth Brooks, Miriam Rice and Marjorie Lieurance at the close of the meeting.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Mildred Gilbert, Freda Finley, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Devonna Leas, Clara Mossburg, Helen Trout, Violet Years, Martha Burneau, Miriam Rice, Ruth Brooks, Marjorie Lieurance and Georgia Poulson.

OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR

Jo Wiley has been named the Optimist of the Year by the Huntington Optimist Club.

Wiley has been involved in several club projects, including the Pioneer Festival pork roast, the Tri-Star basketball skills contest, the Miss Huntington pageant, and the Youth of the Month awards. Club members said Wiley "exemplified the Optimist motto, 'Friend of Youth,' with his many other activities aimed at helping the youth of Huntington County."

The club has elected officers for the 2003-04 club year. They are Michael Zahn, president; Kendall Mickley, vice president; Ruth Marsh, secretary; Larry Hensley, treasurer; and Steve Mason, Scott Herron, Darlene Stanley and Joe Wiley, board members.



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GENEALOGY REPORT

ARCHBOLD

Harold E. Archbold, 85, of Ossian, died at Ossian Health Care and Rehabilitation Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003.

Born Jan. 13, 1918 in Wells County to John and Edna Woods Archbold, his marriage to the former Wilma Carnes took place Oct. 15, 1940 in Covington, Ky. She preceded him in death Oct. 7, 1988. A retired farmer and painting contractor, Mr. Archbold collected antiques of all kinds.

He is survived by two sons, Dean E. of Bluffton, and Lyle C. of Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada; a daughter, Marilyn Lindquist of Farmington, Conn.; two sisters, Joan Brewer of Bluffton and Luella Updike of Warren; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services, under the direction of Dr. Franklin Garton and Rev. Randy Stirratt, were held at the Ossian Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling hours were held at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or to the church.

HIATT

A former cattle buyer for the Ossian Packing Company, Jay Harvey Hiatt, 88, of rural Huntington died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003 at his home.

A lifelong resident of Huntington County, he retired from Ossian Packing Company in 1985. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge F&AM in Mt. Etna and is in the Huntington County Basketball Hall of Fame.

He graduated from Banquo High School and attended Banquo Christian Church.

Born Jan. 24, 1915 in Banquo to Russ and Leona Harvey Hiatt, his marriage was to the former Esther Irene Helms, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Dan J. Hiatt of Huntington, four daughters, Mrs. Carl (Connie) Heyde of Huntington, Mrs. Keith (Ann) Spahr of Warren; Mrs. David (Betty Jayne) Wamsley of Brownsville, Tex., and Mrs. Tom (Sherry Lynn) Rupert of

Roanoke; 18 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Bragg, and three grandchildren.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with Pastor Veryl C. Roth officiating and burial in Mt. Etna Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Huntington.

McNICHOLAS

A former pastor of Liberty Center Baptist Church, Rev. Jeffrey Lee McNicholas, 32, of North Vernon, died at 4:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003 at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Born May 6, 1971 in Columbus to Ervin and Deanna Sue Banks McNicholas, he married Fay Ann Davies on March 10, 1990 in North Vernon; she survives.

A pastor for 13 years, he most recently served at New Harmony Baptist Church in Austin. He was also a machinist at Village Engineering in Seymour.

Surviving with his wife and parents are three sons, Michael, William and Jeremiah at home; a brother, Greg McNicholas of North Vernon; and a sister, Pam Lovegrove of North Vernon. He was preceded in death by a sister, Kimberly McNicholas.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in North Vernon with burial in the Vernon Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home in North Vernon. Preferred memorials to the McNicholas Children's Trust Fund or Gideons International.

KUNKEL

A former Bluffton resident, Gladys C. Kunkel, 89, died at 12:35 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 at the Warren United Methodist Home after having been in failing health the past two years.

Born in Bluffton on May 16, 1914 to Jesse and Ivy Simmerman Neuenschwander, she married John D. Kunkel on April 16, 1938 in Indianapolis; he died May 1, 1977.

A graduate of Ossian High School and Indianapolis Business College,

she worked as an administrative assistant for 25 years at Production Credit Company, retiring in 1980. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, the Psi Iota Xi sorority and volunteered at the Wells County Food Bank.

Survivors include two sons, Larry G. Kunkel of New Braunfels, Texas, and Randy J. Kunkel of Plymouth, Minn.; two daughters, Mrs. Jeff (Karen) Friar of Hartford City and Jill Johnson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Leon Neuenschwander of Ossian; a sister, Mrs. Wayne (Jessie) Wilburn of Greenville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Minnich; a son-in-law, James D. Johnson and a grandson, Jeremiah Johnson.

