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Thought for the Week: *The mosted wasted of all days is one without laughter.* e.e. cummings



GRAND OPENING HELD

Dollar General of Warren held their Grand Opening on Saturday, November 8, 2003. Present were members of the Red Hat Society, Dollar General employees, members of the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce, MarkleBank and many happy shoppers.

Deb Pierson, store manager, gave the ribbon cutting honor to Lilly Nutter of the Red Hatters. Store hours are 9 to 8 Monday through Saturday and 10 to 8 on Sunday. The store's phone number is 375-4600.

FOOD DRIVE

The office of Dr. Kevin DeaKyne, located in the Warren Clinic, will be conducting a food drive to benefit the "Bread of Life" food pantry in Warren.

If you would like to help, you may bring non-perishable items to Dr. DeaKyne's office, 470 Bennett Drive, (across from the UMMH) Monday 9-1, 2-6, and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8-12, 1-5. Please drop items off by Dec. 17.

FISH FRY

Auxiliary Unit 368 is having a fish fry November 14th 5 to 8 p.m. at the Van Buren American Legion Post.

All you can eat fish plus sides and homemade desserts. Adults \$7.00, kids 12 and under \$4.00. Come and enjoy the great fish.

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Bluffton Community Christian School will be holding their annual Bountiful Harvest fundraiser on Saturday, November 15th from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will be having a children's carnival from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and a lasagna supper from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., followed by our Auction. Fun carni-

val games for the elementary children will all have prizes. Carnival tickets can be purchased at the door.

The lasagna will be served with bread sticks, salad, drinks and dessert. Ticket prices are \$5.00 a meal (\$6 at door), \$3.00 for children 12 and under (\$4 at door), ages 4 and under are free. You may purchase advance tickets from the school, 1225 W. Washington St., Bluffton 260-824-1203, Rochelle Wickey 260-824-3903, or Debi Lindhorst 260-375-7003. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We will be also be auctioning gift baskets; homemade pies; gift baskets filled with gift certificates; new, handmade and gently used furniture; new lamps; vehicles; new 25" television; 3' collector's angel; trees; paint; golf equipment; and other miscellaneous items at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to donate an item for the auction, please contact the school or any committee member listed above. All proceeds to benefit Community Christian School.

WREATHS WANTED

All county clubs, organizations, churches and non-profit groups are invited to be a part of the Wells County Public Library's Festival of Wreaths on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will be held during the library Christmas Tea and is free to the public. The Festival of Wreaths is a wonderful way for groups to get their names in front of the community and join in the celebration of the season. Wreaths should be designed with a theme to reflect your group. All wreaths will be sold in a Silent Auction that evening. The group will receive 80 percent of the selling price. The remaining 20 percent will support the Friends of the Library. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 29. Wreaths are to be checked in Thurs. Dec. 4 or Fri. Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register, or for more information, call Deb Perry at the Wells County Public Library at 260-824-1612.

AWARDED ACCREDITATION

After demonstrating compliance with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization's national standards for health care quality and safety, Bluffton Regional Medical Center and Bluffton Regional Home Health Agency have earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

"We seek accreditation for our organization because we wish to demonstrate our commitment to patient safety and quality care," says Tom Clark, CEO. "We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward achieving excellence."

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," says Kurt Patton, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Bluffton Regional is focusing on the most challenging goal - to continuously raise quality and safety to a higher level."

The award of accreditation is for a three-year period, ending in 2006.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations seeks to continuously improve the safety and

quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations.

CNC TO CLOSE OFFICE

Caylor-Nickel Clinic, P.C. has announced plans to close their Warren satellite office effective November 30, 2003. The satellite is staffed by Dr. Scott Bourns who will be relocated to the main facility in Bluffton. Pediatric services currently provided in Warren by Dr. Carol Butler will also be available in Bluffton. The decision was made due to economic pressures and the fact that Caylor-Nickel can better serve their patients in the main office with access to other specialists and ancillary testing procedures. Jerry Lagle, Clinic Administrator, stated "In the face of ever increasing costs from insurance carriers, suppliers, etc. the expense of operating a medical office has reached historical high levels while at the same time, the insurance companies continue to decrease what they pay for services rendered by the doctor." All of these factors contributed to the Clinic's decision. All patient medical records will be transferred to the main facility in

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LEAGUE CHAMPS

The Van Buren Minor League Indians Season Record was 14-1. Their only loss was the tournament championship game. The team finished as League Champs & Tourney Runner-ups.

Pictured above (Front row l-r): Jackson Bratcher, Damian Ritter, Josh Shook, Blain Smith, Conner Pannel. (Back row) Rod Holloway, Todd Searles, Boone Searles, Austin Loftis, Nathan Holloway, Seth Gressley and Blain Jackson. Other members of the team, not pictured, are Austin Cansler, Cale Korporal and Scott Bratcher.

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

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

WARREN WEEKLY will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The firm assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will gladly reprint without charge that part in which an error may occur, provided that it is reported within five days of publication.

The publisher takes no responsibility for statements or claims made in any advertisement.

KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

(The following poem was brought to my attention last week – and even though Veteran's Day is passed – it is still appropriate. The poem is written by Dorothy Garretson who is a member of a "creative writing" group at the United Methodist Memorial Home. The group meets every other Thursday in the Fahl second floor lounge. Anyone is welcome to join the group. - Editor)

VETERANS DAY 2003

We set aside a day each year
 To honor Veterans all,
 Men and women through the ages
 Who have answered freedoms call.

It was Armistice Day when we were young
 The "War to end all war" was past
 All the Nations had signed a treaty
 And peace had come at last.

But treatys are soon forgotten
 It seems men can't live in peace;
 For evil and terror stalk our world
 And wars will never cease.

World War two and then Korea,
 Vietnam and Desert Storm
 Each generation called to service
 Donned their country's uniform.

Even now, tho the conflict in Iraq
 Is official at an end;
 Everyday Americans still are dying
 As peace and order they defend.

Veterans and those still in service
 Because you answered your countrys call
 Our flag is still proudly flying,
 And our Nation standing tall.

To all branches of the service
 We thank and honor you this day.
 We are proud to be Americans
 And glad we live in the U.S.A.

NATION MARROW AWARENESS MONTH

National Marrow Awareness Month is a time to celebrate the many advances in blood stem cell transplantation that are offering more patients hope for longer and healthier lives. The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is working to raise awareness among physicians and patients about these advances so that more patients who could benefit from a transplant can consider this treatment.

- Fast Facts:**
- Each year more than 30,000 people are diagnosed with Leukemia or other life threatening diseases,
 - For many, a marrow or blood stem cell transplant is the only cure.
 - 75% of patients diagnosed with life threatening diseases treatable by blood stem cell transplant will not have a matching donor in their family.
 - At any given time, 3,000 patients are searching the National Marrow Donor Program Donor Registry for a matching donor,
 - Roughly 1/4 of the patients who could benefit from an unrelated donor stem cell transplant actually receive a transplant.
 - The NMDP currently facilitates more than 160 transplants each month.
 - A person has to be between ages 18 and 60, and in general good health to register to be a volunteer marrow donor.

A fee of \$96 is charged to join the registry, which covers the expenses


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Mike Helms, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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

Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor

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

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

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

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

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

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

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Eric Vitz, Interim Minister
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).5:30p.m.

Wed - "Circle of Friends" (Begins 9/17)
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330

www.hows.net/46792WCT
Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sue Brown, Children's Ministry

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Pastor Dan Sommer

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

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

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Bard, Pastor

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor
Aylssa Lugbill, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Charles Dye ,Jr., Pastor

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor

765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431

Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.
 www.vanburenumc.org

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

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

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

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship..... 8:20 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m.
 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.

Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.

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

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:

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

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Wayne Wright, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier

Student Pastor - Eric Dubach

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

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AREA NEWS

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Bluffton. Patients may schedule an appointment with Dr. Bourns in Bluffton by calling 1-800-756-2663, extension 7200 and appointments with Dr. Butler may be made by calling the same toll free number, extension 6300.

CNC To REOPEN PM CLINIC

Caylor-Nickel Clinic, P.C. has announced plans to reopen the PM Clinic in Bluffton effective December 1, 2003. The decision was made due to increased patient requests for evening hours. The PM Clinic will serve walk-in patients Monday through Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Family Practice Building located directly across from the emergency entrance of the main building. Jerry Lagle, Clinic Administrator, stated "the decision was made due to increased patient requests for evening hours and the Clinic's desire to make healthcare accessible and convenient for the patients we serve."

INSTALLING UPGRADE

The Warren Pharmacy will be installing a major upgrade to its QS/1 Pharmacy Computer System on Tuesday afternoon, November 18th. QS/1 Data Systems, a leading developer of pharmacy software, provides tools that assist pharmacies to manage daily workflow. QS/1 serves over 9,000 independent, drug/food chain, institutional, hospital outpatient pharmacies and HME businesses across our nation. QS/1, headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a division of JM Smith Corporation, the 4th largest privately held company in South Carolina. www.qs1.com.

QS/1 (17.6) will assist the Warren Pharmacy with HIPAA compliance, processing prescription insurance claims through a secure internet connection and provide electronic signature capture, while continuing to expedite the prescription filling process, keep patient profiles and check for drug interactions. During the installation process, there may be a slight delay in filling prescriptions. We appreciate your patience as we invest in our future service to the greater Warren community.

www.warrenpharmacy.com

VBPL NEWS

The Van Buren Public Library has magazines for sale at 10 cents each.

There is a special display at the library about John F. Kennedy. The History Channel has provided us with free handouts about their program on Kennedy, scheduled to show on November 16. Stop in for some free information.

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27, for Thanksgiving.

