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Thought for the Week: Marriage is a lottery, but you can't tear up your ticket if you lose. F.M. Knowles



STOREFRONT OPENING

Greg & Eva Witkamp are pleased to announce the opening of their storefront office located at 233 N Wayne St in Warren. Greg has been the owner of GDW Construction & Design for the past 33 years and has run his business from the Witkamp home. Eva has been a Realtor with Larry F Wells & Associates since 1997 and spent a majority of her time working from her home office. The new office provides the much needed space to display the numerous samples that customers need to see to make decisions about their new home or remodeling project. GDW are Greg's initials but they also stand a motto for his business "Good Design & Workmanship" both are essential for the end product. With in-house design on the computer Greg can assist customers with putting the ideas in their head on paper and helping them through each step of the construction process whether they choose conventional stick framing or the revolutionary most energy efficient ICF (insulated Concrete Form) technology!

Eva specializes in the listing and selling of real estate not only in Huntington County but also Grant, Wabash, Wells and Blackford counties. Larry & Peggy Wells, principle and managing brokers of the Larry F Wells office in Huntington were eager to work with Eva as managing broker of the Larry F Wells-EvaLution Office in Warren so that buyers & sellers could be better serviced in that 5 county area. Eva finished her most productive year in 2005 with a combined listing and selling volume of nearly 7 Million dollars. The EvaLution office anticipates 2006 to be an even more productive year! The EvaLution office is a member of both the FtWayne area MLS and the Central Indiana Regional MLS so that customers who have their property listed with the EvaLution Office can reach the maximum pool of buyers. Please check out her website at www.Evasold.us.

Greg or Eva can be reached anytime toll free at 888-701-0156 or by email eva@evasold.us or greg@evasold.us.

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40 Days of Purpose

In less than two weeks the Warren Methodist Church is starting our 40 Days of Purpose Campaign, a spiritual growth campaign. We have been praying for and anticipating this time for months. We invite you to join us in this exciting venture. The kick-off event will be held at the Church on Sunday, January 15 @ 5:00 PM for a Stuffed Potato Supper. At 6:00 PM we will gather in the sanctuary to view the Video message of Pastor Rick Warren's. If you have ever asked the question, "What on earth am I here for?" or wondered how to make sure you haven't missed God's special plan for your life, then this Campaign is for you! For six weeks we invite you to meet once a week with a small group or Sunday School Class, view a short video then discuss the 40 Days of Purpose Curriculum-one hour per week. Warren Methodist Church's Pastor Mike Malone will lead us in a 40 Days of Purpose Inspirational Worship every Sunday @ 10:30 am during this program. In six short weeks you will be on your way to learn God's Purpose for your life! Don't miss out on this Great Opportunity! Please call 375-3871 to be a part of the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign.

TRIP PLANNED

Van Buren United Methodist Church is preparing for a Mission Work Trip to Gulfport, MS January 21 to 28.

More information regarding this trip will be discussed at church on Sunday, January 8.

Morning worship will be at 9:30 a.m. with a message titled "A Hoosier Embarrassment" given by Dr. Blake J. Neff. Special music will be provided by the church choir directed by Jon Douglas.

Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 p.m. at the church. Focus for 2006 is "Heroes". During the month of January they will be

discussing Mary, Mother of Jesus.

WINE ROSES & JAZZ

A benefit wine tasting event is being planned for Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Lighted Gardens Banquet Center, Ossian with tasting from 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

In conjunction with Visentin Wines & Spirits, wines from over 6 different countries may be tasted. Hors D Oeuvres from Lighted Gardens, jazz music by Beeler, Steele & Klee and roses from Country Squire Florist will complete the evening.

After you've found your favorite wine or wines, you may purchase it by the bottle to take with you to your next special event, or to enjoy with that special someone on Valentine's Day.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased at the following locations: Country Squire Florist at Bluffton, Ossian State Bank, Visentin Corporate Offices, Ossian Furniture or Lighted Gardens. The cost is \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple which includes a commemorative etched wine goblet. Tickets are limited! For more information call Jerry at Lighted Gardens 260/622-4023 or Jan at Ossian Furniture 260/622-4173.