Services are scheduled for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Pastors Cindy Osgood and Gary Lewis officiating. Calling hours are Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton and Wednesday for one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

BIRTHS

Jon R Hosler of Huntington and Christina M Helms Hosler of Warren, are parents of a son, Jayce

Jonathon, born at 11:06 p.m., November 18, 2003 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces at birth and joins a brother, Nicholas Neil, 4.

Grandparents are Connie and Neil Helms, Warren, Penny Hosler, Huntington and Dennis Hosler, Huntington. Great-grandparents are Meredith and Maxine Helms, Warren and Juanita Hosler, Huntington.



YENCER — COX

Jennifer Lynn Yencer of Montpelier and Lucas James Cox of Claypool, will exchange wedding vows during a 3:30 p.m. ceremony January 3, 2004 at Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton.

Parents of the couple are Frank and Alice Yencer of Montpelier and Milton and Chris Cox of Claypool.

Miss Yencer is a 1999 graduate of Southern Wells High School. She is a senior at University of Southern Indiana at Evansville where she is studying communications.

Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Tippacanoe Valley High School. He is a senior at University of Southern Indiana at Evansville where he is studying business administration. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and is employed at Aflac Insurance Company.

CRIFE — HOWELL

Kelly Crife and Eric Howell, both of Fort Wayne, are engaged to be married April 24, 2004 at Pilcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, Andrews.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Huntington North High School. She is the daughter of Jill Crife and Fort Wayne and formerly of Huntington.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Huntington North High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rick Howell, Warren.

50 YEARS TOGETHER

Mr and Mrs Howard DeHaven, Warren, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a family dinner in Fort Wayne. The couple's children hosted the gathering.

Howard DeHaven and Donna Wardwell were married November 21, 1953 at Gaston Methodist Church.

Mr and Mrs DeHaven are retired from farming. Mr. DeHaven is also retired from Shuttleworth Inc.

The DeHavens are the parents of Jeff DeHaven and Mrs. Mike (Gloria) Surfus, both of Warren, and Mrs. John (Sherry) Hanley III, Fort Wayne. A daughter, Jessica, and a son, Randy, are deceased. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN

Mr and Mrs Albert Surfus celebrated 50 years of marriage with a family dinner at The Back 40 Junction Restaurant in Decatur. The celebration was hosted by the couple's children.

Albert Surfus and Darlene Boxell were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1953 at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington by Rev. Simeon Schmitt.

Mr. Surfus was born and raised in the Van Buren area and Mrs Surfus was born and raised in Manistee, MI, moving to Warren in 1951.

Mr Surfus farmed all of his life until retiring 14 years ago. He has been a Beck's Seed Corn dealer since 1977. Mrs Surfus is a homemaker. She worked at Shultz Restaurant, Warren, from 1951-52; Model Engineering, Huntington, from 1952-53; Nowak's Hallmark, Bluffton, from 1980-87; and A Touch of Elegance, Huntington, from 2002-03. She has been active in the Extension Homemakers of Wells County since 1955. She is also involved with various clubs and activities of the Buckeye Christian Church.

Mr and Mrs Surfus are the parents of Mrs Rick (Linda) Till, Richard Surfus, Alan Surfus, and Mrs Tom (Kathy) Reed, all of Huntington, and Mrs Jeff (Carol) Southard, Bluffton. A daughter, Donna, is deceased. They have seven grandchildren.

CELEBRATE 50TH

Mr and Mrs H Dean Newhouse, LaFontaine, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a cruise to the Eastern Caribben, Nov. 15-22. The couple's children also hosted a dinner in their honor in Fort Wayne.

H Dean Newhouse and Nancy Holt were married November 22, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Anderson.

Mr and Mrs Newhouse farm in Huntington County.

The Newhouses are the parents of Linda Schroeder and Kathie Eppard, both of Warren, and Debbie Long, Roanoke. They have six grandchildren.

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Non-fiction – An Attitude of Gratitude; I Am a Soldier Too; The Real America; and Lyle Official Antiques Review.

HOME SCHOOL B BALL

The Huntington Eagles Junior Varsity & Varsity boys participated in the 8th annual Holiday Classic HomeSchool Basketball Tournament held at Indy Indoor Sports Park.

The Varsity Eagles won the Boys Varsity Championship by beating the Kokomo Eagles 74-35, Elkhart Hawks 54-42 & the Northwest (Indy) Warriors 65-53. Blake Hitzfield had a double double in 2 games.

For the 3 games Blake Hitzfield had 39 points, 38 rebounds, 10 assists, 5 steals & 2 blocks; Trent Lloyd 31p, 4r, 8a, 3s; Josh Shoemaker had 28p, 20r, 8a, 5s; Tim Nei 26p, 8r, 9a, 9s, 3b; Josh Rich 15p, 10r, 2a, 2s; Paul Meehan 15p, 8r, 3s, 2b; Pat Meehan 13p, 7r, 2s; Ben Burnworth 10p, 2r, 2a, 1s; Blaine Hitzfield 7p, 2r, 2a, 3s; Jake Smith 4p, 2r; Andrew Daniels 3p, 7r, 2s; Ryan House 2p, 1r, 1a; Thomas Meehan 2 rebounds.

