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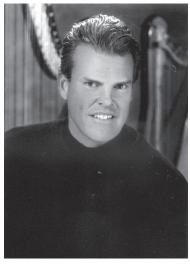


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Thought for the Week: Along with success comes a reputation for wisdom. Euripides



GREG BUCHANAN AT HERITAGE POINTE

Greg Buchanan Ministries will be the entertainment on December 18 at 2 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe. This Fine Art Series concert is open to the public.

Greg is a world-class harpist whose aggressive style of playing usually redefines the listener's concept of performance on the harp. His superb musicianship combined with an enthusiastic attitude toward the Christian life has made him one of the most sought-after Christian performers in America for the past

25 years.

In his early years, there seemed to be nothing Greg Buchanan could not do when it came to music. He was just three when his mothera singer, dancer and Shakespearean actress-sat him on her lap and began teaching him piano. But the first harp player in the family was Greg's older sister Lucy. Greg watched her play, and at the age of nine, he decided the harp was for him. It wasn't long before Greg's tremendous music ability put him in the spotlight. As he entered and won harp competitions, his future seemed very bright — at least musically.

Naturally gifted to play the harp, he excelled and progressed quickly. As a young man, he spent four years in the United States Navy Band stationed in Washington, D.C. Following his military service, Greg entered the southern California music scene where he experienced the glamour of professional success. His personal life, however, was a dark paradox. At the age of 13, Greg had been introduced to alcohol. This addiction was now in full control and thrust Greg's life into the downward spiral of alcoholism, drug abuse. He dabbled in the occult and found himself in and out of mental hospitals and jails. In the fall of 1981, Greg left the music scene and entered college, determined to reconstruct the fibers of his life that had so quickly unraveled. During this time, a friend invited Greg off the streets of Hollywood to a Christian concert. Jesus Christ entered Greg's heart that night and the Holy Spirit began the process of repairing and healing the broken man who was so desperately searching for a new beginning. Greg readily gives God credit for everything he has today, and for bringing him from the depths of worldly living to the triumphant life he now lives.

Part of God's provision in Greg's life was blessing him with a wonderful wife, Becky.

Married 22 years, and blessed with three precious children: Matthew 21, Erik, 19 and Bree, 16. Occasionally, Becky and the family "brave the road" to travel with Greg.

Both Becky and Greg are natives of California. They enjoy living in southern California close to family.

Greg enjoys the privilege of being one of the first harpists in the world to own and play the Electronic Acoustic Grand Harp developed and handcrafted by the Lyon and Healy harp manufacturers of Chicago. The technological enhancements of this newly introduced instrument

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CHOIR PROGRAM

The Dillman Sanctuary Choirwill be presenting a program entitled "The Silhouettes of Christmas. This program will be presented on Sunday Morning, December 14 at both the 8:15 and the 10:30 service.

The address for the church is 8888S 1100W-90 Warren, IN. The church phone number is 260-375-2774. Please come and share with us in this most joyous season.

AFTERNOON CANTATA

The choir of Solid Rock United Methodist Church, Warren, will present the cantata "God's Promise Fulfilled" on Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe. The public is invited to attend.

WINTER MARKET

Due to the number of vendors unavailable the winter market scheduled for December has been canceled. We hope this will not cause a problem for our customers who have been faithful at attending our market.

We are all looking forward to summer and the market. Our intentions are to be open about the first week of June. Thanks to all who have supported us this past season.

JR HIGH CONCERT

Salamonie School band and choir invite the community to the annual winter concert performed by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band/choir students. The concert date is Wednesday, December 17th at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Salamonie School Band will also be performing on Thursday, Dec. 18th at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Rebel girls' basketball home game. Come & enjoy the band & cheer the Rebel girls on to victory!

Noel Program

Noel-Night of Everlasting Love. Created and arranged by Derric Johnson. Performed by the Van Buren United Methodist Church choir Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary located at 102 S. Second Street, Van Buren IN.

To MEET

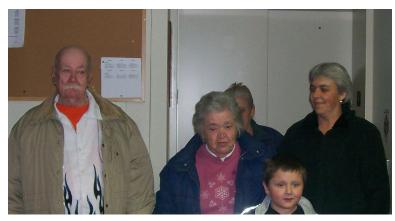
JOY (Just Older Youth) Club is meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 for fun and fellowship at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. A free lunch will be served at noon. Entertainment this month includes songs by the Little Panther Preschool students. If you do not have a standing reservation, please call the Van Buren United Methodist Church Office at 765-934-1431 to reserve a seat.

LIVE NATIVITY

The Warren Church of Christ, 3rd and Wayne St., will again have a two-night live Nativity for all to enjoy as we celebrate the birth of Christ. It will take place at our Wayne St. Parking Lot, so you will be able to park in the back parking lot, come over and see it up close and then be invited to come inside for some cookies and hot chocolate. Or, you could drive down the alley between the church and parking lot and see the set that way.

The program for the two nights will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with music and narration about each of the scenes. Fill up the car and come on by to witness this performance. That's this Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13. Hope to see you there. Honk, if you can only pass by and not stop!!

Please don't take your organs to heaven ... Heaven knows we need 'em here!!