Corporate sponsors are Visentin Wines & Spirits, Ossian State Bank, Country Squire Florist and Lighted Gardens Banquet Center.

All proceeds benefit Ossian Downtown Economic Revitalization

TOUR NEW CENTER

Lutheran Hospital is hosting a free public open house from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, for anyone interested in seeing the Lutheran Musculoskeletal Center. Free refreshments and guided tours of this amazing new facility will be available. Guests will have a special opportunity to see the high-tech Ors, beautiful patient rooms and

rehabilitation areas that make up this 77-bed, 114,600 square foot "hospital within a hospital."

Those planning on attending the Lutheran Musculoskeletal Center open house are encouraged to park at the Lutheran Medical Arts Center, 7920 West Jefferson Blvd., which is located to the north half of the Lutheran Hospital campus. A free shuttle will be available to transport guests to the musculoskeletal center. Those entering the hospital at the main entrance will be directed to the open house.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TO MEET

The ADHD/ADD Support Group meeting for families with a child or adult diagnosed with ADHD/ADD is open to all parents/ caregivers/teachers and others involved with or interested in ADHD/ADD. The meeting will be held Monday, January 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Topics will include special needs academic programming and ADHD children by guest speaker Hans Wilhelm.

The meeting will be held at CNS, 3010 E State, Fort Wayne. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Group meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorder.

This meeting will be held January 17 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Patricia Bader, MD will speak about the latest updates and more regarding Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

This meeting will also be held at CNS, 3010 E State, Fort Wayne.

Genetic Syndrome Support Group meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a genetic syndrome (ie., Noonan's, Williams, Velocardifacial, Klinefelter's,

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU....

The Salamonie Active Men would like to thank the Dollar General Store and the Warren community for participating in the toy drive. We were amazed at the amount of toys donated. A lot of children around town had plenty of toys to play with this Christmas and it couldn't have been possible without your help. Once again thanks to all who participated and to Debbie and her crew at Dollar General.

DEAR EDITOR,

Happy New Year all Warren area residents!

Around 2 years ago we were beginning the adoption process in the state of Florida. We had lived there for 12 years and loved it very much. However, it just didn't "feel right". The more we talked about it and prayed about it, the answer seemed to be that we needed to move back to the Warren area prior to bringing a child or children into our home.

Our answer was confirmed by a higher authority...when just one day after asking our church congregation to pray about the impending move and that Mike be able to find a job, he received a job offer to start immediately!

So many people ask why you would want to move from Florida to Warren. Some think we must be absolutely insane. But, we are positively sure that Warren was the right choice!

After moving back to Indiana, we had to begin the adoption process again. Several people in the area were aware of our endeavour and were very supportive and we were amazed at the number of prayers on our behalf.

After several interviews over the past spring, summer and fall, we were finally selected to adopt a sibling group of four. The outpouring of love and support from the Warren community has been overwhelming and has brought us to tears on several occasions. Our children moved into our home the week of Thanksgiving and we had so much to be thankful for.

People in the area have provided clothing, toys, diapers, groceries and so much more. Some were people we knew very well, some we didn't know very well, and others we did not know at all.

We feel very blessed to live in a community that is so caring. We have not had time to write individual personal thank you notes, but to all who gave....THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

After living in a large city crowded with strangers (and even more crowded in the winter months), it is nice to be back in a small community where people take the time to at least say hello, and have compassion and care about one another.

Florida may sound good to everyone in the winter months, but every place has its bad points too.

Warren is a wonderful place and we are glad that we will be raising our children in this area where they will know that they are cared for

Thanks again to everyone who has helped us in any way, big or small! And may each of you have a blessed New Year!

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Sandy Keplinger, Supt. Worship9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE

NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor

Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. SUNDAY: Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Evening Worship......6:00 p.m. Morning Worship

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UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org **BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST** Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor

Joe Kober, S.S. Supt. Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.