The Varsity Eagles are now 7-1 and are coached by Mark Featherston & Mark Shultz.

The JV Eagles beat the Noblesville Lions 29-25 and then fell to the Crusaders Sports Club (Plainfield) 31-32 to take second place. For the 2 games Ben Burnworth had 21 points, 9 rebounds, 8 steals & 3 assists. Thomas Meehan 18p, 11r, 3s & 4 blocked shots; Blaine Hitzfield 8p, 7r, 1a, 1s; Andrew Daniels 8p, 6r, 1a; Vincent Burnworth 2p, 11r, 2a, 1s, 2b; Jake Smith 2p, 9r, 2s, 1b; Ryan House 2r, 1s; Austin Abbott 2r, 1s; David Geders 1p.

The JV team is now 3-2 and is coached by Jeff Humbarger.

The Lady Eagles & Jr. High Boys play Bethlehem Lutheran School Monday night at Horace Mann gym.

The Huntington Eagles Junior High boys played the Bethlehem Lutheran Tigers and won 50-17.

Led by Andrew Daniels with 23 points & 13 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals, 1 block and no fouls. Austin Abbott 17p, 4r, 2s, 1b; Kolby Shultz 4p, 1r, 1a, 1s; Vincent Burnworth 2p, 5r, 1a, 3s, 1b; Colin Featherston 2p, 1r, 1a, 2s; Brian Kelsey 2p, 1r, 1s; Nathan House 3r, 1a, 2s; David Geders 4r; Jonathan Yarde 1 rebound. The Tigers were led by Jason Werling with 6 points & Mike Richey with 5.

The Jr. Hi Eagles are now 2-3 and are coached by Jeff Humbarger.

The Lady Eagles fell to the Jr. Hi Girls of Bethlehem Lutheran 20-23. The Lady Eagles Samantha Kelsey had a double double 11 points & 13 rebounds, along with an assist. Rebecca Daniels 2p, 4r, 2 steals & 1 block. Sarah Finley 2p, 3r; Tara Nei 2p, 1r; Trina Lloyd 2p; Angie Grover 1p, 1a, 3s; Megan Gibbons 1r, 2s, 1b; Kiera Shultz, 1r, 1a, 1b.

The Tigers were led by Lauren Schumm with 8 points & Amanda Meyer with 6.

The Lady Eagles are now 3-4 and are coached by Julie Hendryx.

The Lady Eagles play the Lady Marksmen of North Manchester, Thursday, and then participate in a tournament on Saturday.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Phyllis Dickey. Mary Jo Zoda won High, Venita Banter won Low and Marjorie Michaud had the most lones. After playing Euchre a Christmas exchange was held. Others attending were Sharon Gephart, Sharron Roush, Carolyn Carroll, Jo Banter, Florence Taylor, Marge Jones, Jane Lieurance and Joan Huffman. January we will meet at the home of Sharron Roush.

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BBB HOT TIPS

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — To help the public avoid fraudulent advertising, the Better Business Bureau is sharing information about some of the scams recently uncovered in Indiana. Consumers can protect themselves and become "better shoppers, if they are aware of fraudulent practices currently being attempted in this area.

If you are looking for employment, be sure to review how your employment agency is being compensated. For example, a local company is advertising that for \$160 you will receive access to a list of local companies who have job offerings. The catch is that these job listings can be found at other locations at no charge. In addition, job offerings may be listed that do not exist so be vigilant in your search for a reputable firm.

A new kind of scam has recently been uncovered. Have you seen the ad, "We buy houses, do you need to sell your house?" The claim is that for a small up-front fee for title work, the company will pay the mortgage until the home is sold. The problem comes into play when the mortgage payment is not made as promised. Until the mortgage is paid off, payments are the consumer's responsibility and if the mortgage is not covered, it will adversely affect the consumer's credit rating.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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you are not familiar.

Institute of Natural Health is an Indiana company calling consumers and stating that the consumer can save money on health food and supplements. One of their products is called "Fat Burner Vitamins." Consumers have complained about selling practices, accounts being debited without authorization and the inability to reach the company by phone. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating.

Provida Life Services is advertising a weight loss program on late night cable TV. Complaints allege unauthorized credit card charges, receipt of unordered merchandise and delays in issuing refunds. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating.

X Meds is selling prescription drugs online. The company advertises in soap opera magazines and online where they offer everything from diet pills to painkillers. One potential client was told she wouldn't need any type of prescription, because "their doctors would prescribe the meds for free." The website was actually registered by someone in Germany. Scary!