Moves Home

For Orville and Irene James they had much to be thankful for. Several months ago their home was severely damaged by fire, making it unlivable.

A group of friends got together and with the help of monetary donations and donated labor were able to make the home livable again.

On Saturday, November 29, the couple was moved back into their home.

On Sunday, November 30 a welcome home party was held for the couple at the Central Christian Church. Orville, Irene, their daughter and granddaughter were in attendance, expressing tearful gratitude.

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.375.7007 or email to wwkly@citznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

From the Family of William "Mort" James

To Family, Friend and Volunteers

God has blessed us with many years in this home. There have always been children in this home. Our own children, Gene Allen and Debbie, several grandchildren and others that have enjoyed staying in our home so their parents could work. Thank you to all who have helped rebuild our home so we can now enjoy our great-grandchildren, as they will have a place to stay when they come to visit.

There's not enough words to say thank you to everyone for all you have done for our family. You haven't just rebuilt our home, you have rebuilt our lives. Thank you and may God bless each of you.

William "Mort" and Irene James

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns during my stay in the hospital, at the Heritage Pointe and when I returned home. I would like to give a special thanks to all the empoyees in Skilled Care and TherapyDept. for all their help they gave me while there and the Therapy Dept even after I got home. Also a big thanks to Pastor Kathy.

Pat Boxell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The staff at Split Ends would like to thank the Town of Warren for their support with our new business. Warren has given us a very warm welcome.

The Salon offers a wide variety of services such as haircuts for men, women and children. We also offer highlighting, color and perms. Treat yourself to a deep conditioning treatment. Malibu treatments are available if hard water or mineral build up is a problem in your household.

Split Ends also has a full-time nail technician. Jill offers spa manicures, paraffin treatments, full set of acrylic nail enhancements, as well as bi-weekly fills. Split Ends also provides eyebrow arching and removal of hair in those facial problem areas.

Holiday hours for the Salon are as follows: Mon Dec 22 9-6. Tue Dec 23 9-7, Wed Dec 24 9-noon. We will be closed December 25 thru 28 to observe the Christmas holiday. We will open Mon Dec 29 9-6, Tues Dec 30 9-6 and Wed Dec 30 9 to noon. We will be closed New Years Day and reopen Friday January 29-6 and Saturday January

If you are still needing help with Christmas shopping, stop in for ideas. We have gift certificates available. You may also make an appointment by calling 375.2212.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 p.m.

CWF Ladies (3 Tue)6:00 p.m.

1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor

Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.

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Sunday School 10:30a.m.

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765/728-2065 for more info

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at Jefferson Center location in December Worship Service10:00 a.m.

> **LANCASTER WESLEYAN** 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor

David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Wednesday:

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones 694-6622 Worship9:30 a.m.

Pastor Dan Sommer Sunday School9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. LIBERTYCENTER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Dale Lilnhart, Interim Pastor Morning Worship9:30 a.m.

Sunday School10:45 a.m. McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt. Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Coffee Fellowship......8:30 a.m. Sunday School......9:30a.m. Worship9:15 a.m. 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.

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765/934-3321 Parsonage

Jeff Wass, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m. VB UNITED METHÓDIST CHURCH

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Pastor Blake J. Neff Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)...... 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org

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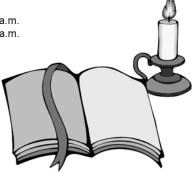
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Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt. Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m. **WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH** 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.

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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

Area News

CANTATA ON 21st

The Warren Church of Christ invites you to worship with us on Sunday, December 21st (if you don't have a home church) to witness the church's Christmas Choir perform their Christmas Cantata entitled "The Holy Child" written by Marty Parks. Betty Yoder is the Director and solos will be given by Bill Bonham, Shirley Fusselman, Hayley Havnes, Becky Hartley, Gerald Moreland and Paul Bonham. There will be a quartet featured as well with Bill Cartwright giving the narration. We hope you will consider coming to help us worship the Lord with this special presentation. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m.! It will be a celebration of the Majesty, Mystery and Miracle of Christmas..."The Holy Child". Let's all enjoy this special time of

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 14th will be a day filled with the Christmas spirit at First Baptist Church. In the a.m. service starting at 10:00 there will be a skit entitled "Christmas at our House" along with our regular services. In the p.m. service we will be enjoying the program "Bows of Holly" presented by the youth department and directed by Stephanie Shultz. This will be a special time to share with family and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LAST MINUTE GIFTS

For all those last minute, hard-tobuy for individuals on your Christmas List, Dogwood Glen has gift certificates available! Also, all 2008 apparel is 50% off! Stop by today!

OPEN FRIDAYS

Calling all patients of Dr DeaKyne's - effective January 1st, 2009 Friday appointment times will be available.

Call the office at 260.375.2626 for more information and to schedule your appointment.

Dr DeaKyne is a Metlife and Delta Dental Provider.

SANTA SACK TREES

Santa Sack trees at the Van Buren Library and Town Hall are reported to have been a huge success. Sacks on the trees included names, sizes and other information about the person. Anyone choosing a name bought gifts for the individual.