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Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship......8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 3rd Worship11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth

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Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor

Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt. Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Service6:00 p.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m. UNITED METHODIST

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> UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Rev. John Wallace, Pastor

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Coffee Fellowship......8:30 a.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship ..9:15 a.m.

Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m. Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Fragile X, Pierre-Robin, DiGeorge). This meeting held at CNS, 3010 E State in Fort Wayne is open to all parents, caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorders on Monday, January 24, 2005 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Guest speaker, Patricia Bader, MD will discuss Mitochondrial Disorders and Special Needs Children.

SPANISH PARTY

Seventeen children attended the Spanish Christmas Party at the Van Buren Public Library on December 28th, 2005. learned some Spanish Christmas words. We also traced around our shoes and cut them out. We left them on a table for the three wise men to leave treats while we went outside," said student library assistant Katie Beck. Children in Mexico leave their shoes by the door for the wise men to leave treats just like we leave stockings for Santa. The children then took part in a tradition called Los Posadas. They elected two leaders to carry Mary and Joseph figurines and asked a library employee if they could place Mary and Joseph in the manger. It is a tradition in Mexico for children to walk from house to house seeking a homeowner who will let them place Mary and Joseph in the manger. The children then went outside and each took turns hitting a piñata, and when the piñata broke, they all raced to get the candy. For snacks, the children enjoyed chips and salsa and flan, which was made by a library assistant. The library would like to say a special thank you to Gregory and Douglas Peiffer for helping.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club met December 2, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home. Everyone enjoyed the piano concert by Jodie DeSalvo held in the chapel, then we gathered in the Calico Room.

Roll call was answered by 21 members telling about their honeymoon. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read. A letter was read introducing Lucille Beavans for membership – it was unanimous that she be invited into the club. Happy Birth-

served by the hostess, Barbara 4:00 pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's

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Baer to Janet Beavans, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phyliss Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Ann Miles, Roberta St John, Peggy Schweikhardt, Lou Ann Shafer, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Oma Zent, Mary Brown and Ruth Alice Christner.

LUCKY FOR THE CHILDREN

Steve Caley RN shift supervisor at Parkview Huntington Hospital, accepted one of five Lucky the Labradoodle stuffed animals from Emily Zinsmeister, first assistant manager of Maurices in Huntington. The stuffed animals will be distributed to children who are patients at Parkview Huntington. Nationwide, Maurices is helping in the fight against cancer by offering the stuffed animals for sale in its stores, with a percentage of the proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society to support local and national initiatives. In addition, Maurices is donating 2,500 Labradoodles nationwide to children battling illness.

BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 7 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park. 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steer and non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on January 7.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed prior to the Christmas holiday to all 4-H Beef members enrolled the previous year. The Extension Office has additional copies of the necessary paperwork for any interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed during the ID Day on January 8.

For more information about 4-H Beef Identification, contact Purdue Extension -Huntington County Office at (260) 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex, 354 N Jefferson -Suite 202 or email Linda Aldridge at laldridg@purdue.edu.

CALL-OUT

The Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports program will be day was sung to Nancy Bonham. holding a Call-out meeting on Lovely refreshments were Sunday, January 8 from 2:00Park. All youth and their parents interested in enrolling in any of the five shooting sports disciplines – archery, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle, shotgun - should plan to attend this call-out meeting. Demonstrations and information about each discipline will be shared during this meeting, as well as enrollment paperwork will be distributed. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for each discipline, payable at the time of enrollment.

Pistol classes will begin on Sunday, January 29 from 2:00-4:30 pm in the Family Living Building at Hier's Park; Rifle classes will start Tuesday, February 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Warren Sportsman Club and Archery classes will begin March 15th, 6-8 pm in the Family Living Building. Shotgun and Muzzleloader classes will begin in mid March. Youth must have paperwork completed and the registration fee paid no later than the first class of each respective discipline.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension Office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street -Suite 202, County Courthouse Annex or phone (260) 358-4826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.