Free Medicine Foundation, also doing business as CanadianMeds.com, is stating that consumers may qualify for "free prescription medicine." They are also asking for donations; but the IRS says they aren't registered with them at all, and any donations would not be tax-deductible.

J D Marvel is selling therapeutic shoes and slippers by running ads in Indiana newspapers and magazines. We warned consumers about this company back in June when there were 1,800 complaints filed against them. Now there are 2,500!

Bailey & Associates, also doing business as The Winners Circle and New Vehicle Giveaway, has been ordered to pay \$975,000 by a US District judge in St. Louis. The BBB warned Hoosiers about this membership travel and campground company back in February 2002. The judge found that William H. Bailey and his employees knowingly counterfeited the BBB's marks and willfully and maliciously perpetrated a fraud on the BBB and consumers.

El Gordo Lottery - Remember this one? The BBB has warned Hoosiers about this scam three times in the past couple of years. We now have good news! An Associated

Press release announced 103 people, mostly Nigerians, were arrested during raids in and around Madrid, Spain. It is estimated the crooks took in \$35 million.

XtremeTinting & Graphics, an online company, charges \$40-\$60 for pre-cut tinting for auto-mobile windows. Consumers have complained the product was never received. This company has the Bureau's lowest rating, and Mr. Wilbert Dupre, company owner, was arrested and charged with eleven counts of computer fraud. One Decatur, Indiana consumer got taken. According to the Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Department, Dupre had more than 450 auction accounts on Ebay.

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THE END OF A PROJECT

Dick Smith — crskrs@pacol.net
Last Spring, my family gave me the idea of documenting my memories of living in Warren during WW-II. That seemed like an easy task, since I am blessed (or burdened) with the "knack" of remembering trivia and small items—not the big, important one's; just the small items!! I thought that having lived there as a teenager during the War Years would qualify me to document everyday life in Warren then. Well, I was partially right. But as Editor Nicki Zoda started printing my articles in the Warren Weekly, I soon found out that my memory still had holes in it!

I wrote my first two articles about the businesses in Warren during WW-II. I had asked for any comments on the completeness of my articles—and I received a number of constructive comments, details, and even photos that helped me to later correct my review of the Warren Businesses. And in the process,

I was able to establish E-Mail relationships with both present and past residents of Warren and Jefferson Township. My extensive correspondence with these people, who I have mentioned by name in various articles, just added to my believe that Warren and the surrounding farm area was—and is—full of very good people!!

My first article was published in the newspaper in the May 30th issue. I was fortunate to continue to have additional articles published during the summer and fall. But as with any good subject, there's always a point in time at which the author literally "runs-out" of topics to write about. And I have finally reached that point.

Part of my reason for finishing these articles is the 400 miles between my home in Pennsylvania and Warren. During the two visits to the Warren Library to review old copies of the Warren Tribune, I made copies of many of the Front Pages of different issues. These pages gave me a tremendous picture of Warren and the surrounding area during the War. Even reviewing them now, I see small articles that have got to be the basis for stories that could and should be documented by someone. That's why I would strongly encourage any writer in the Warren Area with ready access to these issues to give some thought to digging-deep into the human-interest side of what has been published there.

Just a quick example of what I am talking about here. Early in the War, I saw an article where Clell Myers of Jefferson Township was taken into the Army Air Corps. Another article later reported that he had been sent to Flight School—and another reported that he had gotten his pilot's "Wings". A further article later reported that he had been sent Overseas—and still later, the Warren Tribune reported that he had flown 55 Missions in his B-26 bomber in the Italian Area!! Now that's a real Serviceman's story summarized in the Warren Tribune.

While I'm sure that this is just one of many, many stories of Warren people in WW-II, to an author, it stands-out as a chance to fill in the

gaps and details, and write a story of the contributions and sacrifices made by one of our men and women in the Services.

For someone living in the Warren Area, with ready access to the Library, a complete review of the Tribune issues of the War Years most certainly would provide similar stories. And without having to drive 400 miles, an author could talk to the people or relatives in order to confirm and supplement with details and photos the abbreviated information from the paper. I have documented in one of my articles that there were seven women from the Warren Area who served in the Services in WW-II. As I said then, there's got to be a story about these seven that should be written!!

I think a reader can sense that I believe we have to document what our town and farm families did for our country during a very trying time in our history. I can only hope that my articles have stirred some feelings in the authors-to-be in the Warren Area that there are lots of stories that need to be told!

Now let me summarize for the reader here the results of this six-month project of mine (which was aided by my wife, Karlene, of South Whitley). Copies of the following three booklets are on file in the Warren Library—and soon in the Warren Museum. If readers might want their own copy, they are available for only the costs of printing and mailing.

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