On December 1 the gifts were taken to the Central Christian Church.

According to reports, approximately 65 families will have a brighter Christmas.

More Banking Hours

According to reports the MarkleBank in Van Buren is now open more hours. They are now open on Tuesday.

Hours include: 9 to 2 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday; 9 to 6 Friday; and 9 to noon on Saturday.

BREAK-INS

It is reported the Van Buren Police Department has received a number of calls concerning breakins of unlocked cars.

Cookbooks Here

The Dillman Church cookbooks have arrived. They will be available at the church Monday thru Friday 8-12 for those of you who have ordered. There are extras available also for a cost of \$8 each. Call the church at 375-2779 for more information.

COUNCIL NOTES

President Tony Manry conducted the December 3 meeting of the Van Buren Town Council. The meeting was held in the Council room at Town Hall, and opened with the pledge to the American

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police report to Council.

Council discussed upcoming rate increases and passed a Bond Ordinance for the wastewater treatment plant. The project is expected to cost \$2.1 million. There is \$864,000 in grant money.

Council also passed an Ordinance for sewer rate increases to take effect in two phases. Phase 1 will begin February 1, at which time there will be a 41% rate increase. Phase 2 will be in effect December 1 of 2009. That increase will be 29%.

It was pointed out that this is only the third sewer rate increase

in 20 years. The local rate is below the national average and among the lowest in Grant County.

On Wednesday, December 17 a public meeting concerning the wastewater project will be held at 7 p.m. during the regular Council meeting.

The wastewater project is scheduled to begin in March or April; depending on weather conditions. The project is mandated by IDEM to be done or they will fine the town should they fail to comply.

Letters are to be sent to both the owners and renters informing that water will be shut off until major leaks are repaired.

President Manry presented an Ordinance from Area Plan concerning conversion of modernized version resembling windmills for wind energy.

The next Council meeting will be December 17 at 7 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Pure Romance by Tina will be hosting an Open House at her home on Saturday. December 20, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pure Romance features lotions. lingerie and a full line of romance products. Pure Romance has gifts that Santa can't top! Stop in for a cup of chili and delicious goodies. Bring a friend, but no one under 18 years old allowed. There will be Special Open House pricing and cash and carry items available. RSVP and receive a free gift when you arrive.

Pure Romance In-Home Parties for adult women continue to provide a fun and safe environment for women to learn about intimacy and sexual health, while also offering thousands of women the unique financial opportunity to own and operate their own business from home. For directions to the Open House or more information on Pure Romance by Tina log on to www.tinahosler.pureromance.com or call (260)519-5517.

FAIR DATE SET

The Wells County 4-H Association has set July 18 - 23 for the 2009 Wells County 4-H Fair. Livestock show times are expected to be similar to previous years. Committees will be working in early 2009 to finalize plans for the annual event.

The Indiana State Fairwill move to an expanded schedule in 2009. The fair will begin Friday, August 7 and continue until Sunday, August 23. A preliminary schedule can be seen at the State Fairweb page www.in.gov/ statefair/

The Wells County 4-H Association recently elected officers for 2009. The officers include: Chad Captain, President; Brian Clark, 1st Vice President; Kent Ulmer, 2nd Vice President; Gretta Nusbaumer, Secretary: Jodie Bales, Treasurer; Doug Klefeker and Taneca Taylor, Executive Committee Members; and Cathy Neu, Past Treasurer.

The Wells County 4-H Association coordinates the annual 4-H Fair and operation of the 4-H Park located in Bluffton. The 4-H Association Board of Directors is made up of adult

volunteers from each township along with ten at-large members. The 4-H Association is expanding its volunteers for 2009. Anyone interested in learning about volunteering may call the Purdue Extension Office, 824-6142.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre held their Christmas Party at the home of Sharon Gebhart. Those enjoying the evening were Jane Lieurance, Marge Jones, Carolyn Carroll, Phyllis Dickey, Jo Banter, Doris Tyler, Joan Huffman, Joyce Willman, Sue Cavanaugh. LuEllen Pond and Diana Ring. Jane Lieurance won high for the evening, Marge Jones had low and Joyce Willman had the most lones. In January we will meet at the home of Joyce Willman. Happy Holidays!





Santa Need Help? In town or out of town

Call PJ's for ideas. Centerpieces, poinsettias,

fresh & silk arrangements, angels In appreciation of your support & friendship the past years - come in & enjoy homemade treats now thru Dec. 24th.



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 11 Warren Recycle Day

KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m at KBC **Dec 15** Dec 15 SSF Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Assembly Hall **Dec 17** Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.

Deadline for Holiday Ads for Warren Weekly Dec 19

Dec 22 Warren Town Council, 4p.m.

Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS**

Dec 26 Warren Recycle Day **NEW YEARS DAY** Jan 1

Jan 7 Warren Camber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall

Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m. Jan 7

Warren Recycle Day Jan 8

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus Farmers Market Saturdays 8-noon in Daugherty Parking Lot.