CAREER EXPO

Businesses and industries are invited to be a part of the new Career Expo, Wednesday, March 8th, 8 AM - 3 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton.

The event is designed to help Wells County students in grades 10 and 11 discover the career opportunities available in our community. Students will learn what qualifications are needed for these careers.

Community employers are invited to participate who are willing to display the service they provide and/or the items they manufacture. The employers will explain the range of employment opportunities in their business and the level of education necessary to attain the various jobs. Students will arrive at the event with a question sheet which will help them gather facts about the career area that interests them. Employers will also get a copy of the questions sheet so that they are prepared to answer the questions and understand the objectives of the day.

Several colleges, universities, and trade schools will also be participating to help answer

questions about education and training.

The planning committee for the event views this as an opportunity for local employers to present themselves to the students and to recruit potential employees for the future.

Community employers wishing to participate should complete a Career Expo booth reservation form by January 15th. Forms are available at the Wells County Chamber of Commerce, 824-0510 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

The planning committee for the event includes: Judy Emshwiller, Sandy Harris, Ray Shaw, Roger Sherer, Garry Jones, Suzanne Huffman, Jan Trubey, Ray Paxson, Ken Ballinger, John Horn, and Steve Wagner.

Bluffton Optimist Club, Wells County Chamber of Commerce, Purdue Extension Service -Wells County, Norwell High School, Bluffton High School, Southern Wells High School, and Work Force One / JobWorks.

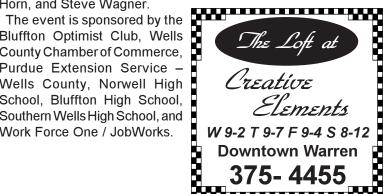
NEW YEAR'S Resolution - Learn

Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction, today reminded adults across the state to be sure to include learning in their list of New Year's Resolutions and goals for 2006.

"As we begin making resolutions to stop smoking, lose weight, and get in better physical shape for the New Year, it is important that we remember to exercise our minds as well," said Dr. Reed. "Educational goals are always worthy of the time and effort we put into reaching them."

Dr. Reed emphasized the importance of lifelong reading and lifetime learning. "Reading truly

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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.

Jan 4 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. Jan 6 Warren Recycle Day Jan 9 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall Our Town Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Assembly Hall Jan 10 Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting 8a.m. at KBC Jan 14 Jan 18 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. Jan 20 Warren Recycle Day Jan 23 Warren Town Council, 8 a.m., Assembly Hall Warren Chamber of Commerce, Noon, Assembly Hall Feb 1 Feb 1 Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m. Feb 2 **Groundhog Day** Feb 3 Warren Recycle Day

Salamonie School Carnival, Food-Games-Fun Mar 24 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 , PLUMBING , WELL SERVICES , HEATING , COOLING , PROPANE , PLUMBING , WELL SERVICES , HEATING , COOLING





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is the foundation for all learning," said Reed.

"It is the fundamental building block for success, not only in the other subject areas we teach in our schools, but in all aspects of life."

Reed noted that at least 50 percent of the unemployed are functionally illiterate and youngsters whose parents are functionally illiterate are twice as likely as their peers to be functionally illiterate themselves.

To break that regrettable cycle, Reed encouraged adults without a high school education to enroll in adult education programs, which are available throughout the state. The programs, which are supported by the Department's Division of Adult Education, are offered at over 350 sites statewide and served 41,148 people in 2004.

"Adult education offers an opportunity for a bridge," said Dr. Reed. "It is a way for people who have maybe made some difficult decisions or some bad decisions to come back and get the kind of confidence and the kind of education they need to go on to college or further training that will help them in the workforce."

The Indiana Department of

Education has 60 years of experience in delivering adult education programs and services in local communities.

The current system works with public schools, community centers and non-profit agencies, community colleges, the Department of Workforce Development, and WorkOne Centers, the Department of Correction, business and industry, faithbased programs, and libraries.