There will be a special program at the library on Wednesday, November 26, from noon until 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Robert Turner, a recent Eastbrook graduate and now a student at Ball State, will present a fun and educational program on flags. Robert owns over sixty flags representing U.S. states, U.S. military branches, and foreign countries. Included are flags from Germany, China, Alaska, Hawaii, and all five branches of the armed forces, War of 1812, the Civil War, and World Wars I and II flags will also be shown. His flags will be on display at the library through December 6. This is a free library program so please stop by to see Robert's collection and to learn about flags. If there are any questions, please call the library at 934-2171.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting in the Council Room in the new Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5. The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag. Marvin Surber conducted the meeting in the absence of president Tony Manry.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Two ordinances were presented. Ordinance 1-2003 pertains to water rates and Ordinance 2-2003 establishes sewer rates.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19 preceding the regular Council meeting.

A representative of Triad Associates Engineering Company talked about his company in regard to water and wastewater problems.

Engineer Ken Smith talked about things still needed at the new Town Hall. Items included smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and lights.

There was also a discussion about

parking spaces.

Officer Pat Collins gave the Police report. Both police vehicles were reported to be running well.

Five officers were on duty Halloween night.

Collins had received quotes for radio equipment. Prices had increased. Council authorized Collins to order the equipment.

Deputy Wertherington was scheduled to take a drug training class.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. There had been flushing and maintenance of hydrants.

He reported there are still many serious problems at the new water plant. The problems are reported to be due to improper installation of equipment. Council voted to order a necessary part for the aerator.

There had been cleaning of storm drains and catch basins.

It was noted that bagged leaves will be picked up by town employees. It had been observed that many people were raking leaves into the street and burning them there. There is to be no burning of leaves on the streets.

Sand and salt had been ordered for winter. Christmas decorations were also being made ready.

Senator Ford is expected to be in attendance for the dedication and ribbon cuffing for the new Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Town employees Christmas dinner was announced for Sunday, Nov. 30, at Daymans.

The next Council meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

BOOKS BY DICK SMITH

Many of you have requested the following information regarding the articles published over the last few months by Dick Smith.

"Warren, Indiana Businesses During World War II" By Charles Richard (Dick) Smith

This book gives a "snapshot look" at the rural community of Warren, Indiana during WW-II. The author, a teenager during the years of 1941-1945, recaptures the town's atmosphere as he discusses the businesses on Wayne Street and the surrounding community. The book has 66 pages of text and colored

pictures that examines how this town was totally self-sufficient during the war years when there was rationing, shortages and war industries.

Price: \$15.00

"Life In Warren And The Surrounding Area During World War II" By Charles Richard (Dick) Smith (a former resident)

The author relives the events in the rural town of Warren, Indiana in 1941-1945. He explores the everyday life of its citizens as they cope with war. He has covered 19 different topics which include: Service Men & Women; Mothers, Daughters & Wives; Home Front; Rationing; Cost-of Living; Churches; Schools; Basketball and many more subjects. This community represented a close-knit, self-sufficient town where the lack of a car didn't represent a crisis with the gasoline shortage. The book has 140 pages of stories, colored pictures and newspaper clippings that tell the story. He dedicated his book to his granddaughters as he shares what life was like for a teenager during WW-II in a small rural community.

Price: \$25.00

"Foods, Fritters and Fashions" The book reviews stories, recipes and fashions in Warren, Indiana and the surrounding area during WW-II. Compiled by Karlene Ray Smith

Compiled in this book are stories and recipes from the local citizens of the town of Warren, Indiana as they related events of coping with food rationing and clothing rationing, and other life experiences during the War Years. Also included are many newspaper clippings from the Warren Tribune (the local newspaper during the war years). There

is a discussion of fashions, or more accurately—the lack of available clothing for the families because of rationing. This book (85 pages) pays tribute to the women of the Warren, Indiana community. Life on the home front during these years from 1942 through 1945 was not easy. But all families and neighbors pulled together and made life bearable by going to church, sharing, helping each other, and believing that the War would give Americans a better and safer homeland.

Price: \$20.00

Website:

www.krspublications.com

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association will meet Tuesday, November 18, 7 pm in Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. The board will approve committees for the coming year and begin plans for the 2004 Huntington County 4-H Fair, which will be held July 16-29. Officers for the 4-H Fair Board are Tom Wall – president, Jay Peters – Vice-president, Tom Fulton – treasurer and Susan Denman – secretary.



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Community Calendar

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

Nov 14 Warren Recycle Day
Nov 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Nov 22 Montpelier Lion Club Craft Show, 9 to 3
Nov 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28 Warren Recycle Day
Mar 26, 2004 Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7, Games 6 to 8
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 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Storytime at Warren Public Library** 10 a.m. Fridays, **Walking in the Gym** 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center

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JR. LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will be meeting on Thursday, November 13 from 7:00 -8:30 pm at The Heritage of Huntington, 1180 W 500 N. Junior Leaders will play bingo with the residents from 7-8 pm. The club will then conduct their regular business meeting from 8-8:30 pm, and discuss upcoming plans for Christmas caroling and the annual Junior Leader Lock-In.

For more information about Junior Leaders, contact the Purdue Extension Service – Huntington County Office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street, Huntington by calling (260) 358-4826 or email Linda Aldridge at laldridge@purdue.edu.

