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Thought for the Week: *Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success.* Dr. Joyce Brothers

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Library book sale room will be open during the month of December. There are "new" donated books and books newly withdrawn from the library collection. Most hard bound books are \$.50 and paperbacks \$.25. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Warren Library.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The combined choirs of Warren and Jefferson Center United Methodist Churches will present "Behold the Glory: a Christmas Celebration," on December 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe in Warren. The words and music of the cantata are by Stan Pethel. The choir is under the direction of Myrna Neff. The public is invited to attend.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Visa and MasterCard Credit Cards will now be accepted for payment of utility bills, fees and charges, etc to the Town of Warren. The payment must be made in person with identification available, and a fee of 3% of the total charge must be paid IN CASH at the time of the charge to offset cost of the service. Default of a credit card payment will be handled as a non-sufficient funds transaction and will result in disconnection of services if repayment is not made as required.

MEMORIAL BOWS & TREE

Once again, the Warren Chamber of Commerce is selling memorial bows — red for a person living and white for a person deceased— at the cost of \$2 each. The bows annually are the only decoration, other than lights, on the community memorial Christmas Tree which is placed on Second and Wayne Streets at Town Hall. The ribbons may be purchased at Town Hall. The name of the person being recognized is written on the ribbon before being placed on the tree. A list of names is also printed in the Warren Weekly the week before Christmas. This year's tree has been donated by Sandy Hethcote in memory of her late daughter Jodi. The tree had been planted at the Hethcote home

but has now become too large for that site. This donation indeed makes this year's Christmas Tree a special memorial.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

AVAILABLE

Dogwood Glen Golf Course has Gift Certificates available for those last minute, hard to buy for, golfers in your family. Also, all merchandise in the pro shop is now 50% off. Depending on the weather, the clubhouse is open from 10am-4pm.

PULSE PRESENTS

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

Watch for the school buses at the Pulse Opera House this week. School groups from Bluffton High School, Crestview, Flint Springs, Horace Mann, Pathfinders, Riverview, Roanoke Elementary and Salamonie will attend special daytime performances of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

The classic Christmas story opened last weekend to enthusiastic audiences. All agreed it was the perfect way to ring in the holidays. Public performances are scheduled for November 29, 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Adults can take \$2 off their ticket by bringing an item for the Food Pantry. Tickets are going fast, especially for the last weekend, so reservations are suggested. Tickets can be reserved online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

The Warren Public Library would like to offer an after school story time for students Kindergarten through second grade at Salamonie School. If there is enough interest, we will begin after Christmas break. This special time would be on Mondays from 3:45 - 4:30. In order for children to stay after school, parents will need to have them pre-registered and be responsible for picking them up at 4:30. Please call the library at

375-3450 before December 19th if you are interested in this program.

TODAY'S HOLIDAYS NEED

TODAY'S MAIL

Southern Indiana Postal elves postmark replies from only town named after Santa Claus

SANTA CLAUS, IN— Santa may be able to visit every boy and girl around the world in one night, but he relies on the holiday magic of the U.S. Postal Service to deliver his mail. Postal elves in Southern Indiana will postmark his replies and mail them back to the children from the only town in the world named after Santa Claus.

People wishing to have a letter from Santa Claus, IN sent to their children need to follow three simple steps and remember the Dec. 20 deadline.

Parents are encouraged to work with their children while they write letters to Santa so they can pick up a few tips when they later help craft Santa's reply. Once the reply is written, "Santa's response" should be placed in a stamped envelope addressed to the child.

This envelope should then be placed in a larger, properly stamped, First-Class Mail or Priority Mail envelope and mailed to:

Postmaster
Santa Claus Station
Santa Claus IN 47579-9998

"The Santa Claus, Indiana, post office is offering a unique 'picture postmark' to cancel the postage stamps on holiday mail this year," said Postmaster Marian Balbach. "Our postmark has become one of the most popular in the nation. We receive requests from around-the-world and many customers drive hundreds of miles to receive the cancellation on their holiday mail.

Each year's unique postmark is designed by a local high school art student, as part of an annual contest. This year's winner was Mari Marley Jahn, a member of the Heritage Hills (IN) Class of 2007 and now attending Purdue University.

Balbach asks anyone interested in having the unique cancellation on their holiday mail to please follow these guidelines:

Allow at least a 2-inch by 4-inch space in the stamp area for the picture postmark.

Have postage applied to cards or letters before bringing or mailing them to the Santa Claus Post Office.

Customers who wish to mail Christmas cards to the post office should package them—with postage stamps already on them—in a sturdy envelope or box.

The picture postmark is available on working days between Dec. 1-24.

The picture postmark must be requested by the postal customer.

There is no charge for postmarking—however there is a limit of 50 picture postmarks (hand cancellations) per person per day.

Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 20, Balbach expects nearly 500,000 pieces of mail to come through her Post Office. A different picture postmark has been offered at the Santa Claus Post Office each holiday season since 1983.

BAND NEWS

Salamonie School Eighth graders Luke Greene, Beth Riley, Heather Duke, Cassie Hacker, and Jessica Stucky along with seventh grader Cassie Bornreger have been invited to participate in the IPFW Three River's Honor Bands. Dr. James Colonna, band director at IPFW, visited Salamonie on October 24th to listen to and talk to the students. The Three Rivers Honor Bands will rehearse in the evening on November 29th, during the day on the 30th, and perform on Saturday, December 1st at 2:00 P.M.