The programs focus on educating adults who are most in need of literacy services, including low-income learners who are educationally disadvantaged, individuals with disabilities, single parents and displaced homemakers, and limited English proficient adults. Other populations include unemployed and underemployed persons, young adults, offenders in correctional institutions, and other institutionalized individuals.

Information on local adult education programs is available at: www.doe.state.in.us/adulted/pdf/directory.pdf.

DEADLINE NEARS

The Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance annual eXceL Awards competition deadline for entries is January 27, 2006. All Indiana

high school students who excel in various forms of artistic expression are invited to enter. Winners will be awarded college scholarships. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance established the eXceL Awards, formerly Project XL, in 1989. The company continues to fund and administer the program, which awarded \$44,500 in scholarship prizes during last year's competition

Perceptions is the topic for the 2005-2006 competition. Students can enter their original and creative interpretation of Perceptions in one of six categories: writing, music, two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, video or performance.

Students can request a Perceptions topic booklet with an entry form by visiting www.infarmbureau.com/Excel and completing the "request entry form" section.

Entries may be submitted from January 24 – 27, 2006, at any local Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance office. For the nearest office, visit www.infarmbureau.com, check the local yellow pages, or call 800-723-FARM (3276). Additional details and entry information are also available from Spe-

cial Markets Coordinator Pam Walker at Pam.Walker@infarmbureau.com or 800-723-FARM (3276), ex-

tension 7748. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, organized by Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., in 1934, has grown to include insurance products for auto, life, home, business, and farm. Banking and other financial services and products also are available through their local offices. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance serves Hoosiers through an extensive network of over 450 agents and 1200 employees living and working throughout the state. With a home office in downtown Indianapolis and local offices in all 92 counties, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is the largest writer of farm insurance and the second largest writer of personal lines

CHILI COOK-OFF

insurance in the state.

Battle of the Barns Chili Cook-Off needs groups to participate!

No fee to enter. You will be provided with tomato juice, tomatoes, chili powder, salt and crackers. You will need to provide the other ingredients.

Please contact the Blackford County Extension Office at 765/

348-3213 if your group, club or organization would like to participate.

Sunday, February 26 Doors open at 4:00 p.m. in the Blackford County 4-H Building, 310 E. Park Ave., Hartford City, IN

Co-Sponsored by Entertainment Committee and Love to Dance 4-H Club. Proceeds will go toward the 2006 Entertainment for the Fair.

SEEKS NOMINATIONS

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking nominations for candidates to fill five positions on a new Trails Advisory Board (TAB)

The TAB is composed of 16 volunteers who are active trail users. Each must be involved with trail-oriented organizations representing a particular interest group, so a diverse set of interests will be represented on the board. Members are expected to serve a three-year term.

The DNR is seeking nominations of representatives for each of the following trail users groups:

- -Bicyclists
- -Off-road motorcyclists

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For additional information, call Sue Schwyn, patient educator, at (260) 919-3427.

Fathers' Meetings

Thursday, January 19

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.

Fathers' Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month.

For more information call Lynne Apple at (260) 919-3143.

CPR Class

Heartsaver Adult/Child/Infant Thursday, January 19

4:30 – 9:30 p.m. \$40 per person

Taught using American Heart Association guidelines. To register, or for class location, call (260) 919-3806.

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Cost is \$30 for one person for tuition and books OR \$40 for a couple living or working together who share materials,

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To register call Lynne at (260) 919-3143.

Cancer Awareness Day

Tuesday, February 7 Walgreen's – Bluffton 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

CAMPBELL

Maurice D. "Dutch" Campbell, 70, of rural North Webster died at 7:29 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Campbell lived in Warren for 25 years before moving to North Webster. He worked at Hayes Lemmerz International in Huntington in the maintenance department, retiring in 1997 after 10 years of service.