A GIFT THAT TRULY KEEPS ON GIVING

This year give the gift of knowledge. For just \$4.99, The 2004 Old Farmer's Almanac, the little book with the familiar yellow cover, will give your family and friends weather forecasts for the upcoming year, sunrise and sunset times, fashion trends and a variety of witty stories and folklore. The Old Farmer's Almanac is the one book everyone will enjoy reading the whole year through.

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"Here's Looking at You!": Learn how facial features, such as the size of an iris or shape of a chin, can determine personality. The art of personology, or face reading dates back to the ancient Egyptians and Greeks.

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IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining Room of the UMMH for lunch on Monday, November 3, 2003 with Devonna Leas as hostess.

The afternoon meeting was held in the Calico Room. Devonna gave a reading "Old Age is Hell" to open the meeting.

Roll call was answered by your favorite dessert. Minutes of last meeting read and secretary report given. Treasurer also reported.

It was voted to each member give \$5.00 toward the Christmas Project which is a donation to the Warren Fire Dept. Monies will be collected at the next meeting.

Election of officers was held with Edna Alfeld, President; Mildred Gilbert, Vice President; Georgia Poulson, Secretary/Treasurer with Marjorie Lieurance her assistant.

Kings on the Corner was played with Wilodean Birkey high and Freda Finley low.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Wilodean Birkey, Freda Finley, Mildred Gilbert, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Clara Mossburg, Devonna Leas, Marjorie Lieurance, Evelyn

Schweikhardt, Helen Trout, Violet Yoars, Martha Burneau, Miriam Rice, Ruth Brooks, and Georgia Poulson.

Next meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 1, 2003, Ruth Brooks, Miriam Rice and Marjorie Lieurance hostesses.

CLUB NEWS

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 368 held their meeting November 6, 2003 at the post.

Meeting opened by President Toni Jones. Secretary report by Laura Shook, pro tem, finance report by Irene Pickard.

House Committee member, Ron Miller, came to the meeting asking for help on the newsletters.

Letter read from Department wanting items for our veterans overseas, "Christmas in a Box." It was discussed and we decided we have a lot of our own boys overseas, that we would do our own instead of giving thru the Department.

The dedication of the new Town Hall is Sunday, November 9th. The Auxiliary will present our plaque and money for flag pole and flag.

Chaplain Waneta Linton asked for prayers for prayer book and also for everyone to put our veterans overseas in our prayers.

Flo Doyle reported that she sent our boy at Knightstown Home money for Halloween and his birthday.

Linda Long reported Nov 16 thru 22nd is Education week at school. We are going to fix a fruit, cookies, etc. basket to take out to the school that week.

Creta Arlington had tickets to sell for Girls State. Prize \$500 first place, \$250 2nd place. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Also asked for help at the VA for Gift Shop Dec. 2nd & 3rd.

It was announced the Auxiliary Fish Fry is November 14th from 5 to 8 p.m.

President Toni asked for a hostess for January. Toni also reported she turned in 10 coats for "Coats for Kids."

Christmas Party, officers are hostess. Each member is to bring 4 or 5 wrapped gifts for games. It will be at 6:00 December 4th. Dinner first, games and then dessert.

Food Pantry was brought up. We are to bring canned items to the Post to be given to the food pantry for the holidays.

Toni appointed a committee of Laura Shook, Joyce Loftis, Toni Jones, and Julie Webb to work on the names of our persons overseas. They are to get names and addresses.

Waneta Linton asked if someone could take part of our invalid equip-

ment for storage. She didn't have enough room.

Those attending were: Lequita Taylor, Keteba Mayo, Shirley Shinholt, Joan Rumble, Trudy Ann Plummer, Sondra Fisher, Waneta Linton, Creta Arlington, Julie Webb, Ruth Bole, Flo Doyle, Eulla Belle Farr, Irene James, Sally Bancroft, Royce Holmes, Joyce Loftis, Irene Pickard, Toni Jones, Laura Shook and Sheri Reneer.



CRAIGS RE-ENACT

Paul and Mary Jane Craig of Warren stand in front of one of the boats that was a part of a re-enactment of the river journey of explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The expedition left Clarksville, Ind. The Craigs were among of the re-enactors who attended the weekend events, which ended Clarksville's two-week bicentennial celebration of Lewis and Clark's expedition and sent the historical re-enactors off on their westward journey. Craig portrayed a surgeon of 1803 during the event. Lewis arrived at the Falls of the Ohio on Oct. 14, 1803, and he and Clark left on the journey on Oct. 26. Joining them were a "Corps of Discovery" crew of nine Kentucky men. Lewis and Clark recruited while in Louisville.

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library are:

Fiction – Balance of Power by Patterson; Blow Fly by Cornwell; Capital Crimes by Woods; Fire Flight by Nance; Irish Coffee by McIvery; Shepherds Abiding by Karon; Summers End by Cote; To-

ward the Sunrise by Pella; Love by Morrison; Safe Harbour by Steel; Tristan Betrayal by Ludlum; Key of Light by Roberts; Kiss Them Goodbye by Cameron; Babylon Rising by LaHaye; Dark Tower Wolves of the Calla by King.