The students performed two scales, rudiments, and two short selections for Dr. Colonna during their audition process. Using their method books, the young instrumentalists read through their music as Dr. Colonna used several musical criteria upon which to judge the children. Dr. Colonna listened to ten students selected by Mr. Hofherr, and he accepted six into the Honor Bands. The performances will be in the new 1500 seat auditorium (Auer Concert Hall) on the campus at IPFW. Congratulations to the middle school children and good luck at the concert!

MITTENS FOR MUNCHKINS

Parkview Huntington Hospital invites Huntington County residents to share its warmth this winter with the children of the community by participating in the hospital's second annual "Mittens for Munchkins" Christmas program.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 26, two Christmas Giving Trees will be located in the hospital mall, upon which visitors may hang a new pair of mittens or gloves, a hat or scarf. Metal hooks for attaching the items to the trees will be available.

"Our employees were so generous last year that we thought the community might be interested in participating as well," said Darlene Garrett, chief operating officer of Parkview Huntington Hospital. "It is our pleasure to invite the community to play a part in this special giving program."

The gifts will be distributed by the Salvation Army following the giving deadline of Dec. 14.

HOLIDAY CAMP

The Huntington University baseball team will host the 2007 Holiday Baseball Camp on Dec. 27-29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation. Participants may swim from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The team invites boys ages 8-14 to participate. To attend the camp, participants need to complete a registration form and send it along with a payment of \$75 per child. Previous attendees and families with two or more children in the camp will receive a \$5 discount for each child. Children of Huntington University faculty and staff will be given a \$10 discount. All checks should be made payable to the Huntington University Dugout Club. Campers will receive a T-shirt and their personal hitting video.

The registration deadline is Dec. 18. Parents are welcome to stay and watch during the camp.

"We look forward to making this a great learning experience for every participant," said Mike Frame, head coach of the Huntington University baseball team. "It is our hope that

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

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

DEAR EDITOR,

I recently read an article about new textbooks in public school systems. The article incorporated the idea that the textbooks were easy for kids to understand and eliminate controversial subjects. These subjects and certain vocabulary were deemed to be harmful to student's attitudes and thoughts. What kind of students are we teaching?

Students are not dumb, nor do they need a watered-down version of our nation's history, I think by throwing out these controversial stories and subjects of our history, we are insulting student's self-thinking. Besides, is it our public school's responsibility to instill morality into your kid's minds, or is it yours?

John DeWeese

BIZARRE AMERICAN HOLIDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Are you looking for something to celebrate other than Christmas this year? How about a daily holiday. Here's a list found at www.thinkquest.org. Take a couple of these holidays and just have fun with it.

December 1 is National Pie Day and Eat A Red Apple Day
 December 2 is National Fritters Day
 December 3 is National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day
 December 4 is Wear Brown Shoes Day
 December 5 is National Sacher Torte Day
 December 6 is National Gazpacho Day and Mitten Tree Day
 December 7 is National Cotton Candy Day
 December 8 is Take It In The Ear Day
 December 9 is National Pastry Day
 December 10 is Festival For The Souls Of Dead Whales
 December 11 is National Noodle Ring Day
 December 12 is National Ding-A-Ling Day
 December 13 is Ice Cream and Violins Day
 December 14 is National Bouillabaisse Day
 December 15 is National Lemon Cupcake Day
 December 16 is National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
 December 17 is Underdog Day and National Maple Syrup Day
 December 18 is National Roast Suckling Pig Day
 December 19 is Oatmeal Muffin Day
 December 20 is Games Day
 December 21 is Look At The Bright Side Day, National Flashlight Day, National French Fried Shrimp Day, and Hamburger Day
 December 22 is National Date-Nut Bread Day
 December 23 is Roots Day
 December 24 is National Egg Nog Day
 December 25 is National Pumpkin Pie Day
 December 26 is National Whiners Day
 December 27 is National Fruitcake Day
 December 28 is Card Playing Day and National Chocolate Day
 December 29 is Pepper Pot Day
 December 30 is Festival Of Enormous Changes At The Last Minute and National Bicarbonate Of Soda Day
 December 31 is Unlucky Day

December is also Hi Neighbor Month, National Stress Free Family Holiday Month, Bingo's Birthday Month, and Read A New Book Month

SEND YOUR FAVORITE OUT-OF-TOWNER, COLLEGE STUDENT OR RELATIVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WARREN WEEKLY. IT MAKES A TREASURED GIFT EVERY YEAR. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS)

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 <i>Pastor - Interim</i> <i>Youth Minister Lynne Payne</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Focus Youth Group - Sun 6:30-8:30p.m. Handicap Accessible</p> <p>Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099 Word of Life — Majenica <i>Rev. Malcolm & Jackie Howell</i> 260/356-1246</p> <p>Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Eve. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Sunday School..... 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Rev Mark Davis</i> Bus Service 375-2510</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathy Newton, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Dan Helm, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i></p> <p>Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ... 6:00p.m.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage <i>Jeff Wass, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i></p> <p>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</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.</p> <p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m. www.warrenwesleyan.com</p>
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Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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everything learned would benefit each child in his future as a baseball player."

For a registration form, call Mike Frame at (260) 359-4082 or (260) 356-7491 or log on to www.huntington.edu/athletics/baseball/ to submit.

HOLIDAY POPS

Northeastern Indiana's most popular and beloved holiday event returns to Huntington University at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 when the Fort Wayne Philharmonic goes on tour throughout northern Indiana.

Conductor Bradley Thachuk will lead the philharmonic in a colorful presentation of holiday music to thrill all ages. The orchestra will be joined by vocalists Jeffery Moore and Lindsey Helmer.

A family tradition for 20 years, Holiday Pops with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic includes an audience sing-a-long and a selection of familiar holiday music. Also on the program are timeless classics and holiday favorites including "I'll be Home for Christmas," "The Night before Christmas," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Sleigh Ride," and "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

Tickets are available by calling Huntington University's Merrillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261. Ticket prices are \$17-\$21 for reserved seating, \$5 for Huntington University students, discounted by \$2 for students 13 and older as well as seniors, and half price for students 12 and younger. This event will be held in the Zurcher Auditorium in the Merrillat Centre for the Arts.

This concert was underwritten by Myers Funeral Home, Northeast Indiana Public Radio WBOI/WBNI and Huntington University.

In his position as the associate conductor for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Bradley Thachuk is responsible for conducting subscription concerts, Holiday Pops concerts, all education and outreach concerts and the Fort Wayne Ballet, in addition to being music director for the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony Orchestra. Thachuk has conducted orchestras and opera in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, the United States and Canada. Thachuk received his master's degree and began doctoral studies in conducting at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with Mark Gibson and -Christopher Zimmerman. He continues his studies now privately with conductor Paavo Järvi, music director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Vocalist Jeffery Moore has been involved in many philharmonic ventures, including guest host for Holiday Pops and director/actor in "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." Moore holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in theatre from Indiana University - Bloomington. Fort Wayne audiences will remember him in roles such as "John Adams" in "1776," "Lumiére" in "Beauty and the Beast" and "Bob Ewell" in "To

Kill a Mockingbird" at the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre.

Vocalist Lindsey Helmer is a 2004 graduate of Ball State University where she was a four-year featured soloist with the Ball State University Singers. She remained very active on campus, serving as Miss Ball State University and winning numerous talent awards including Best Female Soloist. She also has performed on the professional stage in Branson, Mo., with "Legends in Concert" and aboard ships with Royal Caribbean.

Now performing its 64th season, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic with Music Director Edvard Tschivzhel is a member of the League of American Orchestras and a funded member of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, the Indiana Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts. For additional information, log on to www.fortwaynephilharmonic.com.

MASSAGE & PARKINSONS

As Parkinson's symptoms involve rigidity bradykinesia and tremors, it's no wonder that many experience some form of back pain. One theory is that flexor muscles are stronger than extensor muscles and therefore cause posture to stoop and result in lower back strain. Another theory is that Parkinson's patients do not have the ability to recover or relax their muscles and over time can suffer from some form of musculoskeletal discomfort. While research clearly documents the benefits of

conventional treatments prescribed by physical therapists, massage therapy also can be beneficial in improving musculoskeletal discomfort.

Some benefits of massage include:

Stress Reduction. It is well known that stress creates an exacerbation in Parkinson's symptoms.

Muscle Flexibility Improvement. It relieves muscle rigidity and stiffness that often leads to muscle exhaustion.

Increase in Circulation. Blood supply improves nutrition to muscles, speeding up the elimination of metabolic wastes which can offer muscles some reprieve from the contractions.

Sleep Improvement Results in regular bowel movements and enhances the effectiveness of medication.

There are many different types of massage techniques which can prove helpful with circulatory and musculoskeletal benefits. Here are just a few common types:

Swedish massages: This is the most common. Swedish massage is very soothing using oil and smooth strokes.

Deep tissue therapies: Also known as neuromuscular trigger point and Roling often are a bit more rigorous yet produce effective results with chronic pain. Eastern styles work with the body's meridian pathways and focus to regulate the flow of energy in the body. This type of massage is given through finger pressure, rocking and stretching such as: Acupressure, Thai or Shiatsu.

Some tips to consider when looking for a massage therapist are:

Make sure that he/she has graduated from an accredited school and is licensed and certified. This will guarantee a level of professionalism and competence in anatomy, physiology and different massage techniques for considering your individual benefit.

Inquire if they are members of the American Massage Therapy Association, the Association Bodywork and Massage Professionals, or a similar well-known professional organization. This type of membership guarantees that they maintain continuing education credentials as required by licensure.

Check with your health care provider. Some insurance carriers are recognizing the medical therapeutic benefits. If you are not covered through your health insurance, expect to pay a fee

somewhere between \$30-\$60 for an hour.

Understand that this is not just a form of luxury; massage therapy can be considered regular health maintenance, and increases quality of life.

Consult your health care provider to discuss if massage is right for you. As these benefits are demonstrated in clinical research studies, physicians will advocate the use of therapeutic massage more widely, thus incorporating them into customary medical practice.

For more information on therapeutic massage and to find a therapist in your area consult the following websites:

www.ncbtmb.com: This is the home page for the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. The

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Pulse Opera House Presents The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

November 23, 24, 29, 30 & December 1, 6, 7, & 8
Performance at 8:00 p.m., Doors Open at 7:30
\$12 for General Admission - \$5 for children 12 & Under
For Reservations call 375-7017
\$2.00 off adult admission with donation of item for Food Pantry

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DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance	Ugalde's Family Restaurant
Dogwood Glen Golf Course	Ware Brandon Monuments
East of Chicago Pizza Co.	Wagon Wheel Cafe
Evaluation Real Estate	Warren Cable
GDW Construction & Design	Warren Pharmacy
Gebhart's Floral Barn	Warren Service & Supply

Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Dec 5	Warren Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Assembly Hall
Dec 5	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 7	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 10	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 11	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
Dec 12	Warren Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Dec 19	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 21	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 24	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS
Jan 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
Jan 2	Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 2	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 4	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 9	Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
Jan 14	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
Jan 15	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Jan 16	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 18	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 21	Martin Luther King Jr Day

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 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus **Walking in the Gym** 7-11 a.m. Monday - Friday

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information on this website is geared towards professionals but it does have a link to locate national certified practitioners in your area.

www.massagetherapy.com/learnmore: This Site is run by the American Bodywork and Massage Professionals, which is a professional association for many types of bodyworkers including massage therapists. The site contains introductory information about massage and the resources necessary to find ABMP certified massage therapists in your area.

www.massagetherapy.org: This is the homepage of the American Massage Therapy Association. The American Massage Therapy Association is a well-respected professional organization for massage therapists. The site is a resource to find therapists in your area.

This article was adapted from "Knead a Massage" published in the Spring 2006 issue of Parkinson's Page, the newsletter of the Maine APDA I&R Center in Falmouth, Maine and provided to the Warren Weekly by The Spa at Heritage Pointe.

EDUCATION CENTER

The Charles Porter-Gene Stratton Porter Society is pleased to announce the beginning of a fund drive to establish the Brushwood Education Center in Adams County near Geneva. The educational center will focus its programs on the rich historical and natural features of the project site, the Munro Nature Preserve, and the surrounding Limberlost and Loblolly Wetlands area.

The project site includes the remnants of Hartford Township District No. 6 School, commonly referred to as the Brushwood School. The Brushwood area was the setting for part of Gene Stratton-Porter's *The Girl of the Limberlost*, 1909. Additionally, the property was formerly owned by Charles Porter in the late 1800s.

Since 1994 the property has been owned and managed by ACRES Land Trust as a nature preserve. The property contains a mature forest, a diverse forest floor community, along with abundant wildlife. The property is open to the public from dawn to dusk daily. Ken Brunswick, Regional Ecologist for the Division of Nature Preserves states "ACRES Land Trust has been a full partner with the DNR Division of Nature Preserves in preserving natural areas in northeast Indiana."

The educational center will serve the educational needs of ACRES Land Trust and the Charles Porter & Gene Stratton Porter Society. The building will also be available to community, service, government, and not-for-profit groups to facilitate their educational programs.

Types of programs offered at the educational center will include, but are not limited to, lectures, workshops, spelling bees, boy & girl scout meetings, 4-H meetings, historical presentations, nature center activities, and community meetings.

Project Goals:

Construction of an educational center that will accommodate groups of up to 75 people. Building design aesthetics will compliment the historically & naturally significant site

Use of the existing Brushwood School front as a historical monument or creation of an appropriate, separate monument to the school.

Provide historical and natural educational opportunities to residents and visitors to Adams County, focusing on the rich natural and social history of the project site and surrounding Limberlost and Loblolly Wetlands area.

Raise awareness of ACRES Land Trust, Charles Porter-Gene Stratton Porter Society, and other like-minded organizations who will utilize the facility.

How much will it cost? \$75,000 will be required to construct and furnish this educational facility. A generous lead gift of \$25,000 has already been received!

Monetary contributions for this project can be made to either ACRES Land Trust or the Charles Porter-Gene Stratton Porter Society. Both are not-for-profit organizations, therefore your contributions are tax deductible. Be sure to note that your contributions are for the "Brushwood Education Center".

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with this project. These opportunities range from fund raising, site preparation, construction, event planning, leading programs, etc. Please contact Willis and Ruth Brown at 260-368-7352 or willisandruth@onlyinternet.net

TURKEY TROT WINNERS

The third annual Turkey Trot 5K run and Family Fun Walk took place Thanksgiving morning at McDonald's in Huntington. The event had 172 participants in the run, and 41 participants in the fun walk, and raised over \$4,000 for the Kids Kampus Scholarship fund.

Ronald McDonald started runners out at 8:00 AM at McDonalds on 60 Home Street in Huntington, and the runners ran past Kids Kampus childcare center, through Huntington University, turned around at Parkview Huntington Hospital, and returned to McDonald's. The staff of McDonald's provided all participants and volunteers with breakfast after the race and walk. Over twenty-five people

volunteered their time for this event.

Cash prizes were awarded by McDonalds to those that were able to accept them. Trophies, provided by Custom Craft were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. The age groups were: Men and Women Master's Division, 55 and older, Men and Women 35-54, Men and Women 16-34, and Men and Women 15 and under.

The overall winner of the race was Nick Johnson with a time of 16:11, placing second was Brian Shepherd with a time of 16:28, and placing third with a time of 17:16 was Tanner Johnson. Placing first in the fifteen and under Female division was Leah Myers with a time of 22:38. Placing first in the fifteen and under Male division was Sam Doughty with a time of 18:32.88.

Placing first in the Women's 16-34 division was Laurissa Dalrymple with a time of 19:54, Placing first in the Men's 16-34 division was Nick Johnson with a time of 16:11. Placing first in the Women's 35-54 division was Amy Crickmore with a time of 24:09, Placing first in the Men's 35-54 division was Brian Shepherd with a time of 16:28.

Placing first in the Women's Master's division was Kathy Pleus with a time of 25:08. Placing first in the Male's Master's division was Gordon Pleus with a time of 20:51. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the Kids Kampus Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund. A complete listing of all race results can be found at www.kidskampus.org.

McDonald's was the main sponsor for the event. Other sponsor's included: H.H. Niswander's, El Shaddai, Inc., MarkleBank, and the Kil-so-quah Road Runners. Kids Kampus, Huntington, is an early childhood center serving children from infancy to age 12. Kids Kampus is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. It is a division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington.

The 2008 Turkey Trot is set to take place on Thanksgiving Day of 2008.

HCCF GRANTS

The Huntington County Community Foundation, Inc. recently announced the recipients of Cycle II Community Grants for 2007. Ten applications were received with requests totaling over \$108,422. Community Grants, totaling \$67,901, were awarded to:

Northeast Indiana Public Radio, Inc \$25,000 over five years – To expand/improve Northeast Indiana Public Radio's classical music services.

Northeast Indiana Public Radio, Inc. went on air in July 1978. It's mission is to engage the community with content that enriches the human experience. Today Northern Indiana Public Radio owns and operates two public radio stations (WBOI, 89.1 FM and WBNI, 94.1 FM/91.3 FM) Both stations broadcast 24 hours daily, providing two distinct program services to listeners in Northeast Indiana as well as parts of Ohio and Michigan.

Historic Forks of the Wabash \$25,000 - To construct a building that will be used as an expansion of the office area, to reconfigure the gift shop, add a library. Historic Forks of the Wabash was incorporated in 1987 by a group of committed individuals whose goal was to preserve the unique history of the area known as the Forks of the Wabash. Restoration history dates back to the late 1970s when a group of dedicated students and teachers (Junior Historical Society) undertook the task of preserving and restoring the Chief Richardville House on the South Western edge of Huntington.

Huntington University \$10,000 - To cover a portion of the curriculum cost for the Center for Leadership Studies. The Center for Leadership Studies was initiated by the Huntington University Foundation Board of Directors in response to

the common issue revolving around the lack of training and the perceived leadership crisis looming for the next generation in our communities, businesses and churches. Two specific areas have taken a priority as "most needed" in the realm of leadership development training. Local Churches Community leadership academies.

Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County - \$6,535 - To provide the match for the agency's Vectren Weatherization grant. The Youth Services Bureau is a non-profit, social service agency that was implemented in 1987. The four core roles of the agency are: Delinquency diversion, youth and family advocacy, information/referral and community education regarding youth and family issues. The ultimate goal of any of the programs and services offered is to instill a sense of competency, usefulness, belonging and empowerment to all served. Programs include: S.O.S., summer programming, Home Based Teen Court, supervised visits, Mentoring Parents, conflict mediation and tobacco education classes.

The Dan Quayle Center and Museum \$1,366 - To purchase a new graphics computer. The Dan Quayle Commemorative Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1990. It is education through collection, preservation, and display of materials related to Dan Quayle, the Indiana vice presidents, and the Office of the Vice President and those who have held it, in order to improve citizen interest in – and understanding of – the challenges that confront the vice presidency.

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The family of Irene Treat thanks everyone for the cards, flowers, calling at the funeral home, and donations made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Warren Methodist Church in Mom's name. A special thank you to Joenita Keller and the women of the Warren Methodist Church for providing dinner after the service. Also thank you to Rev. Dewey Miller Jr. and Rev. Dewey Miller Sr. for officiating at the service, Shannon Miller for the beautiful vocals, and Jeff Glancy and all the staff at the Glancy Funeral Home.

Tom, Kathy, Aaron, and
Rebecca Sprunger

PUGH

Mary Esta Pugh, 93, of Montpelier, died at 11:09 a.m. Wednesday Nov. 21, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Born in Montpelier to Clarence C. and Martha Celesta Cook on Aug. 6, 1914, she married Charles E. Pugh in Montpelier on May 6, 1933; he preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1993.

A 1933 graduate of Montpelier High School, Mrs. Pugh had been a lifetime resident of Montpelier prior to moving to Heritage Pointe. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pioneer Society in Blackford, Jay and Randolph Counties, and the Church of Christ Ladies Aide.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Paul E. (Marilyn) Pugh and Thomas D. (Kathleen) Pugh, both of Montpelier; one daughter, Judith (Frank) VanCamp of Montpelier; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Pugh was also preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ellen Wert; two sisters, Nora Price Barrington and Thelma Myers; and five brothers, Russell, William, James, David and Jack Cook.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Burial was at Brookside Cemetery, in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the Church of Christ in Montpelier.

HENLEY

Bluffton High School's oldest graduate, Mildred Lucile Lambert Henley, 107, of Montpelier, died at 9:29 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Born in Wells County to William Augustus and Lula Leona (Brodt) Lambert on Oct. 8, 1900, she married William Dove Henley on May 19, 1923 in Huntington; he preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1965.

A 1918 graduate of Bluffton High School, Mrs. Henley attended Ball State University, which was known as Muncie Normal at that time, and Madam Blaker's Teachers' College of Indianapolis. She began teaching at the one-room school house at Frog Pond, southeast of Poneto, and then taught for four years at Poneto schools. As married women were not allowed to teach in this era, her marriage brought a temporary end to her teaching career, however, in 1954, she was able to return to the classroom, teaching first grade at Montpelier School, where she continued until her retirement in 1968.

Mrs. Henley was an Organizing Regent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organizing member of the Francois Godfrey Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Daughters of American Colonists in Portland, the Indiana Retired Teachers and National Retired Teachers' Association, and the Alethia Chapter #206 Order of the Eastern Star in Montpelier. She was also a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Richard L. Henley of Bluffton and William D. (Madeline) Henley Jr. of Geneva; one daughter, Lois Claire Mitchell of Marion; one sister, Orlu (Guy) Martin of Plymouth, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Henley was preceded in death by a sister, Katherine Renner.