Born July 31, 1935, in Fulton County to John and Bertha (Widner) Campbell, his marriage on June 3, 1978, in Allen County was to Vicki Campbell, who survives

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Marlene) Bartrom of Huntington; a son, Mark Allen Campbell of Warren; three sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Florence) Taylor of Dillman, Vera Campbell of Warren and Phyllis Anderson of White Pigeon, Mich.; a brother, Dudley Campbell of Warren; four grand-children; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marsha Campbell; a sister, Mary Cline; and three brothers, Delbert, Leland and J.D. Campbell.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, with Dr. Dan Haifley officiating.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

RITTENHOUSE

Douglas W. Rittenhouse, 32, of Bluffton died at 11:03 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 12, 1973, in Huntington. His mother, Rebecca Ann (Arivett) Sexton-Higgonson, survives and resides in Joplin, Mo. His father, Thomas Rittenhouse, preceded him in death.

Survivors include grandparents Wayne and Catherine Arivett of Bluffton and Patricia Rittenhouse of Bippus; and a half sister, Angela M. Hitt of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert E. Rittenhouse. There were no services. Burial of the remains will follow at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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BEAR

Samuel H. Bear, 71, rural Craigville, died at 1:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at his home. Born in Roanoke on August 22, 1934 to Robert G. and Edna Helvie Bear, he married Jane Eckman on Aug. 7, 1960 in Warren; she survives.

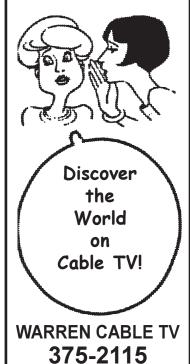
A 1952 graduate of Roanoke High School, he attended Ball State University before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving in Korea from 1957-1959. After his discharge, he graduated from Huntington College in 1963. He managed the Huron Cement Co. in Michigan, was a salesperson for Stockberger Heavy Equipment Co. in South Bend, managed the WW Concrete facility in Bluffton and was owner/operator of Monroe Package Liquor for many years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the American Legion, Elks, Moose, Shrine and Scottish Rite of South Bend. In 1978, he was inducted into the Huntington County Sports Hall of Fame.

Other survivors include three sons, Kirk Bear of Valparaiso, Steven Bear of Fort Wayne, and Stuart Bear of Craigville; a daughter, Jennifer Patten of Fort Wayne; a sister, Susan Hughes of Wheeling, Ill.; and six grand-children

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton, with calling there Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. The American Legion Post 111 will perform military honors following the service.

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Nominations and applicable letters of support should be sent to the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation by January 13, 2006.

For a nomination form and more information about the board, visit www.in.gov/dnr/tab. Nominations forms and additional information can also be obtained by contacting Dale Brier by phone at 317-232-4070, via email at dbrier@dnr.in.gov, or by writing or stopping by in person at IDNR Outdoor Recreation, 402 West Washington Street, Room W271, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2782.

The Indiana TAB advises DNR Director Kyle Hupfer on trail-related issues. The board meets an eligibility requirement for the State of Indiana to receive funding from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The fund source is a yearly portion of federal taxes on gasoline purchased by off-highway vehicles and snowmobiles. RTP is used to acquire and develop multi-use trails for both motorized and non-motorized use.

Pokagon Tobogganing

Flying down Pokagon State Park's refrigerated toboggan slide has been a tradition for winter enthusiasts for 70 years. For groups on Friday nights, that flight just got cheaper.

Beginning in January and running through the end of February 2006, Pokagon State Park will offer a Friday Night Flight Special for groups on Indiana's only twin-track refrigerated to-boggan slide.

Groups will receive one free toboggan rental for every two toboggans rented. The normal fee of \$10.00 per toboggan, per hour, applies. Sleds will be rented on a first-come-first-served basis, and supplies are limited.

"With the Friday Night Flight special, each tobogganer may rent up to six sleds and pay for just four," explained Fred Wooley, interpretive naturalist at Pokagon. "Don't forget to bring a driver's license or photo ID as a deposit. With one ID, you can rent up to four toboggans."

The slide is open from 5-10 p.m. on Friday nights. It is also open 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays. The 10 a.m.-5 p.m. hours also apply on New Year's Day (January 1) and Martin Luther King Day (January 16). The toboggan slide is not open when temperatures drop below 0 de-

grees Fahrenheit or below.