Non-fiction – It's More Than the Music by Gaither; Reflections: Life After the White House by Bush; Under the Banner of Heaven by KraKauer; America's Mom (Ann Landers); Embedded by Katovsky; I Am What I Ate ... by Cosby; When It Gets Dark: Reflection on Life with Alzheimer's; Healing & Hope by Betty Ford; Bringing Elizabeth Home by Smart.

Youth – The Case of the Screaming Scarecrows; Giving Thanks; Tiny Snowflake; Story of Jumping Mouse; Three Pigs.

STORY TIME

Dogs was the theme of story time at the Warren Library on Friday, November 7. Joan Boyer read Benji's Dog House by Margaret Graham, The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy by Jane Thayer and Harry the Dirty Dog, by Gene Zion. The children also heard the "Ten Little Puppies" fingerplay and "The Nosy Puppy" Rebus.

Dylan Hutson, Henry Sackett, Williams Sackett, Colin Sackett, and Ashleigh Marcus attended. They each received a matching puppy page and a treat.

RAY OF HOPE 6TH

Rabb's Ray of Hope Farm, Warren, tied for sixth largest in registering the most Angus beef cattle in Indiana having recorded 64 head of Angus with the American Angus Association during the fiscal year 2003, which ended Sept. 30.

The list of the most registered was announced by John Crouch, executive vice president of the association.

Angus breeders across the nation registered 281,734 head of Angus cattle during the fiscal year 2003, compared to 281,965 registered in 2002.

"The year-end statistics indicate a constant demand for Angus genetics in commercial herds as procedures continue to focus on end product quality and its effect on their bottom line," Crouch said.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

POFF

Bonnie J. Poff, 78, of Bluffton, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003 at her residence. She had been in failing health the past five months.

A native and life-long resident of Wells County, she was born in Liberty Township on Nov. 8, 1925 to Herman and Daisy Buckner Pace. She married Joseph Poff in Bluffton on Nov. 1, 1947; he died June 2, 1968.

A 1943 graduate of Liberty Center High School, she was the head cashier for Bluffton Utilities for 30 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gregory (Deborah) Kauffman of Bluffton; two sons, David L. Poff of Bluffton and Mark A. Poff of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Dwight Pace.

Services were held at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with Pastor Bud Abrams officiating. Burial was in Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center. Preferred memorials to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

HUTCHINSON

A Huntington North High School teacher and Future Farmers of America advisor, Charles R. "Rick" Hutchinson, 40, of Roanoke, died Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Hutchinson had been an agriculture teacher at Huntington North since 1996. He previously taught agriculture and was an FFA advisor at Argos High School. He was a member of the Cornerstone Alliance Church in Roanoke where he served as an education director. He volunteered as an assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout troops in Huntington and Marshall counties.

Born July 1, 1963 in Chicago, Ill., to Charles R. and Barbara E. Carnes Hutchinson, his marriage on May 18, 1985 in Thorntown was to Crystal Skeen, who survives.

Also surviving are his mother, two sons, Levi and Noah, both at home, a brother, Scott of Argos, and a sister, Mrs. Mark (Cara) Kowalt of South Bend.

Visitation was held at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. Services were at the Cornerstone Alliance Church with Pastor Darrell Weigelt officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery in Roanoke.

Preferred memorials are to the Levi and Noah Hutchinson Education Trust Fund.

BIRTHS

Mitch Southard and Shannon Monnot, both of Liberty Center, are the parents of a daughter, Serenity Gabrielle, born at 7:18 a.m. Thursday, Oct 16, 2003. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 1/4 inches. She joins a sister, Hannah, age 5.

Grandparents are Bobbi Jo Monnot of Ossian and Rick and Kay Southard of Liberty Center. Great-grandparents are Ron Monnot of Ossian, Bob and Linda Glick of Pinellas Park, FL., Ada Campbell of Liberty Center, Billy and Nila Southard of Anderson and the late Dwight Campbell. Great-great-grandparents are Jessie Monnot and Eileen Sommers, both of Bluffton and the late Rev. Wilbur Monnot.

LEAS - McMILLAN

Lindsay Anne Leas and Joel Thomas McMillan were married July 26, 2003 at First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton.

Parents of the couple are Bruce and Jodi Leas of rural Montpelier, Cyndy Bisel of Van Buren and Joe McMillan of Upland.

The bride was presented by her father.

Maid of honor was Jill Roush. Matron of honor was Lyndsey McMillan. Bridesmaids were Madeliene Hecht and Megan Schumm.

Best man was Adam Swagger. Groomsmen were Heath McMillan, Cole McMillan and Aaron Brown.

For the recession, the couple passed through the traditional sword arch presented by Marines from 8th Communication Battalion,

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The couple took a seven-day honeymoon trip on a Caribbean Cruise. They reside in Jacksonville, NC.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Southern Wells High School. She attended Ball State University during the 2002 - 2003 school year. She is now enrolled at Carolina Coastal Community College in Jacksonville, NC.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Eastbrook High School. He is a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom and was stationed in Bahrain from December 2002 until June 2003. He is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune.

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The American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo., was founded in 1883.

For more information, visit the Web at www.angus.org.

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Ann Spahr has been appointed to the Warren Public Library Board of trustees by the Salamonie Township Board to serve a four year term. The Library Board reorganized at its November monthly meeting with election of officers. Laura Berghoff was elected President; Cindy Boxell, Vice President; George Kriegbaum, secretary; and Kandy Villanueva, treasurer. Other board members are Jim Berghoff and Perry Spahr.

Library Board members for the Warren Public Library are appointed by the Warren Town Board, Salamonie Township Board, Huntington County School Board, Council and Commissioners. Appointment is for four years. The library board is comprised of community members from various backgrounds and experiences who are committed to the value of public library service. Trustees must be able to make wise policy, be well acquainted with the community and its needs, and have the ability to work well with others. Library board members serve without pay.

These people are to be commended for the time and energy they give so that Warren can continue to have its own library.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATED

Nine children attended the Van Buren Public Library Veteran's Day Celebration. As the children entered into the Children's Department, they signed in and put their name into a basket for a drawing.

Karen gave each child a color sheet of a Veteran's Day Poppy, then read the story of the Poppy and how it came to be the flower of the Veterans. The next page she gave had a Veteran's Day letter head. The children were able to write a Thank-you note to a veteran. These will be given along with a Poppy to our Veterans that we know. The book "Veterans Day" by Jacqueline Cotton was read to the children. This book tells how our service men become a Veteran and how Veteran's Day was once called Armistice Day.

Mr. Val McIntire, a retired Veteran was our Special Guest. The children were thrilled to see all the neat articles he brought and the information he had to share about his time in the service. He had pictures, uniforms, flight maps, goggles and many other items. I think the goggles were the favorite item to put up to their face. The children also asked many questions. The library staff wants to THANK Mr. McIntire for taking the time out of his busy day to come and share.

Icily Baker won the drawing, she won a necklace with a small flag attached to it.

Those attending were David Irwin, Cameron Riddle, Autumn Smith,

Nixon Smith, Delta Oswalt, Icily Baker, Rikki Rumble, Gaige Colburn and Rayne Rumble.

This Friday November 14th, after school, is Read A Book Day. So if you would like to read to a group of kids, now is your chance.

HONOR ROLL

The following students at Southern Wells Elementary School achieving Honor Roll for the 1st grading period:

High Honor

Sixth Grade - Chelsea Mossburg and Chelsea Smith.

Fifth Grade - Linly Lloyd, Damon Smith, Mandy Stoffer, Emily Hartley, Chelsea Adams, Devin Bower, Mikala Habegger, Julia Bartlett, Megan Bryant, Cristin Carter, Aca-cia Herr, Kari Lavanchy, and Chelsea Masterson.

Fourth Grade - Bekah Coolman and David Haigh.

Third Grade - Bridget Rugg, Vanessa Haigh, Kayona Benefiel, Katie Early, Matt Malott, Ashley Melton, Amy Boxell, Ryan Steiner, Taylor Estes, Jackson Johnson, Morgan Napier, and Devin Price.

Second Grade - Jake Masterson, Nick Miller, Christa Schortgen, Austin Vaughn, Aly Zoda, Jessica Betz, Carissa Carter, Katelyn Kline, Hilary Paxson, Cole Preston, Amanda Reimer, and Alex Schmidt.

Honor

Sixth Grade - Chaz Carroll, Malisha Edwards, Jenny Lloyd, Justin Perry, Emily Pinkerton, Nicole Quinn, Alex Trosper, Elizabeth James, Robert Price, Jade Sisler, Megan Thompson, Tori McClain, and Jacob Miller.

Fifth Grade - Jacob Alford, Tyler Cassidy, Melanie Ford, James Mossburg, Mackenzie Jordan, Emily Oswalt, Sean Quillen, Kelsey Samsel, Dustin Shireman, Adam Sills, Blake Zent, Zack Deopker, Rachel Habegger, Amanda Knowles, Alison McCammon, Gage Minniear, Josh Powell, Daniel Schmidt, Luke Roush, David Shultz, Conner Stoffel, Jackson Truex, Amber Monroe, Tanner Prible, Drew Runkle, Austin Schortgen, Grace Stalker, Zach Thompson, Maria Velasquez, and Jordan Gillum.

Fourth Grade - Chelsea Clifton, Trevor Furnish, Lillian Hartley, Kelsey Miller, Austin Smith, Jagger Love, Bryce Longenberger, Katie Pinkerton, Kendra Mounsey, Quaid Zoda, Jayde Sills, Morgan Perry, Kyle Penrod, Brandon Longenberger, Sadie Herr, Sadie Herr, Tory Harter, Clayton Hamilton, Mallory Preston, Stephanie Snow, Jordan Alstoft, and Kaitlyn Bonewit.

Third Grade - Vincent Berry, Jessica Bouse, Marissa Geimer, Amy Hogston, Brandon Hunt, Colton Kellam, Maddy Mechling, Brittney

Morton, Josh Ostrander, Keith Morton, Zach Binegar, Alex Elston, Bethani Flatter, Mathew Harvey, Jessica Helms, Zach Layman, Brandi Killingbeck, Lance Oswalt, Trevor Quinn, Sam Rhodes, Kayle Runkle, Megan Stoffer, Kyle Vaught, Allison Williams, Kevin Stout, Travis Huffman, Morgan Cavanaugh, Clay Barr, Weslee Bass, Taylor Beetz, Shea Merchant, Mikayla Pettibone, Tylar Sanford, Levi Sherman, Jase Small, and Karissa Smith.

Second Grade - Chantel Merchant, Hanna Thompson, Amanda Price, Brianna Frazier, Daniel Mossburg, Cassie Crickard, Tanner Fear, Darren Gillum, Chandler Hams, Ivy Maddox, Olivia Mossburg, Abbie Nusbaumer, Andrea Murray, Austin Osborn, and Taylor Thompson.

HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Southern Wells Elementary School held its annual Elks Hoop Shoot competition recently for all students in grades two through six.

The students shot free throws in their physical education classes to determine their representatives for the competition in Bluffton at the City Gym in December.

Each participant had one day of practice and then shot 15 free throws the following day.

There was one boy and one girl representative from determined age groups, with an alternate for each boy and girl. The following students will represent Southern Wells at the competition in December:

8 - 9 yr. old girls - Winner: Mallory Preston, Alternate: Chantel Merchant

8 - 9 yr. old boys - Winner: Clay Watson, Alternate: Tracy Gerstorff

10 - 11 yr. old girls - Winner: Cristin Carter, Alternate: Emily Pinkerton

10 - 11 yr. old boys - Winner: Clayton Hamilton, Alternate: Trevor Bower

12 - 13 yr. old girls - Winner: Nicole Quinn, Alternate: Elizabeth Davis

12 - 13 yr. old boys - Winner: Kevin Feemster, Alternate: Austin Schortgen

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Phyllis Dickey. Jane Lieurance won high, Joan Huffman had low and Marjorie Michaud had the most lones. Others enjoying the evening were Carolyn Carroll, Jo Banter, Marge Jones, Florence Taylor, Sharron Roush, Sharon Gebhart, Mary Jo Zoda and Venita Banter. We will meet for our Christmas party at the home of Marjorie Michaud in December.

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of the blood tests. After the initial testing, all medical expenses are covered by the recipient's insurance or by the NMDP. Platelet pheresis donors may join the registry free after their second donation. For additional information about marrow donation and registry visit www.marrow.org or call (260)480-8226. For information about platelet pheresis donation call (260)480-8299 or 1-800-589-8127.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK AMERICA'S PROMISE

During American Education Week, we recognize the educators and school staff who help them achieve.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 is a special day to honor school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, teachers' aides and other education support professionals. Friday, Nov. 21 is a day to honor the work of substitute educators.

This year's theme: Great Public Schools for Every Child-America's Promise.

Americans have always understood the importance of education. These are some of their words:

Public education after all is the engine that moves us as a society toward a common destiny. It is in public education that the American dream begins to take shape. - Tom Brokaw

I like to think that the greatest success of any life is that moment when a teacher touches a child's heart and it is never again the same. Everything America is or ever hopes to be depends upon what happens in our school's classrooms. - Frosty Troy, editor, Oklahoma Observer

A child miseducated is a child lost. - John F. Kennedy

The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth. - Dan Rather

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. - Malcolm S. Forbes

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. - Benjamin Franklin

A person is not just a janitor, not just a custodian. Janitors can see children when [teachers] don't see them, and bus drivers recognize that children who are disruptive on the bus are likely to be disorderly in the classroom. They're partners in education. We need each other to make this work. - Rev. Jesse Jackson

The highest result of education is tolerance. - Helen Keller

ATTENTION WARREN

I have finally found an event involving Warren that has inspired me to write an article. I would also like to point out, that this is coming from someone who has hated English and Writing in general for almost all of his life. Because of the circumstances, I will ask you to bear with me and give the subject a chance. Now, let us get on with the story.

MISS TEEN INDIANA 2004

Story by Andrew Michaud

When you hear the word pageant, what comes to mind? For most, I would assume it would be something along the lines of The Miss America Pageant. Now when it comes to guys, The Miss America/ Miss Universe Pageants mean seeing beautiful women in swimsuits saying they want "World Peace" or "An End to Hunger Worldwide". While this may have formerly been my thoughts about pageants, it is not my perception anymore.

Who do I owe for this alteration? It is none other than our very own Jasmine Heaston. She was Queen of the SSF in 2002, and has competed in the Miss Teen Indiana Pageant twice now. Most recently she placed 16th out of 59 contestants. Now for those of you who would say she must not have had the right stuff to win it, think again. What it does amount to is that these pageants require tremendous amounts of dedication from every participant involved. Not to mention a sizeable sum of money—thank you to all of Jasmine's sponsors who helped in that department. The things that these young ladies go through are exhausting and strenuous both physically and mentally to say the least.

Let us look at it this way. They stay in a very ritzy hotel, eat gourmet meals (to the distaste of most), receive free massages from a masseuse, may have the hair styled for free, have a cosmetic artist beautify them with no charge, and I almost forgot to mention that they have work and preparation to do in between all of this. Yes, that is correct, they have work to do. While they receive all this glitter and glam, they must constantly rehearse how they are to walk on stage and present themselves to the judges. There is also a need for manners, etiquette, and civility to all those who surround them. The day starts fairly early for all of those participating and doesn't end until late each night. The nerves and tension that build up are enough to

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make the average person wonder how it is that they do not spontaneously combust. While my knowledge of what goes on behind the scenes is limited to little more than this, I do know some of the other peculiar and funny habits or occurrences. However, these I will not share with you. I would strongly recommend that you speak with individuals who have done a larger pageant such as this, and if you are looking for a good laugh ask about "butt glue".

While there were fifty-nine contestants, only fifteen made it as semifinalist. However, those that did make it were not necessarily the prettiest of the bunch, and while they did look attractive with their fancy dresses and makeup, few could rival Jasmine in true beauty, but that is just my opinion. I only wish that the judges would have had the chance to know all of the girls better. Surely had the competition been a week long, Jasmine would have been in the top five, but alas it was not and she missed being a semifinalist by only one spot (for any of you who have ever been on the bubble and been bumped you must know how disappointing this must be for her).

I would encourage all of you who live in the Warren area to show your support for our local beauty queen. If ever you have the opportunity to view a pageant I would ask that you not hesitate to do so. You will learn a lot and if you do not know anyone in the competition you will at least have something nice to stare at for a while. For more information on the Miss Teen and Miss Indiana Pageants please go to www.pageantassociates.com

On a more personal note to Jasmine, I would like to say that you were, are, and perhaps will always be #1 in my eyes.

THE WARREN "RIVER ROAD"

Dick Smith crskrs@pacol.net
For someone who was a teenager during the War years of 1941-1945, the road along the river starting at Claude Hite's Gas Station on the south side of the river bridge had lots of memories. So I was very surprised when I pulled up Warren's map on the Internet—and found the River Road had undergone a name change!

I guess the name Flowing Well Road is appropriate because it's named after a significant point of interest on this stretch of road. But to a teenage boy in World War II, the road held a lot more interest to us than just a flowing, artesian well.

To us, one of the significant features along the road was "Hobo Valley". This was a patch of woods right along the railroad tracks on the south end of the railroad bridge. In 1941 and 1942, we teenage boys would walk the railroad tracks from town, over the railroad bridge, and into "Hobo Valley". We would often see a "Hobo" who was usually a man down on his luck and riding the rails to find a job. They congregated in "Hobo Valley" because of the flowing artesian well there, the proximity to the railroad, and the

necessary distance from town (and the Town Marshall).

My Grandmother told me that during the 1930's, Warren used to have a lot of hobos that would knock on a person's back door asking for a bite to eat. My Grandmother said she would often feed them—and they never caused her any trouble. But as men began leaving for the Services after Pearl Harbor, more jobs opened-up for these men—and "Hobo Valley" became less populated. Another aspect of the Big Depression that came to an end with the start of WW-II.

Another feature that made the River Road of interest to us young teenagers was that it was the quickest way to "The Pit". This was an abandoned gravel pit about a mile on down River Road. Its distance from town meant that we boys could walk there on summer afternoons after working in the hot tomato fields all day—and go swimming without the need for bathing suits! With the exception of one or two instances, girls stayed away, so we considered it our private swimming pool.

I mention here that getting to "Hobo Valley" or "The Pit" necessitated walking across the railroad bridge. During those days, the Nickel Plate Railroad ran a number of trains through Warren each day. So one had to be alert before starting across the bridge. If the train was coming from the south (past the Stock Yards), we could see it coming, and wait it out. But if the train was coming from town, we couldn't see it or hear it until it came around the curve in town about a quarter mile from the bridge. While no one was killed on this bridge, many of us had to "run-like-hell" to get off the bridge in time. Sure it was dangerous, but when you're young, you'll never die!

Later, as we got old enough to own 22-caliber hunting rifles, we would walk another half-mile beyond the Pit to the Town Dump, where we would practice our marksmanship by shooting rats! On weekends, we could make a day of it by packing a lunch, go for a swim, go practice our shooting, and if it was real hot, we would take another dip on our way back home. We didn't appreciate all the things a small town could offer a young teenager without much money.

Yes, the River Road had a real reputation as a Lover's Lane—but for young teenagers, we could only imagine what might go on there if you were old enough to drive a car. I guess the ladies would know more about that.

My sister called me a few days ago to tell me that she heard on TV that the Warren's Flowing Well Road was flooded—during our visit to Warren last month, I noticed gates at each end of the road that were put down when high water was present. However, I don't know the number of times that the road has flooded over the years—but sometimes drivers in the 1940's who thought they could take a shortcut to Jefferson Township found themselves in watery trouble!

So the River Road was an important part of the everyday life in Warren for many young teenagers during WW-II. I guess that renam-

ing the road Flowing Well Road is appropriate. But it represents another "passage" for us Senior Citizens who lived in Warren in WW-II.

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