Funeral services are being organized by Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier and will be announced at a later date. Burial is at Woodlawn Cemetery, in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

BONEWITZ

Blanche Bonewitz, 90, of Warren, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at Heritage Pointe.

Born in Huntington County to Jesse and Eva (Searles) Hendrick on March 27, 1917, she married Leland F. Bonewitz on Aug. 2, 1936 in Fairmount; he preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1997.

A graduate of Banquo High School, Mrs. Bonewitz worked for Hunkler Products in Huntington as a shipping clerk and was also a homemaker. She was a member of the Neighborhood Home Extension Club in Huntington, the Bethel United Women, and the Bethel United Methodist Church in Huntington.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Joenita Keller of Warren and Karlita (Herman) Hassig of Huntertown; one son, Lynn (Viki) Bonewitz of Warren; one sister, Doris DeHaven of Warren; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bonewitz was also preceded in death by a son, Denny Bonewitz, six sisters and six brothers.

Funeral services were held at Heritage Pointe with the Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial is at Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Heritage Pointe.

FUNK

Ruth H. Funk, 93, of Warren, died 9:10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007 in Heritage Pointe.

Born in Phoenixville, Pa., to Harry W. and Anna Mary (Styer) Funk on Aug. 10, 1914, she graduated from the Moore School of Art in Philadelphia, Pa. She was an active member in the Trinity United Methodist Church in Royal Center, before entering Heritage Pointe in 2002.

Surviving relatives include 13 nieces and nephews. Miss Funk was preceded in death by three sisters, Catherine (George) Sload, Dorothy Thomas and Mary Taylor and two brothers, John and William Funk.

A graveside funeral service was held at the East Vincent United Church of Christ Cemetery in Spring City, Pa.

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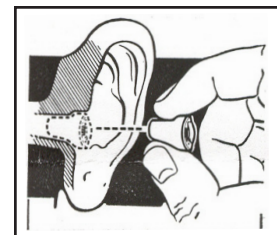
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UPGRADING RADIOS

The Huntington County chapter of the American Red Cross has completed the second phase of its communications upgrade with the help of the Huntington County Community Foundation. The HCCF granted the local chapter \$950 to purchase and install antennas for its 6 two-way radios which includes a base radio at the Red Cross office, a portable base radio and 4 mobile radios. These radios were donated to the Huntington County chapter by the National American Red Cross in Austin, Texas last year and are pre-programmed to the National American Red Cross frequency of 47.42 MHz, but did not include the antennas. The grant from HCCF gave the Red Cross the needed funds to complete the project.

The addition of the 6 radios gives the Huntington County chapter the ability to communicate directly from car-to-office or car-to-car even when cell phones are not functioning, as well as the ability to communicate with other Red Cross units nationwide. This will prove valuable if and when a major disaster occurs in Huntington County, or when the Huntington County chapter assists in another county. The radios have already been useful to the chapter's transportation program, which provides free rides to VA hospitals for local veterans.

Last year the Huntington County Community Foundation awarded a grant in the sum of \$1800 to the Red Cross to purchase one 800MHz radio. This gave the chapter the ability to communicate directly with the Emergency Management Agency and Fire Dispatchers, to coordinate Red Cross assistance. This radio has proven its usefulness several times in the past year, and now the addition of the 47.42 MHz radios has extended the communications capabilities of the local chapter even further.

The Huntington County chapter of the American Red Cross has served Huntington County since 1917. Each year we respond to 12-15 house fires, as well as other disaster-related events. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, when we are needed we are there.

SENIOR LUNCH

Individuals age 50 and older are invited to make a holiday craft with garden bounty under the watchful eye of the Huntington Master Gardeners, Dec. 3, at the seniors lunch at the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The project will be a tree ornament made from a grape vine and dried flowers.

"The Huntington Master Gardeners plant and maintain the Salamonie Interpretive Center Garden," said Upper Wabash Interpretive Services director Marvin McNew. "We get dried flowers from the Everlastings area, herbs, squash and tomatoes from the Children's ABC garden, a colorful array of butterflies over all of the hummingbird and butterfly plantings, and many visitors enjoy viewing and learning from the garden. The ornaments will be made with flowers dried from the Everlastings area of the garden."

The program kicks off with the meal at 12:30 p.m. The meat dish will be provided by UWIS. Seniors should bring a dish to pass, their own table service and \$1 donation to help defray the cost of the provided meat dish.

Those interested may register by calling UWIS, (260) 468-2127, or by visiting the interpretive center, 3691 S. New Holland Rd., Andrews, 46702.

The interpretive center and gift shop hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor-to-ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer questions.

The center is in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area, Highway 105, western Huntington County.

For more information on other UWIS programs, see www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis.

SPANISH TRANSLATORS

The Huntington North Advanced Placement Spanish classes are translating letters from a preschool from Tisma, Nicaragua. These letters are designated for the sponsors who are helping the poorest preschoolers get an education.

The preschool was started two years ago with the help of the Huntington Church of the Brethren along with a nonprofit agency in Wichita, Kansas called Trees for Life. The idea for the preschool came from a women's group in Tisma who believe that education is the way out of poverty. The women's group made plans for the preschool including purposing a budget and planning for the construction of the preschool building. Trees for Life provided funds for the building of the school. The Huntington Church of the Brethren is administrating the sponsorship program.

With the help of sponsors in the United States, the school is able to hire teachers, buy materials and provide a school lunch each day. The US sponsors are invited to write to their student in Nicaragua

twice a year, and the sponsors will receive letters twice a year as well.

The Huntington North AP Spanish classes are serving as translators for all the letters and in addition will be writing letters of their own to the children. This gives the HNHS students the opportunity to better understand the culture of Nicaragua and read the Spanish written by native speakers. HNHS students enjoy this real life connection with the Tisma children. "The letters describe their homes, schools and lives. It is really to cool to read about," said AP student Emily Hoff. In fact the classes are excited to learn more about the children and have expressed interest in sponsoring a child themselves. Kiah Zumbrun, another AP student wrote, "I really enjoy translating these letters. It makes me feel like I'm making a difference in the community." Nick Albright wrote, "Helping a child grow is always worthwhile."

Anyone who would like more information about the program or about sponsoring a child can contact Carole Baker at 786-3808 or carolejbaker@gmail.com

SURVIVAL DAY CAMP

Salamonie Reservoir will host a children's day camp with a survival theme, Dec. 26-28.

Children ages 7 to 12 are invited to this fun and exciting three-day event. Each day provides a variety of activity sessions, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each day will be focused on a nature/winter theme. Topics include animal survival, glaciers and surviving winter as a pioneer or Native American (before malls arrived in Indiana). The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, snacks, crafts and games.

Advance registration at (260) 468-2127 is required. Space is limited. The camp's activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment to learn about our world. A small snack will be provided. Children should bring a sack lunch with drink each day.

The camp requires a \$30 participation fee for each child. The property gate does not charge admission for the camp. Parents must fill out health/participation forms before their child may participate in activities.

Please see www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis for other program information.

NEW AGENT

Tammy Lowe has joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent based in the Huntington office, located at 2815 N. Jefferson Street.

A graduate of Blackford High School, Lowe received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and business administration, and received an associate's degree in accounting. She is a former small business owner and proprietor of her own insurance agency. Lowe has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's professional insurance training program.

Lowe lives in Huntington with her two sons, Dustin Bye and Derick

Constable. In her free time, she enjoys coaching and sports and is an active volunteer in the local community.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, organized in 1934 by Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., has grown to include insurance products for auto, life, home, business and farm. Banking and other financial services and products also are available through its local offices. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance serves Hoosiers through an extensive network of more than 450 agents and 1,200 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 insurance in the state.

TRI KAPPA

Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa met at the home of Bridget Swaidner on November 6, 2007.

President Karen Hunnicutt conducted the business meeting, reports were given by Recording Secretary, Trish Musselman, and Treasurer Karen Pinkerton.

Correspondence Report was read by Sheryl Horst, thank you notes were received by Jen, Donnie and Jazmine Plummer, Karen Campbell, Natalie Nix, and a news letter by Riley Children's Foundation.

The nut and dried fruit order is in, and will be sold at the Winter's Farm Market on December 15, 2007.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Judy Bradford, on December 4, 2007.

Those in attendance that are not listed above are: Rita Bolinger, Jane Jones, Suellen Jones, Deb Ledbetter, Karen McCoy, Jen Plummer, and Amy Vance.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Awards were recently presented to 4-H Club members in Chester, Liberty, and Jackson Townships.

Township Record Book awards were presented to:

Chester Township: Timber Tucker, Dairy and Dairy Feeder Steer.

Jackson Township: Aleigha Zoda, Aquatic Science and Dog Poster; Kelsey Miller, Arts and Crafts, Garden, Jr. Leader, Potato, Poultry, Scrapbooking, and Strawberry; Kory Miller, BBQ, Collections, Electric, and Small Engines; Acacia Herr, Beef, Horse Poster, Vet Science; Hanna Thompson, Cat; Megan Thompson, Cat Poster; Zack Doecker, Construction Toy; Katelyn Kline, Flowers, Foods, Photography, Rabbit, Rabbit Poster, and Wildlife; Sadie Herr, Gift Wrapping and Sheep; Cristin Carter, Goat; Nick Thompson, Models; Linly Lloyd, Sewing, Travis Huffman, Sportfishing, Samantha Piquene, Swine; and Taylor Doecker, Woodworking.

Liberty Township: Bailey Corn, Aquatic Science; Emily Pinkerton, Arts & Crafts, Flowers, Gift Wrapping, Scrapbooking, and Weather; Cathy Boxell, Beef;

Morgan Perry, Cake Decorating; Caleb Pinkerton, Collections, Dog Poster, and Rabbit; Steven Smith, Construction Toy, Entomology, and Woodworking; Allison Williams, Dairy; Meghan Yencer, Dairy Feeder Steer; Damon Smith, Electric and Geology; Karie Lavanchy, Foods; Sara Alford, Garden, Poultry, and Sewing; Jake Ripperger, Goat & Swine; Josh Lavanchy, Models, Nattasha Baumgartner, Photography; Jayde Sills, Sheep; Jacob Alford, Small Engines; Ian Boxell, Soil & Water Conservation; and Jordyn Sills, Starter Beef.

County Record Book Awards were presented to:

Jackson Township: Kelsey Miller, Strawberry; Acacia Herr, Beef; Katelyn Kline, Rabbit Poster and Wildlife; Cristin Carter, Goat; Samantha Piquene, Swine; and Taylor Doecker, Woodworking.

Liberty Township: Emily Pinkerton, Weather; Steven Smith, Entomology; Damon Smith, Electric and Geology; Sara Alford, Garden; Jake Ripperger, Goat; Jayde Sills, Sheep; and Jacob Alford, Small Engines.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

Sandy Yencer shared information from the Wells County 4-H Foundation and their activities at the 4-H Fair. High school seniors were encouraged to apply for the scholarships that are sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

Electric Awards were presented to: Thomas Stepp and Zane Herr, Division I; Vanessa Drennen, Division II; and Damon Smith, Advanced. The awards are provided by United REMC and the State 4-H Electric Committee.

A PowerPoint presentation "4-H Fair Highlights" was given by Roger Sherer, Extension 4-H Educator.

Wells County Farm Bureau was recognized for their sponsorship of 4-H pins and donation to the 4-H Club for the Achievement Program.

4-H Leaders Doug and Aimee Paxson, Carol Herring, and Shawna Herring and Rachel Kline and Lisa Miller were thanked for their work with the 4-H clubs.

Wells County 4-H Association and 4-H Council volunteers were also thanked. They included: Gretta Nusbaumer, Cathy Neu, Mike Piquene, Dan Perry, Bruce Herr, Travis Sills, Cindie Mounsey, Leon and Louella Kilander, and Gary Frantz.

Additional volunteers are needed for these committees next year. Interested adults should contact the 4-H Leaders or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

The 4-H program is organized by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

CLUB NEWS

5th District American Legion Auxiliary met at Montpelier Post 156 November 17, 2007.

President Sue Comerford opened the meeting in regular form. Opening prayer was given, Secretary Carolyn Cunningham called the roll.

Americanism Chr. Penny Waterson reported "The American Home of the Brave" essay had to be turned in by December 6.

Children & Youth Chr. Sharon Clouse, be aware of children in your community, if a child needs help, see what you can do. Thanks for collecting pull tabs for Riley Hospital.

Community Service Chr. Janet Sheets, keep track of your hours and turn them in on your report.

Constitution & Bylaw Chr. Donna Baker asked that you give 10 to the schools, 10 box crayons, 10 books, 10 min of your time, etc.

Field Service Chr. Creta Arlington, go to see our Veterans in the nursing home.

Girls State Chr. Thelma Butler, letters are out to Unit Chr. And to the schools.

Lafayette Home Chr. Irene Davis, sent report she found a motorized wheel chair for a Veteran at the home that has lost one foot and toes off the other, hands frozen. Legion, Sons of Legion & Auxiliary are going to split the price. Jan 4, 2008 5th District will be at the home. Send Veterans Thanksgiving cards.

Jr Activity - Julie Webb gave report on Jr District meeting at Van Buren Post 368. Kathleen Yates, President, Karlee Laypool Secretary, Emily Webb Chaplain, Frankie Flemming Sgt at Arms. Next Jr District meeting January 5, 2008 at Montpelier Post.

Knightstown Home Chr. Roxy Stoner, took a car load of treats, etc. to the home. Send cards to the boys for Thanksgiving. Christmas at the home is December 21, 2007.

Leadership Chr. Sue Fugitt - attended Jr leadership meeting at Van Buren, informed the girls what they should do.

Legislative Chr. Non Volts, just got out of hospital, thanked the auxiliary members for all the cards.

National Security Chr. Bev Swaim, hasn't heard anything from coupons, thanked Anna Pickard for knitting slippers and ear warmers for our Veterans.

Poppy - Wreath was the item for this meeting, Laketon first place, Wabash 2nd. Corsages January meeting.

Publicity Chr. Irene Pickard, asked for write ups from their paper, need name of paper, date and page number.

VAR Chr. Virginia Baker, Gift Shop at Marion VA November 27 & 28. Need lots of help.

Next District meeting January 19, 2008 at Tipton post.

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PAY IT FORWARD

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

Here it is the holiday season and we are under more stress than ever. Some days you just need to take a few minutes for yourself and recharge your batteries. Today has been one of those days for me. This afternoon I curled up with a chick flick as Robert would call it. You know one of those girly tear jerking movies that you need several boxes of Kleenex to watch. My sweet sister had recommended one a few weeks ago and I put it in my Net Flix list. Well it showed up the other day. So today I have spent the last two hours taking care of me with a good movie.

If you have not seen it, rent it or buy it for yourself! The name is Pay It Forward. It is all about how one

little person can change the world. Each and every one of our children needs to see this movie too. This is a way to teach our children the joy in giving for the sake of giving. There are a few ugly words in it so please screen it before you allow your children to watch it. This is up to you. The movie is about doing good in the world, but you judge for yourself.

The premise of this wonderful film is that each person can make a difference in this world all by paying it forward. If someone does a good deed for you; you must in turn do three good deeds for three other people and your only payment is that they do three good deeds and it just keep right on blessing others. This is just like the ripple affect of a pebble thrown into a pond.

In girl scouts we sang a song called Pass It On! I don't remember all the words.

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;"

Let's bless the world with ourselves this holiday season and touch others with our love and kindness. It is not about the stuff we give, it is about the love we put out into the world. Pay It Forward this holiday season one good deed at a time. When you see a need then take the opportunity to Pay It Forward. This holiday season I will be sharing these Pay It Forward stories with my email group. I have to beg for the stories because most people want to be anonymous. The

beauty of the stories is they give people ideas of how to bless others. The other day I received a testimonial about a family whose children gathered good toys from their abundance and family friends and had a FREE Yard Sale and gift wrapping station. They put signs up pointing the way and got their children involved in the giving and the wrapping.

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