Cash, checks and Visa/Master Card are accepted.

While tobogganing, groups may warm up in the toboggan warming center and fuel up at the center's concession stand. The park's Potawatomi Inn also provides hot meals in two restaurants and a winter lodge atmosphere around a wood-burning fireplace. For room reservations call 1-877-563-4371, or visit www.indianainns.com.

For further information, call the park at 260-833-2012.

CALENDAR AVAILABLE

Dreaming of warmer days and upcoming visits to Indiana's state parks and reservoirs? For inspiration, take a peek at the 2006 special events calendar on the Web at www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/events.html.

The calendar lists information about upcoming hikes, fossil digs, holiday fireworks, reenactments, star programs, music in the outdoors, special autumn family weekends and even a 500-mile bike ride.

"You don't have to wait for spring to participate; we host events to enjoy all year," said Ginger Murphy, DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs. "For example, January features a Pioneer Music Festival at Spring Mill State Park and Inn and an Eagle Watch Weekend at Patoka Lake. February features a winter hike at O'Bannon Woods State Park and Eagle Watch Weekends at Monroe Lake and Raccoon Lake. In March you can build a bluebird box at Brown County State Park or attend a fossil workshop at Clifty Falls State Park. You'll find entertainment, adventure, relaxation and outdoor learning opportunities in any season."

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

For up-to-date information about the many other daily or weekly programs, nature brochures and interpretive center hours, visit: www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

For a printed version of the 2006 special events calendar, contact Ginger Murphy, assistant director for stewardship, at 317-232-4143.

THE LAST RESOLUTION

Have you been living in CHAOS; Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome? Do you feel like you are being pulled in ten different directions at the same time? Do you run around multi-tasking and never seem to finish anything? Are you searching for the magic pill that is going to stop all this chaos and help you find some peace in your life?

Here we are embarking upon a brand new year. Every year we resolve to change something about our lives and home and every year we set ourselves up for failure. I don't ever want you to feel this kind of defeat again. This is why I have come up with a new year's resolution that is going to change your life forever.

My new year's resolution for you would be to never make another new year's resolution. I want you to be good to yourself this year. Setting yourself up for failure by making broad resolutions just means in three weeks you are going to be beating yourselves up. This has to stop.

In January of 1999, I made my last New Year's Resolution. I woke up like every other red blooded American female and resolved to get organized. I had said these same words for every new year I could remember as an adult. That year I figured out why I had never accomplished what I set out to do! I would start out gung ho and in a couple of weeks I would miss a day of my resolution and with my perfectionism would beat myself up because I had no discipline. Then say that I had messed up and just forget the whole thing. When I was studying why my resolutions had never stuck; I realized that I had been mean to myself and I had tried to do too much too fast. I piled on before I ever got started by making elaborate lists to follow. This time was going to be different; I had a simple plan and I am here to tell you it

My plan was to be good to myself by not putting too much on me. Part of my discovery was that I didn't have any structure to my day. I needed a routine but routines are not automatically established. I had to go about building a routine much like you learn a new aerobic dance step or a new song. Practice one part and then when you can do that, you add another part.

I decided to practice only one habit for a whole month. I know that psychologist say that it takes three weeks to learn a new habit. Well for me I decided right off the bat that I would give myself an extra week by taking the whole month of January to practice just one habit; then if I missed a day I had a grace period built into my plan. Because of the grace period I didn't have to beat myself up either. My first babystep was shining my kitchen sink and keeping it shiny. The result of my plan was truly amazing.

The only thing I had to do was shine my sink every day. From that shining sink grew a positive attitude and a smile on my face. I was so surprised to get up in the morning and be greeted by that shining sink. I was not beating myself up and I think this is the key to taking babysteps.

For more information regardingthis new way of thinking about housework, check out her website at www.flylady.net.