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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

COOKIE/CANDY SALE

The Huntington County Extension Homemakers will hold their 6th Annual Holiday Cookie and Candy Sale Friday, December 12, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or while supplies last. The sale will be located on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex at 354 N. Jefferson Street (at the senior center). Homemade candy and cookies will be available for your office parties, family gatherings or as a treat for a friend. Please join us! It is the policy of the Purdue Extension Service that if school is closed due to inclement weather, this event will be rescheduled.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parkview Huntington Hospital is in need of volunteers to assist in the delivery of food for its Homebound Meals program. Noontime meals are delivered Monday through Friday within the city limits of Huntington.

Routes generally consist of between five and 10 stops and are grouped geographically. Volunteers are given maps of their routes.

The current need is for volunteers for one route on Monday and one route on Tuesday. Meals are picked up at the hospital around 11 a.m., and routes take from 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Routes normally include two volunteers - one to drive and the other to take the meals to the

Volunteers receive a free meal in the cafeteria when they return to the hospital as well as other benefits. For more information call Judy Fitzmaurice, Parkview Huntington Hospital volunteer coordinator, at (260) 355-3319 or Dave Brunner, supervisor of nutrition services, at (260) 355-3826.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, December 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Hickory Creek Nursing Center, 1425 Grant St, Huntington. The youth will share some holiday songs by caroling for the residents and then meet for a business meeting to finalize plans for their support in the "Adopt A Family" program through Love, INC. There will be additional discussion regarding an Area 4-H Junior Leader Event at Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center in Fort Wayne on Monday, December 29 and registration forms for a Lock-In on January 9 will be distributed.

For more information about the county 4-H Junior Leader program, contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth, at the Purdue Extension -

Huntington County office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street - Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.

HELP BOOST SUPPLY

With the holidays just around the corner, family and friends come together to share traditions and the joy of the season. As you gather together and exchange gifts with loved ones, the American Red Cross asks eligible individuals to remember to share the gift of life with those in need.

"The lifesaving gift of blood donation is a gift of your time. Donate blood this month in honor or memory of someone special," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO of the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "We greatly appreciate the generosity of blood donors who give the gift of life to help patients in need during the holidays."

Many blood donors have reasons for giving: friends and family members have received blood, blood donation is a way to give back to the community or the feeling of making a difference in the lives of others. Whatever your reason is for giving, when you give blood you play an extremely important role to help ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available during the winter months.

Visit an American Red Cross blood drive this month and spread the joy of the holiday season through your lifesaving gift.

To give blood, you must be at least 17 years of age*, weigh at least 110 pounds, feel well and be in good health. If you have given blood before, it must be at least 56 days since your last donation. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your blood donation appointment.

*In Indiana16-year-olds can give blood with written, parental consent.

AQUATIC THERAPY

Parkview Huntington Hospital's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, collaborating with the Parkview Huntington Family YMCA, now offers physicianprescribed aquatic therapy at the newly opened facility located on 500 North in Huntington County.

The individual, one-on-one therapy sessions began in November, and are conducted to benefit numerous conditions, such as orthopedic pain as the result of joint replacement or surgery, stroke, fibromyalgia, Multiple Sclerosis and many others.

"It's been a goal of mine for many years to have aquatic therapy provided locally," said

Holly Sale, Parkview Huntington Hospital's Rehabilitation and Wellness director. "It's great that patients can receive this kind of specialized care right on the hospital campus.'

Parkview Huntington Hospital has a contractual agreement with the YMCA for exclusive use of the pool from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No other activities are allowed in the pool while the sessions are taking place, and it is not necessary for those receiving therapy to know how to

There are several features of aquatic therapy that contribute to the healing process, and include buoyancy, hydrostatic pressure, viscosity and warm water.

Among other things, buoyancy is used to decrease the effects of weight-bearing to secondary pain, assist weak muscle movement and to decrease compressive forces on the spinal column to in turn decrease pain so that patients are able to work on strengthening and stretching exercises.

Hydrostatic pressure helps to control edema (fluid buildup) while still allowing patients to exercise and/or be in an upright position, while viscosity provides resistance and strengthening of muscles when patients are unable to tolerate weights or other forms of strengthening.

Water decreases vibration and ground-reaction forces during exercise that otherwise would not be tolerated by the body, and warm water is used to improve stretching, decrease pain, spasm and joint stiffness, and increase blood circulation and blood supply to muscles.

Keely Oswald, a physical therapist at Parkview Huntington Hospital who currently works with patients in the YMCA pool, attested to the effectiveness of water buoyancy to benefit exercise. "Buoyancy reduces the weight-bearing load, allowing the patients to exercise better and longer," she said. "Aquatic therapy is a wonderful rehabilitation and exercise tool."

Anita Shultz, a radiologic technologist at Parkview Huntington Hospital as well as one of Oswald's therapy patients, is pleased with the program because the therapy she receives was designed specifically for her. "It's a great form of strengthening, and works all of my muscle groups. Best of all, I don't have to worry about falling; it's no big deal," she said.

Patients are provided a precertification process to review and determine insurance benefits. For more information about aquatic therapy, call (260) 3553240, or 1-800-533-2252, Ext. 53240.

MEDICARE D INFO

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging reminds older adults and persons with disabilities that there are less than 30 days left to sign up for the Medicare Part D prescription drug program and find out if they are eligible for Extra Help to assist in paying premiums for the program.

The last day to sign up for or change your plan is Wednesday, December 31.

Rebecca Baker, Indiana SMP Project Manager for the association, said information about signing up for the plan would be included in the official "Medicare and You 2009 Handbook" that Medicare beneficiaries would have received in October. Information can also be obtained by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Individuals who require assistance in signing up for a plan can also call their local Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-986-3505 to schedule a confidential appointment with a counselor to help then investigate the best plan for their individual needs. A list of all current medications and their dosages should be brought to the appointment along with the applicant's Medicare card, letters and other information from the applicant's Medigap insurance company, Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as well as information about their current coverage if applicable.

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging, founded in 1978, advocates for quality programs and services for older adults and all persons with disabilities. The IAAAA works with all of the 16 Area Agencies on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were created by state statute in 1973 to deliver services under the Older Americans Act. AAAs are notfor-profit entities providing services to older adults and persons with disabilities of any age and their caregivers.

INVESTS IN PATHFINDERS

Wells Fargo recently announced its \$100,000 equity-equivalent investment in Pathfinder Services, Inc., a Huntington-based community and human development nonprofit that provides homeownership education and down payment assistance, and foreclosure prevention services to people with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana. The investment will help support Community Connections, the organization's Housing Division,

to provide low interest rescue loans for families and people with disabilities to become current in their mortgages and save their home from foreclosure.

"With Wells Fargo's support, we will be able to help countless families throughout northeast Indiana become current on their mortgages after falling behind because of job loss or medical problems causing a temporary loss of income", said John Niederman, president of Pathfinders, Inc. "This investment will allow us to create a Foreclosure Rescue Fund, which helps families facing foreclosure. We are grateful for the opportunity to put these funds to use in our communities."

"At Wells Fargo, we understand that the strength of our business depends on the strength of the communities in which we do business. We're committed to supporting initiatives that make the dream of owning a home a reality," said Becky Gerhart, Community Banking president for Wells Fargo in Huntington. "With Pathfinder's long and distinguished track record of helping people find and uphold decent and affordable housing, we know our investment will bring positive results."

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GENEALOGY REPORT & AREA NEWS CONTINUED

PARRISH

Florence E. Parrish, 95, Warren, formerly of the Fountain City community, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 5, 2008.

She was born August 27, 1913 in Fountain City to Elmer Edward and Clara Little Bockhofer. She married Cleo Parrish on October 27, 1934.

Florence had been a resident of the Warren Methodist Home since 2002 and lived in the Warren area since 1969.

While living in Wayne County, she taught released time Christian education classes at Fountain City Elementary School for 13 years. She was also formerly active in Fountain City Chapter #552, Order of Eastern Star.

Florence was a homemaker and served the Warren Methodist Home as a dietician. She remained an avid reader and writer and was a spelling bee champion in August 2008.

Florence was active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union since 1946, serving at the state level for over 40 years.

She first served as State Director of Visual Education and later served as Vice-President. She served as State President from 1959-1968 and also served on the State Board of Trustees. She then served as National Director of the Christian Outreach Department from 1970-1976, and National Director of Projection Methods from 1978-1984.

In 1984 she was appointed World Superintendent of the Promotion Department of the WCTU and was a delegate to the World Convention in Manila, Philippines in February 1986. Florence was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Warren after more than 50 years worshiping in the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Florence will be missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and John Stevens, of Kokomo; her son and daughter-in-law, Reverend William and Sharon Parrish, of Williamsburg; a foster son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Shirley Goss, of Prescott, Arizona; six grandchildren, four foster grandchildren, and three foster great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cleo Parrish, on December 15, 2004; adaughter, Margaret Ann Parrish, on May 12, 1943; a son, Robert Duane Parrish, on January 4, 1946; two sisters and three brothers.

Reverend Max Knight will conduct a funeral ceremony at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, at the Smith & McQuiston Funeral Home, 321 US 27 South Fountain City.

Interment will follow in Willow Grove Cemetery.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union tribute will be conducted in conjunction with her funeral ceremony.

Family and friends may gather for visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Ministries of the Lamb, 2301 Pleasant Plain Road, Richmond, Indiana 47374, or the WCTU.

RIDENOUR

Rebecca Ann Ridenour, 84, of Warren, IN, died at 10:58 AM, on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital



of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Delaware County, IN.

Mrs. Ridenour was a 1941 graduate of Linlawn High School in Wabash, IN and a member of the Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

She received her nursing degree from Ball Memorial Hospital in Munice, IN. in 1945. She also received training as a nurse at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. She worked at Wabash County Hospital for 5 years, Lutheran Hospital-Ft. Wayne for 7 years and as a visiting nurse for 1 year in Fort Wayne also. She had also worked at Turtle Creek Nursing Home in Fort Wayne for 4 years, and retired in 1974.

She was a volunteer in all church activities, the Girl Scouts, and P.T.A., and was involved with youth activities at the church. Rebecca lived in Allen County most of her life before moving to Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. on October 3, 2006. She married Philip Ridenour on

March 112, 1945 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was the daughter of the late Waldo and Mildred (Fager) Shoemaker.

Survivors include Daughters-Sue (Husband, Larry) Womack of Collegeville, Pa. and Janice (Husband, Hugh) Taylor of Waterloo, Ind. Granddaughters-Shannon (Husband, Adam) Squiller of Aubum, Emily Womack of Hartford, Conn. Stacy (husband, Mike) Anderson of Garrett, Jennifer (husband, Jason) Gilpin of Aubum, Grandson-Geoff Womack of Boulder, Colo. and 7-Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by: Husband-Philip Ridenour, Father-Waldo Shoemaker, Mother-Mildred (Fager) Shoemaker and Sister-Bonnie Lewis.

Funeral services were held at Heritage Pointe with Rev. Carol Schrope Scott officiating.

A graveside committal service was held at the Highland Park Cemetery 2403 E Wallen Rd in Fort Wayne with Rev. Dean Fager officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Heritage Pointe 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792.

BEITLER

Esther L. Beitler, 75, Elkton, Md., a former resident of Liberty Center, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 in Union Hospital in Elkton.

Mrs. Beitler was a registered nurse in several states before retiring to Florida in 1998.

She was born Dec. 4, 1932, in Huntington, to Harmon and Estalene Clark. Her mother survives in Warren. She married Roger T. Beitler, who preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving in addition to her mother are a son, Mark (Penny) Beitler of Elkton, Md.; two daughters, Ann (Mike) Schinski of Geneseo, N.Y., and Lynn (Andy) Kennedy of Medina, Ohio; five grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Clark of State College, Pa.; and a sister, Lois Beaty of Huntington.

A brother, Robert Clark, also preceded her in death.

Services were held at the Gee Funeral Home in Elkton, Md.



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take Greg's music into realms of expression unattainable with traditional acoustic harps. The instrument is a modified Salzedo Art Deco design, which was personalized to accommodate Greg's specific needs. During many concert performances, Greg also performs on a Celtic (Irish folk) harp and a Kin nor (lyre). The uniqueness of Greg's stylized playing has made him a popular guest at national and international workshops. Greg finds great fulfillment in being able to share not only his musical knowledge but also his personal walk of faith, thus offering great creative inspiration to those with whom he works.

His enthusiastic jazz style playing places him in a category all by himself.

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For more information on Community Connections please contact (800) 310-9510 or visit www.cchomes.org . Community Connections is the Housing **Division of Pathfinder Services** Inc., a not for profit Human Services organization with offices in Huntington, Wabash, and Community Plymouth. Connections began in 1997 and has helped over 1,000 families fulfill the dream of homeownership and has provided over \$7 million in Down Payment Assistance to those families.

PLAT BOOKS

The recently updated 80 page Adams-Wells County Plan Book is now available. The book includes county highway maps, township maps, city street maps, and an index of landowners for Adams and Wells counties.

Athentic Inc. of LaPorte, Indiana is the publisher of the book.

The plat book sells for \$17.00 and is available at the Purdue Extension Service located at the Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, Indiana. Proceeds of the plat book sales in Wells County go to the 4-H Program. Office hours for the Purdue Extension Service are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday

through Friday. If you have questions, the phone number is 260-824-6412.

ELECTRONICS SCAM

Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana is warning consumers of a number of websites purportedly selling personal electronics, but failing to deliver product after receiving payment by wire transfer.

The outfit, most recently operating as Qbelam.com and Circuitown.com, advertises a variety of personal electronics including PS3s and laptop computers at discounted rates, and the website gives a number of options available for payment. However, when interested parties try to check out, they are sent a message stating that the only available method of payment is wire transfer.

"Anytime you're being asked to payforsomething by awire transfer service, that should be a huge red flag," said Michael Coil, President/ CEO of Northern Indiana. "Once money has been sent, there's no way to get it back – using a credit cardto payfor items online provides a great deal more security."

According to verbal complaints to BBB in Calgary, which have all been lodged from the United States, the products ordered may never be delivered. Further, the organization seems to change its name and URL frequently: in recent weeks it has appeared as Bargain Town, Qbelam, Circuitown, and now Cesa Room with a Calgary address.

"A BBB staff member in Calgary posed as a customer and contacted the organization under the guise of buying a laptop - she indicated she wished to pay using a credit card, and received a message back indicating that "due to high rate of fraudulent activity" they would only accept a wire transfer from consumers outside of Canada. As the BBB operative had indicated she was a Canadian resident, it appears that the return message was automatically generated, intending to dupe citizens of other countries," said Coil.

BBB recommends consumers research companies they intend to solicit online, and to never send money to an unknown recipient. And, of course, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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This consumer is asking BBB to get the message out about insurance scams, so other Seniors aren't taken advantage of.

OUTDOOR GIFT IDEAS

You can avoid the malls and give a friend or family member a unique outdoor gift or experience by ordering soon from the Indiana DNR, but must hurry if you want to meet holiday mailing deadlines.

Gift cards and certificates that must be delivered by mail to Indiana residents need be ordered by no later than Dec. 18. Gift cards/certificates to be sent to out-of-state residents should be ordered by Dec. 15.

Regardless of whether you buy one of the items below, make sure to give your child or grandchild the gift of a time for a winter hike, a hunting trip or a nature center visit at a state park, reservoir or state forest trail in January.

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KITCHEN BOMBS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley Most of the time we are in a mad dash to get dinner from the car to the table; we just bypass the sink all together. We don't even have dirty dishes because the paper plates we are using just go into the trash can along with our pride.

The guilt we feel when we feed our families our stash and dash meal planning results, not only wreaks havoc with the health of our children but that guilt causes us to feel like we are not good mothers. We want to be the perfect mother but then that perfectionism gets in the way because we don't think we have time.

We have time we just don't know it yet! It all starts with that sink! This sink greets us first thing in the morning with that guilt of dirty dishes and mystery water. We can change that by going to bed with your sink shining. When you walk into your kitchen the next morning you are going to smile. That smile is just the beginning.

So how do you stop the bomb from going off in your kitchen when you do decide to cook? That bomb and the time it takes to clear the collateral damage is one of the reasons that you don't think you have time to cook! Having a plan is half the battle. Implementing that plan as part of your basic weekly plan, before bed routine, morning routine and afternoon routine. Here is how you stop the damage before it starts.

5 minute on a Wednesday write down your menus for next week. 10 minutes make out a grocery list from your menus

5 minutes clean out the refrigerator making grocery put away easy

30 minutes to grocery shop when you have a list

5 minute to put groceries away 1 minute each evening move frozen food from freezer to refrigerator

Start the day with an empty dishwasher and an empty trash can.

5 minutes to check your menu plan or start a slow cooker

Pick a time to start cooking; Don't wait till meal time to start. Pizza is not on the menu!

Walk into the kitchen, fill your sink full of hot soapy water

15 minutes in the afternoon to start cooking

Clean up after yourself as you go

Don't multitask. This is when we burn food. SHEs don't cook on high! Do not get in a hurry!

Stay in the kitchen. Children's homework is done at the table.

Delegate the table being set, salad being made, and ice in glasses.

You can do this! As you dirty up a dish, spoon or pan; place it in

the hot soapy water. As food starts cooking, clean as you go. When you reach into the hot water the utensils will practically be clean. Clean up is a breeze because food residue has not dried and caked on. Before you sit down to eat make sure all prep tools are washed up and drying, ingredients are put back in refrigerator and trash is in the garbage can.

After dinner all you will have to do is put away washed dishes, clear the table and put dishes in dishwater or dishwasher and do them. Make it a habit to go to bed each evening with your sink shining.

Nothing says "I love you" like that sink full of hot soapy water, your clean kitchen and that shiny sink!

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Retired, salaried GM employees over age 65 will need to choose from Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, Supplement Insurance, or Medicare Advantage Plans. These retirees will be eligible for an early Special Enrollment period beginning October 15, 2008. Their new coverage will go

into effect January 1, 2009.

Medicare Guaranteed Rights also provide for a 63-day guarantee of Medicare supplement insurance of Plans A, B, C, F, K, and L or a Medicare Advantage plan and a Part D prescription drug plan starting January 1, 2009, due to the loss of other health insurance coverage.

Another important option to consider is whether retiree might be covered by their spouse's employer, VA benefits, or other options.

If no other group coverage is offered, the retiree needs to compare the other options available to them. Comparing these plans with their individual needs in mind is very important when considering their out-of-pocket expenses.

Supplement Insurance

Supplement Insurance or Medigap Plans help fill the gaps in Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. Medicare Supplement insurance is a private health insurance policy. These plans are listed at www.in.gov/idoi/2541.htm and can be compared at www.in.gov/idoi/medigap/.

Prescription Drug Plans

Prescription Drug Plans (also called Part D) are offered by private insurance companies and generally allow you to pay less for your prescriptions. Plans can be compared by going to www.medicare.gov.

Medicare Advantage Plans

Medicare Advantage expands health care options for Medicare beneficiaries. There are three types of Medicare Advantage Plans: Cost Contract HMO, Medicare Advantage PPO, and Medicare Advantage PFFS. These plans can also be compared at www.medicare.gov. GM has contracted with Extend Health, a private insurance company, to help retirees find affordable Medicare plans. Extend Health receives a fee for each policy sold from the insurer. The service to retirees is free. Not

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FLAG WINNERS

In honor of our country's veterans and Veterans' Day, MarkleBank held a drawing in each of its five markets for veterans to win a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol.

Barbara Girvin was the Markle flag winner. Girvin served as a U.S. Army Cadet Nurse from 1944 to 1947. She did her nurse's training at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Service as a Second Lieutenant was required as part of the cadet nurse program. Girvin's name is on the memorial in Washington, D.C. dedicated to women in the military.

Girvin said that this flag is especially meaningful to her since her husband, Hubert, also a veteran, recently passed away. Hubert Girvin was a Sergeant in the Army Corp. of Engineers from 1943 to 1946 and served in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II. Through December 1944, he was all over Germany and France. He then served in the Philippines, where he was stationed when Japan was bombed and the war ended.

After the war, Hubert Girvin went into the inactive reserves, but was called back during the Korean Conflict and served again from 1950 to 1951. This time, Hubert was stationed in Colorado Springs, CO, and Barbara went with him but worked in a civilian rather than a military hospital.

All four of the Girvins' sons served in the military as well. Hubert Girvin was a lifetime member of the VFW Huntington post. He and several others were instrumental in establishing the memorial in the Markle Veterans' Park in honor of two Markle servicemen who were killed in action during World War II. The Adams-Lines VFW Post in Markle is also named in memory of these two young men.

Barbara Girvins said that she and Hubert have been MarkleBank customers since the bank opened in 1947.

Benny Murray was the Bluffton flag winner. Murray served in the Navy as a Communications Tech and was a Petty Officer Second Class. He served from October 1964 through November 1968. Murray spent two years in Panama and two years in Iceland. He was unavailable for a photo.

Jerry Helms was the Huntington winner. Helms served in the army from 1967 to 1971. He attended basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, and advanced training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, before being shipped off to Vietnam. Helms was a Combat Engineer in the Panel Bridge Company. In Vietnam, he performed mine sweeps, went on search and destroy missions, and built roads. He was in Vietnam during 1967 and 1968.

When Helms returned from Vietnam, he was stationed at Fort Knox, KY, where he trained troops. He then finished his service in the motor pool. He is a life member of the Huntington VFW where he is a member of the Color Guard. He is very active in education and military funerals.

Gordon Smith, pictured at right above, received his flag from Ashley DeWeese, the Office Manager at MarkleBank's Warren and Van Buren branches. Smith was the Warren flag winner. He served in the Army in the Infantry from 1944 to 1946. He was with the 103rd Division and was a radio operator at battalion headquarters. Smith was stationed in France, Germany, and the Austrian Alps. After the war, he was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, which was Camp Campbell at that time.

Sam Armstrong, the Fort Wayne flag winner, was in the Marine Corps. in the First Marine Division. Armstrong served from 1953 to 1957 and was stationed in Korea from April 1954 through April 1955. The staff and directors at MarkleBank are thankful for the military service of the many men and women who so honorably served their

country.

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all of the Indiana insurance companies approved to sell Medicare plans are represented by Extend Health.

Additional health insurance counseling is available through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP can assist you in comparing the plans and options that are available to you. For more information, call 1-800-452-4800, Ext. 3.

SHIP is a free, unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana State Department of Insurance. For assistance, call your local SHIP site to make an appointment or call the state office at 1-800-452-4800 to obtain a list of local SHIP sites.

Don't Give ID Thieves A Holiday Gift

(ARA) – Shoppers may spend less this holiday season, but it's unlikely crime will take a holiday in the final months of 2008. It's important to protect yourself, your property and your hard-earned cash from thieves — especially identity thieves — while you're holiday shopping this year.

Law enforcement agencies across the country routinely report crime spikes during the holiday season, and there's no reason to think this year will be any different. Identity theft—the unauthorized use of personal information like your name, Social Security or credit card numbers—generated the most consumer complaints in 2007, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Victims spend an average of 300 hours repairing the damage wrought by ID thieves.

Here are a few ways to protect yourself from identity thieves during the holidays and throughout the coming year:

*When shopping at the mall or other retail centers, never leave your purse, wallet or purchases in the car. If thieves break into your vehicle, they won't just take your cash and merchandise, they may steal any identifying information you've left in the vehicle, like your license and registration, credit cards or even club membership cards.

* Likewise, minimize the identifying information and financial cards you carry in your wallet. Carry only what's required, and never carry your original

Social Security card with you; memorize the number and keep the card in a safety deposit box instead.

* Never leave your credit card with a store clerk to process a purchase while you run an errand nearby. In those few minutes, an unscrupulous clerk may take down your credit card information, and a careless one may leave your card where a thief can get his hands on it.

*Don't believe any merchant—online or in person—who requires you to reveal your Social Security or driver's license numbers in order to make a credit card purchase. Showing your photo ID and your signature on the credit card should be sufficient for in-person purchases, and the security number for your card should suffice for online shopping. If a merchant insists on additional identifying information, consider taking your business elsewhere.

* You may be tempted to clean out your car when you stop for gas, but never leave receipts, especially bank receipts, bill stubs or any other identifying paperwork in a public trash can. "Dumpster diving" — pulling personal information from documents thrown in the trash — remains a leading route for ID thieves.

* When shopping online, stick with sites that have the closed lock icon at the bottom of your browser. It means you're dealing with a site that practices security measures. Before you enter your credit card number for any online purchase, always make sure you're dealing with a secure, trusted site that has a secure certificate.

* Don't wait until you get a phone call from a creditor you've never heard of before you find out about ID theft – enroll in a product like ProtectMyID.com, your single source for identity theft protection. The service offers a complete program for identity theft protection, detection, resolution and automatic coverage for credit and debt cards. If you do become a victim of ID theft while using the service, they'll guarantee your losses up to \$1 million. They check for important changes to your credit every day so you don't have to.

Smart safety and shopping practices, and the right protection tools, can help ensure the holidays stay bright for you this year, and not for the identity thieves.

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