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Thought for the Week: *Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.* Victor Borge



### HARNESS' ARE PIONEERS

The annual Samuel Jones Pioneer Award breakfast was held last Thursday morning. A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all after the following announcement by last year's winner Curly Boxell.

In presenting this years Samuel Jones Pioneer Award winner, for the first time in sixteen years we have made it a dual purpose.

This years winners at one time lived around Liberty Center, but then moved to the Warren area and have been very actively involved in the community through services of their time, labor, skills and counsel to our local Food Pantry.

We would classify Harold and Phyllis as Warren's 3-C's — Caring, Compassionate, Competent.

They spend countless hours serving the Bread of Life Food Pantry. They spend much time on the road picking up supplies. Phyllis is really picky about this, and that is the expiration dates on all products. They are always available day or night for any emergency calls for help. The high marks the Pantry receives from the inspectors are well earned. One has but, to tour the Pantry to see how neatly foods are arranged, cans dusted and floor kept clean. There is a sample shelf in the front and recipes to use for the foods offered. Donations have been gratefully received from surrounding churches, clubs and individuals. Phyllis writes a personal 'thank you' to each donor. At the beginning of this project she called on every merchant in Town, gave talks to clubs and church groups describing the Pantry's needs and made the community aware of the benefits of a food pantry. Harold's part in this endeavor is to handle the heavy work. At one time he was purchasing all eggs that were given out. He and his trusty little cart have hauled many sacks of groceries to peoples vehicles.

They are also readily available to spend time with their churches activities. Phyllis is a crafty person, so when these needs arise she is always called upon, along with time well spent with the Women's organization. Harold loves the outdoors and when Mother Nature drops enough snow on us that there needs to be a path cleared, he is always there with his tractor and snow plow making it easier for his fellow church people to get around.

Their 'park in the woods' complete with a mobile home is always open whether it's a Church picnic or family outing. You could call their home a 'House of Love', and their two children, six grandchildren and two great-grand children will attest to that also.

Congratulations Harold and Phyllis Harness.

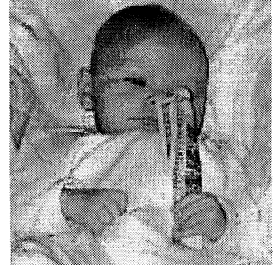
Pictured above are Harold and Phyllis and family members who were present to hear the announcement.

### NEW PASTOR

The Rev. Michael W. Malone will be assumed duties as pastor of Warren United Methodist Church. Malone is an ordained Elder in the North Indiana Annual Conference, and has served churches in Indiana since 1981. He is a graduate of the University of Akron, the University of Utah and United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. In addition, he is a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and serves as the Eighth US Army (Korea) Command Chaplain. He is married, and he and his wife, Christine, have four adult children and two grandchildren who reside in Indianapolis.

the booth is \$25.00 per day. Most "business" is done during the evening hours. We supply the booth, the water and the balls. You must supply the people to collect the money and pass out the balls and the people to set in the dunk booth. Your organization will be able to keep all of the money it collects. The dates the booth is available are July 12-17.

If your group would like to rent the 4-H Council Dunk both as a money making project - please contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service at 765/348-3213 or by email at [oneillra@purdue.edu](mailto:oneillra@purdue.edu).



### WARREN'S SWEETHEART

Ella Marie Stroud is the winner of the 2004 Baby Photo Contest held during the Salamonie Summer Festival and will receive a \$50.00 savings bond. She is the daughter of Kyle and Amy Stroud of Huntington. Ella's grandparents are Denny and Marcia Stoud of Warren and Mike and Susan Jennings of Huntington. Her great grandparents are Bob and Bemeice Shideler of Warren and Janet Leach of Wabash.

The second place prize of \$20.00 was won by twins Jacob and Jarrod Sprinkle, sons of Rod and Angie Sprinkle (Warren). Jacob and Jarrod's grandparents are Sue Shope of Van Buren and Edna Sprinkle of Huntington.

Logan James Stucky, son of Greg and Kathy Stucky (Warren), won the third place prize of \$15.00. Logan's grandparents are Martha Stucky (Warren), Jim and Ruby Satterthwaite (Alexandria), and Dana and Barbara Stevens (Largo, FL).

All the baby photos were precious and the Country Calicos Club would like to thank all those who participated in this event. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go toward community projects. Other "stars" whose pictures were shown are: Arianna Blinn, James Foss, Evan Matthew Gifford, Kyra Breanna Kiel, Thain Kelly, Hallie Kolter, Levi Kreigh, Elijah Lechien, Cam Michael McCarver, Joshua Davin Mookhram, Jenna Pontius, Isaac Andrew Rans, Chase Satterthwaite, Damien Schmidt, Audra Mae Smith, Dillon Trout, Owen Phillip Vickrey, Madison Voland, Rita Elaine Walters, Alyssa Westlund, and Gregory Alexander Wirin.

### TUGGER PULL

An Antique Tractor Pull will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10 on the grounds of the Knight-Bergman Center. Concessions will be available. For more information call Dan Moriarity at 375-2553 or Iran Banter at 375-2535.

### DUNK BOOTH AVAILABLE

Does your group need to raise money? The Blackford County 4-H Council will be renting their Dunk Booth to various organizations during the fair. The cost of renting

### BBB ALERT

The Allen County Police Department has alerted the Better Business Bureau about another group similar to the Irish Travelers.

Several people driving a white pick-up truck with South Carolina plates have been calling on local businesses to sell tools. They claim to represent a company called J & S Tools from North Augusta, SC.

Please alert the BBB if you think you may have been approached by this group and obtain as much information as possible.



### BOOHER NAMES MOST

Sandy Boohar was the winner of the Hy-Line Photo Contest. She had the most correct names of people who attended the Hy-Line opening Open House held in 1992.

Hy-Line sponsored the prize of \$100. There were 668 people who attended and 146 without names.

Pictured above are Sandy Boohar and Joan Huffman (presenting the prize.)

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**KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS**

**THANK YOU**

I want to Thank Everyone for all the prayers and concerns while I was hospitalized after having our baby. I also want to thank Eula Conwell for arranging it, to where we had meals brought into our home for two weeks, while we recuperated. We can't express enough on how thankful we truly are for all of your generosity and a few of you I did not even know, but you still signed up to bring in a meal for our family. Thank You to: Brian & Eula Conwell, Martha Stucky, Brady & Kristina Smekens, Nancy Richison, Sandy Richison, Janet Moriarity, Church Of Christ, Kim Park, Boyd & Donna Conwell, Marcy Rosen, Carlene Jackson, Charly & Eileen Dye, Tim & Kelly Leidig Mike & Kim Coolman and Lori Buzzard. Once Again, THANK YOU!!!  
 Greg & Kathy Stucky and family

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that there are 375 kids involved in the Warren Baseball program? There are six leagues, T-Ball, Coach's Pitch, Little League, Pony League, Jr Girls Softball and Sr Girls Softball. In addition there are 30 head coaches of these teams and 60 assistant coaches. Games are played beginning in mid-May thru mid-July, six nights a week.

In the Fall Adult Softball league there are 300 to 360 adults playing on 15 to 18 teams. They play three nights a week beginning the end of July through mid-October.

In addition to those involved in playing, there are many more spectators. The stands are usually filled at each game.

This year's children's Baseball season is almost over, with the Little League championship game this Friday and the Coach's Pitch championship game next Thursday.

Thank you to all of the kids, adults and spectators involved and a special thanks to Rob and Lisa Williams for organizing everything.

**A NATION AT THE CROSSROADS**

The founding leadership of our Nation came to this new land seeking a new way of life. The Mayflower Compact reads that the Pilgrims came to establish a colony for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith. They came seeking religious freedom, not freedom from religion - but freedom of religion. They no longer could accept a State controlled religion or a government controlled by the Crown. They wanted their people to be able to think, to express themselves, to respect one another and build a government for the people, and by the people...and where Almighty God would be their guide and God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Nearly all the original 13 colony constitutions recognizes God as the Supreme Majesty. This recognition came from the Holy Scriptures. On September 11, 1777 the Continental Congress spent \$300,000 to buy Bibles - to be distributed throughout the colonies. The founding leadership of our nation were a people of God. We might say they were a people of the Book.

In 1776, fifty people hammered out the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia, declaring this Nation free from Great Britain. They signed it and many of them died because of their courage to act. The Liberty Bell rang out. July 4th became our birthday. From this small beginning we have risen to be the greatest nation of the world. How long will she be a great nation? I do not know, because we are at a crossroad and drifting.


We have met crisis in the past because people possessed courage, hope and faith in themselves and the Almighty.


The Revolutionary War was a crisis at a crossroad where we nearly lost it. General Washington was seen many times with his rag tag army, in the snow of Valley Forge, calling upon God for help. This brought about Independence from Great Britain. I personally believe God

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 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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 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.  
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 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

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

Attend the Church of your choice

# AREA NEWS

## TRASH THANKS

Many "Thank You's" to Larry Keiffer, Town of Warren and Utility Employees, 4-H Club, S.A.M.'s Organization (Warren is so fortunate and blessed to have this men's group! It was inspiring to see them in action early Saturday & Sunday morning), Matt & Mike Ralston, Grant & Madi Canady, Lee Poulson, Clint Glessner, Donna Bolinger, Scott Canady, Mike Bolinger, Bill Bradford, Kelly Leidig, Vicki Laux, and to the Many of You who pitched in and helped PICK UP TRASH! Warren is a great small Town full of big hearts (our town logo once again proven true!) and all of you helped our cause to keep Warren Clean & Beautiful! Thank You! Thank You! SSF Trash Committee!

## RAFFLE WINNERS

The Warren Sportsman's Club would like to thank all who participated in the Raffle Fund Raiser during the Salamonie Summer Festival. The winners were: 1st place-Steve Donnelly, 2nd place-Mike Michaud, 3rd place-Joyce Buzzard, and 4th place-Dave Daughtery.

Thanks for your support! Warren Sportsman's Club

## COACH'S SLOW PITCH

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Warren Baseball/Softball coaches who participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Warren Baseball/Softball Coaches Slow-Pitch Play-Off!

Forty-two coaches from all six leagues came to play, and represent their teams. Twenty-six out of the 30 teams in the league this year were competing for "bragging rights".

A great time was had by all, but some of the kids in the league watching their coaches play seemed to enjoy it most of all!

The coaches in our league dedicate so much of their time during the summer, it was really nice to see them all just have a good time and kicking back. And besides, even the Wizards don't have fireworks after all of their games.

Mark your calendars now and start working those muscles. Next years Play-Off is already in the works!

Thanks again - Rob and Lisa Williams

## CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

Are your kids ready for some "wild" fun? Learn about food chains, and how animals depend on each other to survive. Activities will help children to better understand how important it is to have a balanced ecosystem. Each youth will make something to take home with them to reinforce what he learns at this camp.

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to participate in hands-on activities at J. Edward Roush Lake July 12th through 15th. Come be a part of the "food chain gang". Each morning provides a variety of fun learning sessions during the 9 a.m. to noon camp. Learn to make paper. Become part of a tree. Take a hike in the woods. Use camouflage. Play predator and prey activities to learn about prey animals that live here. Learn about decomposers and how they benefit nature, and especially come to have a great time with your friends. Advance registration is required and space is limited. A \$5 participation fee for each child is required for the week. There is a \$4 gate fee to enter the property each day or an annual pass may be purchased for \$24. This pass does not cover participation fees, but is good for entrance fees for any Indiana State Park and Reservoir property with an entrance gate.

Children will meet at the

Kilsquah Recreation Area Interpretive Program Shelter in the campground each day at 9 a.m. and be picked up at 12:00 noon at the same location each day. Parents will be asked to fill out health/participation forms before their child enjoys activities on the first day. Children are divided into age categories 8 to 10, and 11 to 12 year olds. A Camp will also be held at Salamonie Reservoir August 2 through 5.

Call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260/468-2127 to register your child for the J. Edward Roush Lake Children's Day Camp.

## 4K/5K IN HUNTINGTON

The second annual Huntington Open Summer 4K & 5K Cross Country Championships is set for July 31, 2004. The races will be held at the Huntington College Cross Country Course in Huntington, Ind., starting at 8:30 a.m. The event is open to male and female runners of all ages for an entry fee of \$5 per race.

The Huntington College Cross Country Course is an all-grass course dedicated to the sport of cross country. It features rolling hills, long straight-aways, and a creek crossing.

"The Huntington College Cross Country Course will provide a challenging run that will not only test the younger athletes prior to the start of their cross country seasons, but will also challenge post-collegiate runners," said Curtis Hines, co-meet director.

Each race will be broken into male and female divisions based on age. The divisions include High School/College, Post-Collegiate (college to 29), 30-39 years of age, and Masters/40+. The 4K race will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K race will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three overall male or female runners in the 4K race and the top three male and female participants in the High School/College division of the 5K race. The top two male and female 5K finishers in each of the other divisions will also receive non-trophy awards.

Registration can be taken at Three Rivers Running Company, located at 6312 Covington Road in Fort Wayne, Ind. Participants who register at Three Rivers Running Company before July 27 will receive a free water bottle. Registration is also available via mail addressed to Huntington Open, 247 E 700 N, Huntington, IN 46750, and on race day.

Entry forms are available online at [www.huntington.edu/athletics/cc/default.htm](http://www.huntington.edu/athletics/cc/default.htm). Race day check in will be from 7:15-8:15 a.m., at the

Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation at Huntington College. Race numbers and course maps will be available at that time.

For more information, contact Curtis Hines at [curtisray\\_hines@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisray_hines@yahoo.com).



## PARADE WINNERS

Trophy winners for the 2004 Salamonie Summer Festival Parade are as follows:

- Animal Unit - Jay Walters
  - Ball League - Heartland Alumni Senior Girls Softball
  - Business Organization - MarkleBank
  - Classical Car - Maurice and Bonnie Zeller
  - Pooper Scooper - East Fork Ranch Therapeutic Facility
  - Religious Organization - Warren Church of Christ
  - Service Organization - Knight-Bergman Civic Center
  - Youth Group - Starz
- Thank you to all the participants - Hope to see you again next year.

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Jul 7	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jul 9	Warren Recycle Day
Jul 10	Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 8 am at KBC
Jul 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jul 13	Our Town Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jul 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jul 23	Warren Recycle Day
Jul 26	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall

*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*

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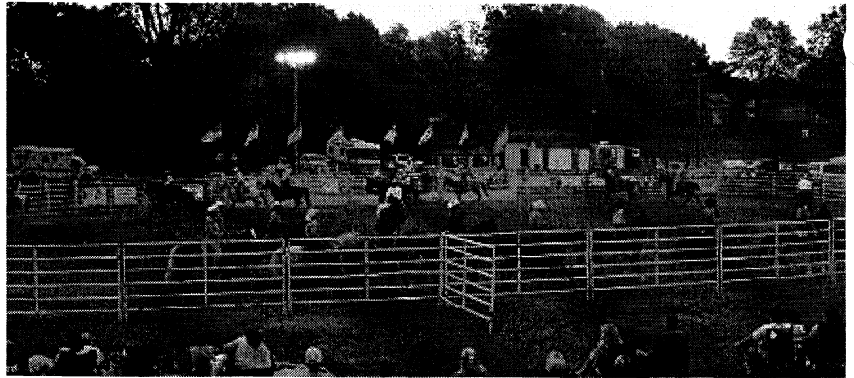
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# AREA NEWS CONTINUED



### SSF REPORT

What a weekend! The weather was beautiful (for the most part). A lot of hard work and time and effort went into the presenting of this year's festivities.

It all began with the presentation of this year's Samuel Jones Pioneer Award winners, Harold and Phyllis Harness, on Thursday morning. Then a lot of sore muscles were had at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Coaches Slow Pitch softball game held before the fireworks Thursday evening. The kids really got a kick out of heckling their coaches. The fireworks were a spectacle not to be missed.

Friday brought the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Parade with a fly-over by the Samaritan helicopter and the national anthem performed by Tom Kellam. There were a few surprises in store during the parade when the Red Hatters rode through town on Harley Davidson's and the USS Salamonie Crew was a welcome sight also. The Mountain Dewe Boy's from Liberty Center closed down the days festivities while crowds mingled and visited after the parade.

Saturday morning started bright and early with a 5K run, a fishing derby, 3 on 3 basketball, volleyball at the park and the annual pedal tractor pull. The members of the USS Salamonie Association gave a picnic on the lawn of the Knight-Bergman center. It was great to see a lot of new faces among the members of that esteemed unit.

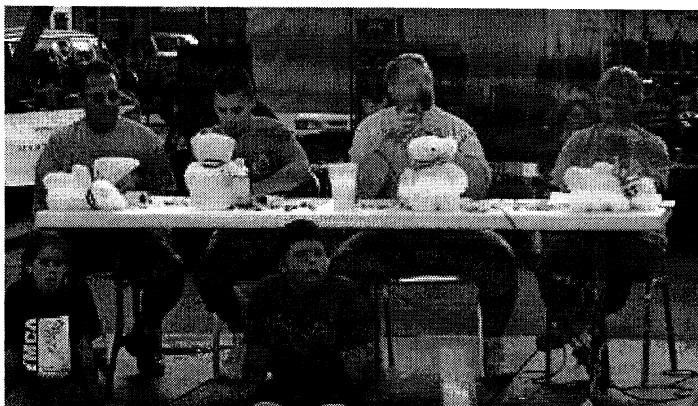
The kids had lots to do with the Carnival, cake walk, games and such downtown. SAM held their annual car/bike show with the Loose Gravel Band providing appropriate music. The First Baptist Church provided lots of food before the Rodeo. The Rodeo was another success, even with a 45 minute rain delay.

Sunday's main events were the water ball fights, SAM Olympics, a variety show and the 1<sup>st</sup> annual bed race before the Demolition Derby. The Derby was another rousing success also and the weather was perfect for it.

All in all a good time was had by all who attended this year's Salamonie Summer Festival and many thanks go out to all who took the time to plan and organize this year's festivities. An even bigger thanks go out to all who attended these events. Without you all of the planning would have been for nothing.

Keep an eye out for when meetings begin to start planning next year's Festival. E-mail the Warren Weekly at [wwkly@citiznet.com](mailto:wwkly@citiznet.com) and let us know what you liked, disliked or want to see in next year's festival.

Pictured clockwise from above left: Lilly Nutter of the Red Hatter's on a Harley Davidson, The 5th Annual Rodeo at Knight Bergman Center, Waterball Fights on Sunday, Our Hard working volunteer firefighters averting disaster at the Demolition Derby, The winning team in the Coach's Softball game on Thursday, and the judges and announced at the 37th annual parade.



## GENEALOGY REPORT

### KUMMER

A lifelong resident of Wells County, Earl E. Kummer, 88, of Bluffton died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Kummer was employed for 22 years by the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District as a custodian and he also worked at Bluffton Rubber Works for 17 years. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 as an ambulance driver. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Born May 6, 1916 in Wells County to Samuel and Clarissa Merritt Kummer, his marriage on June 14, 1941 in Fort Wayne was to Phyllis High, who survives.

Also surviving in addition to the wife are two sons, Richard Kummer of Bluffton and Terry Kummer of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Robert Kummer of Marion, Ia.; Donald Kummer of Muncie and Wayne Kummer of Dunkirk; three sisters, Edna Tschannen of Warren, Mrs. Bob (Maxine) Foltz of Muncie and Norma Collett of Noblesville; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services were held at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Walter Graeflin officiating and burial in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling hours were at Goodwin Memorial Chapel and prior to services at the church.

American Legion Post 111 was in charge of the graveside service. Preferred memorials are to the Lydia Murray Fund.

### GLANCY

A former resident of Montpelier, Randall M. Glancy, 49, of Muncie, died at 4:34 a.m. Saturday, July 3, 2004 at his residence.

Mr. Glancy had worked for Indiana Box in Montpelier for the past 25 years. He was a lifelong resident of Blackford and Delaware Counties and spent his early years in the Montpelier and Hartford City area where he attended Roll and Montpelier schools and graduated from Blackford High School in 1973. He was a past president of the United Steel Workers of America Local 12213.

He was born May 25, 1955 in Hartford City to Max and Frances Glancy of Hartford City. Surviving in addition to the parents is a brother, Jeffrey W. Glancy of Montpelier. He was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda J. Glancy.

A eulogy service was held at Glancy Funeral Homes Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Pastor Tom Bradley officiating and burial at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

### BENJAMIN

A native of Wells County, Beulah (Buckner) Benjamin, 83, of Huntington, died at 2 a.m. Saturday, July 3, 2004 at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

She was born April 5, 1921 in Wells County to Walter and Bessie Sheets Buckner. Her first marriage was to Alexis Toth, who preceded her in death and her second marriage in 1964 was to Amos Benjamin. He died in September of 1998. Mrs. Benjamin worked in the payroll department at Studebaker Company in South Bend then worked as an accountant for Sears Roebuck Company in Niles, Mich., for 40 years.

She was a 1939 graduate of Liberty Center High School and attended Ball State Business College.

Surviving is a brother, Roger E. Buckner of Mt. Etna. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Buckner and a sister, Ruby Buckner.

Calling hours were at the McElhane-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington. Graveside services were held at Mt. Etna Cemetery with Rev. Tom Defries officiating.

### WOLF

Robert C. Wolf, 84, 2311 N. 600E, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2004 in Marion General Hospital.

He was born February 28, 1920 in Marion to the late Carl Wolf and Mable Boxell. He graduated from Van Buren High School in 1937 and from Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. In 1938, he married Delene Corey, who survives.

Mr. Wolf retired in 1980 as plant manager at the former Anaconda Wire & Cable, after 40 years. For the past 25 years, he wintered in the Okeechobee area of Florida. He was a member of Arbor Trace Masters Golf League, Aero Club and also a former member of Meshingomesia Country Club.

After retiring, he enjoyed part-

time farming and gardening. He and his wife attended Grace Community Church.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Vicky (Ron) Kitts, Marion; grandchildren, Randy (Carol) Kitts, Marion, and Rhonda Templer, Fort Wayne; great-granddaughters, Laurie (Lane) Detweiler, Goshen, and Leann Kitts, Marion; a great-great-granddaughter, Courtney Templer, Fort Wayne; and brothers, Marion (Jackie) Wolf, Jonesboro, and Tom (Beverly) Wolf, Danville, Ill.

He also was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Lindsay Kitts.

Private graveside services were in Van Buren Cemetery, with the Rev. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, handled arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Grace Community Church.

### SCHAFFER

John William Schafer, 92, Allendale, IL, died July 3, 2004 at the United Methodist Village, Lawrenceville, IL where he had resided since March, 2003. He was born December 4, 1911, in Wabash County, IL, the son of Adam H. and Mary Ona (Showalter) Schafer.

Mr. Schafer was a member of the Allendale United Methodist Church and was a retired farmer and oil field pumper.

He married Nondas L. Holmes June 1, 1931 in Brazil, Indiana.

She preceded him in death on December 17, 2003. There were no children. Mr. Schafer was also preceded in death by a brother, Ray Schafer, and sisters, Irene Schafer and Mary Hughes. Martha Daugherty and Mary Emma Holmes of Warren are sisters-in-law of Mr. Schafer.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 6 at Highland Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Carmel, IL.

Memorials are to the Allendale United Methodist Church in care of the Short Funeral Home, 527 N. Mulberry St., Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Sebert and Velma Souers of rural Warren celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 21, 2004. Sebert and the former Velma Jones were married March 21, 1954 in Warren by Reverend N M Bodenhorn.

An open house is being held in their honor at the First Baptist

Church in Warren on Sunday, July 11, 2004 from 2-5PM.

Mr. Souers graduated from Warren High School. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict having served with the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, Company "C", 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He is a retired farmer.

Mrs. Souers graduated from Warren High School. She retired from Sun Control Center, Fort Wayne, as office manager.

They have both been members of the First Baptist Church at Warren for over fifty years.

For many years both Sebert and Velma have been involved in RV camping.

They have three children, Mrs. Eugene (Marsha) Werling of Bluffton, Bruce Souers of Warren, and Mrs. Robert (Emily) Bothast of Keystone. They also have three grandchildren, Nathan Helms, Bradley Bothast and Sarah Bothast.

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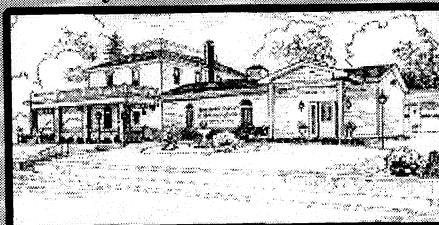
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Ann Brauchla  
Window Chairman

## QUILT WINNER

The winner of the Quilt Raffle was Caden Brubaker, son of Chris and Carley Brubaker of Huntington.

The Women's Fellowship of the Untied Church of Christ thanks each one who bought a raffle ticket.

## SMOKEY BEAR'S BIRTHDAY

Smokey Bear arrives at 7:30 p.m. July 17 at the Interpretive Shelter at J. Edward Roush Lake to celebrate his 60th birthday. The free birthday party includes cake, punch and a prize for children who attend. Bring your camera and arrive early. Smokey poses for pictures but he can't stay long!

The interpretive program shelter is in the Kilsnoquah State Recreation Area Campground on State Road 224, southeast of Huntington, IN. Plenty of visitor parking is available. The party is free; there is a \$4 per car entrance fee (\$5 for out of state vehicles) to get into the recreation area.

To find out more about the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, including programs at Mississinewa, J. Edward Roush, or Salomonie Reservoirs, call 260-468-2127 or visit the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services web site, [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/).

## BASKETWEAVING

Come to the Salomonie Interpretive Center at 6:30 p.m., July 15 to try your hand at weaving a basket. Special guest Connie Urdike, Huntington College, leads this creative program. Participants must pre-register. Paying the \$5 program fee provides you with materials and tools to create a small

basket to take home.

The Salomonie Interpretive Center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, May 1 through September. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor to ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit our web site at [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/) for more information about available programs. To register for this event, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127.

## ASTRONOMY AT RESERVOIR

Meet members of the Wabash County Astronomical Society and see what is visible in the night sky July 10 at 9 p.m. Please help us know how many to expect by pre-registering for this event.

Marvin McNew, Director of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, said "This group has shared the night sky with our visitors before at Salomonie, J. Edward Roush, and Mississinewa Reservoirs. We hope for clear skies for the best viewing possible."

This special event is located near the Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County. There is a \$4 entrance fee (\$5 for out-of-state vehicles) to enter the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area.

Visit our web site at [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/) for more information about Interpretive Services programs. Register by calling the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260-468-2127 or visiting the Salomonie Interpretive Center.

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Wells County 4-H members are reminded of the health requirements for poultry which includes proof (certificate) that the bird originated from a National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP) approved flock or a negative blood test for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the Fair.

Members should plan to bring their birds to the blood testing, Saturday, July 10, 1-3 PM at the 4-H Park Cookhouse Patio. To arrange a special time, contact the blood tester, Nadine Rudy at 824-1803.

Only birds not from a NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Program) flock need to be tested. Waterfowl, turkeys, and quail do not need to be tested.

Local veterinarians can also do the blood testing.

For more information about the Poultry Health Requirements, check your 4-H Rule Book or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 260-824-6412.

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brought them to victory as they marched through the cold wintry weather to Yorktown.

Another great crisis was when the Constitutional Convention was called in Philadelphia in the mid-1700's to adopt the Constitution. The delegates became angry with each other and were beginning to leave, when Ben Franklin called out to them. "Wait a minute, gentlemen. The country was conceived with faith in God. Many here today believe in prayer. Let us get upon our knees and pray to Almighty God and see whether God shall give to us the answer to our dilemma and problem." They got down on their knees seeking God. The result - the Constitution of the USA.

The Civil War was another crossroads, where brothers were killing one another. The Nation was in crisis. Who would step forward with courage and give direction in such time as this? Mr. Lincoln was his name. Someone asked him, "Do you think God is with us?" Mr. Lincoln replied "I am not interested as to whether God is with us; I am interested as to whether we are on God's side." He called his people to prayer and recommended individual repentance. He said, "We are a Nation of sinful people and God has brought us to this point; let us pray to God." The

Union was preserved.

When General Lee surrendered, the President called his Cabinet to prayer and they knelt and gave thanks to God for preserving the Union. During the War with the South, someone asked General Lee if he was praying for victory. "No," he said, "I am praying for the will of God to be done." The Nation was reunited and the chains of slavery were broken.

Our history tells the story of a people who possess a faith in God. A people whose allegiance to Almighty God was in their daily living and in their public life. In every courtroom in the country there is a Bible.

Our Pledge of Allegiance reads "One Nation under God". During our historical development, God was at the center.

Today the fourth crossroad of crisis is moral deterioration. It is far easier for many to be dishonest than to be honest. We are no longer drifting down the river, we are plunging over the falls of moral decadence as a Nation. We are not being destroyed by an outward force but by an inward decay. Children and youth crimes are increasing. All kinds of fleshly sins are committed and too many think it is good. Look at our little children who are molested and many thrown to the four winds, because adults want their free-

dom. We have an epidemic of the misuse of drugs, sex, and alcohol. We are no longer number one in academic competition of the seventeen industrial nations of the world. We have over 40 million illiterates in this great nation. We no longer have local school board authority but government controls. This did not happen yesterday. It has been creeping up on us for the past 100 years. Now we are plunging over the falls. Woodrow Wilson once said, "Americans no longer remember what we were yesterday, therefore we do not know who we are today or even what we are trying to do." Is there hope? Yes. We need to begin where David began when he had

sinned. "Have mercy on me, O God," He said.

There is room at the cross for you and me. When we sincerely repent of our sins we have a new beginning - in the power of Christ's love. We move into the stream of life...to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Bible says — "if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their ways, I will bless this land."

Rev. Keith D. Davis

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#### American Heart Association First Aid Course

Thursday, July 8  
5 - 8:30 p.m.  
\$45 per person

*This class includes information on breathing emergencies and caring for bleeding, injuries, and sudden illnesses, as well as standard precautions.*

*For more information, or to register, call 919-3806.*

#### Boot Camp for New Dads

Wednesday, July 21  
7 - 9:30 p.m.

*"Boot Camp" brings dads with babies together with fathers-to-be to talk about caring for a newborn and the challenges of being a*

*parent. For more information, or to register, call:*

*Bill and Dawn Horan  
(260) 824-0626*

*Co-sponsored by Bluffton Regional Medical Center.*

#### CPR Healthcare Provider - Renewal

Tuesday, July 27  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
\$35 per person

*For additional information or to register, please call 919-3806.*

*Wednesday, July 28, a real firefighter in full uniform! Captain Ken Baker, of the Bluffton City Fire Department, is going to share fire safety tips and provide fun treats that all young children will love!*

*Our group will continue to meet in August in a new location. Please watch next month's Healthy Connection for more details.*

*All area mothers are welcome to attend with their babies and young children. Babysit-ting is provided, and no registration is required.*

*For more information, call Lynne Apple at (260) 824-2001 (automated), 824-3210 or (888) 919-3557, ext. 3143.*

#### Operation Wellness

- Adult Circuit Training
- Norwell High School
- \$10 monthly fee
- Monday - Thursday
- 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

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Instructor: Josh Gerber

**Bluffton Middle School**  
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5 - 7 p.m.  
Instructor: Tony Garton

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Tuesday & Thursday  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Instructor: Lou Scott

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- Tuesday & Thursday
- 6 - 7 p.m.
- Instructor: Josh Gerber

- Low Impact Exercise/Walking
- First Baptist Church
- Monday - Friday
- 9 - 10 a.m.
- Instructor: Marge Ellis

*All programs are open to the public and free of charge, except where noted. For more information, contact Nedra Steury at 824-5019 ext. 103.*

*Operation Wellness is a community effort to inspire, encourage and enable people of all ages who live or work in Wells County to make healthier choices that will improve the quality of their lives. Bluffton Regional Medical Center is proud to be a sponsor of Operation Wellness programs.*

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