FACTS ABOUT MEDICARE

If you or a loved one has Medicare, you may have some questions about Medicare's new prescription drug coverage that begins on January 1, 2006. To help you better understand this coverage and the decisions you need to make, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, AARP, and the Federal Citizen Information Center have put together an informative, free package of publications, which includes "The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: What You Need to Know."

Everyone with Medicare, regardless of health or level of income, can get coverage for both their brand-name and generic prescription drugs. There's even extra help available if you have limited income and re-

sources.

However, to begin receiving coverage, you must enroll in one of the Medicare drug plans. Just like other insurance, if you decide not to join when you're first eligible (before May 15, 2006) and later change your mind, you may have to pay more.

You can choose from a variety of different plans, so the new coverage gives you the ability to find one that meets your needs. When deciding you should keep a few things in mind: What kind of medications do I take now? How expensive is the plan? Do I want to get my prescriptions at a certain pharmacy, or would I like to get my prescriptions through the mail?

Also included in the Medicare package is "Your Pharmacy Benefit: Make It Work for You!" from the National Pharmaceutical Council. This informative publication has a handy worksheet that you can use as a guide when comparing different benefit plans. And it also features tips on what to do if you're having problems getting your prescriptions filled or your plan won't cover your medication.

Get the answers to your questions about Medicare's new prescription drug coverage by sending for the free Medicare package. There are three easy ways to get your free publications:

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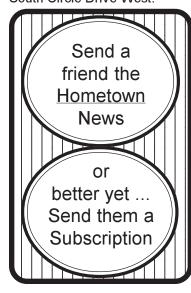
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Dr. Richard E Busch III explains, "This is the most effective, non-invasive, pain treatment procedure and corrective process for treating herniated disc that is available anywhere in the United States. The treatment lowers the cervical or lumbar intra-discal pressure and is comfortable for the patient, as well as affordable. The results are outstanding. The alternative, which may be surgery, is invasive with all the inherent risks, and often results in months of painful rehabilitation and a high percentage of reoccurrence. Busch Chiropractic Center is the home of the revolutionary DRS™ treatment and we have been successfully treating thousands of patients with the DRS™ or almost a decade."

Dr. Busch became involved with the DRS™ technology, which was developed by a leading neuro-surgeon, over nine years ago because he had the foresight to see that the DRS™ technology was the major advancement for care. "During the past nine years, the demand for DRS™ care has exploded. We have many patients who travel a significant distance to receive this care for disc conditions and I wanted to bring this newest generation of cervical treatment protocol care to this area."

For additional information about the DRS™ protocol for cervical and lumbar conditions, contact the Busch Chiropractic Center. Call toll free, 1-888-471-4090. The Fort Wayne office is located at 505 Riviera Ct., and the new Warsaw Office is located at 497 South Circle Drive West.



ICE DAMS CAN DAMAGE WALLS IN THE ATTIC AND LIVING SPACE IN THE HOUSE

Step outside the day after it snows and see how your roof looks. If you see that snow has melted on one or more parts of the roof, watch out! You could soon be dealing with an ice dam. It's a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of a roof and prevents melting snow from draining. The water that backs up behind the dam can leak into a home and damage walls and ceilings.

An ice dam is caused by heat coming from the house. The heat travels through or around insulation and warms part of the roof. Other sources of heat could be fireplaces and wood stoves that are inadequately insulated and which carry heat into the attic space.

Immediate action to take:

- * Remove the snow from the roof. A "roof rake" and push broom can be used to remove snow. Try not to damage roofing materials.
- * If water is flowing into the house, making channels through the ice dam allows the water behind it to drain off. Hosing with tap water on a warm day will do this. Work upward from the lower edge of the dam.

Long term solutions include increasing the ceiling/roof insulation to cut down on heat loss. An R-value of 38 above the ceiling is recommended. Make the ceiling air tight so no warm air can flow from the house to the attic. Caution: Anyone working on the roof during winter, or performing work on the roof from below, is risking injury and risking damage to the roof.

It is safer to contact professional roofers to do the work. They have the know-how and the right equipment.

Keep an eye out for big icicles. They are a good indication of an ice dam.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust

