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Thought for the Week: *Information is the currency of a nation.* Thomas Jefferson

MISSED NEWS

To anyone who emailed news and/or advertising to the Warren Weekly between last Tuesday and Saturday evening: Please accept my apologies if your item didn't make it into the newspaper this week. My computer crashed hard on Saturday night and although I've gotten everything else back - my saved emails are gone. If it is not too late by next week's edition please resend your items and I will get them in next week. Thank you for your patience.

CLOSING RESCHEDULED

The date for closing of the Warren Clerk's office to allow for installation of a billing software upgrade and training has been rescheduled. Warren Town Hall will now be closed on Monday, April 19th due to a scheduling change by Keystone Consulting. Originally, the office had been scheduled to be closed on April 14th.

Warren Town Hall and the Utility Departments will be closed on Friday, April 9th for Good Friday.

SWNS PRE REGISTRATION

This year we are trying something new, any registration forms and fee returned by June 1st will be \$40, after June 1st will be \$50. In last weeks paper the cut off date for enrollment was incorrect. It is the same as the school system. Children have to have turned three by June 1st 2004. For more information please contact Lea Ann Wilburn 375-2492.

FAMILY BENEFIT

On behalf of Tori Martin, who has battled illness since January, 2003, there will be a benefit with fun for everyone.

This benefit will be on May 15 in Rome City, IN. Flyers have been posted in Warren, Tori's hometown. If anyone from Tori's hometown would like to donate items, examples would be donating to the auction, or prize items for games, you may contact Scott Murphy at 260/854-4959 or 260/437-4930.

BREAKFAST PLANNED

An All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is being planned for Saturday, April 24th, 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the Mt Etna United Methodist Church. Free will offering and carry-outs available. The breakfast is sponsored by the Mt Etna United Methodist Womens Group. All proceeds to help local missions. The church is located East of St Rd 9 and 124 in Mt Etna, 1/2 block SE of fire station.

FESTIVAL MEETING

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival meeting will be held April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Van Buren School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

90TH OPEN HOUSE

Come joins us to celebrate Shirley B. (Allen) Shultz's 90th birthday, with an open house Sunday April 18th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center, Warren.

Some call her neighbor. Many call her friend. To the McNatt United Methodist Church she is an inspiration. 8 knew her as Sis. 4 of us call her MOM. 3 share her as MOTHER-IN-LAW. 4 from Germany have adopted her. 20 call her Grandma. 27 call her Grandma G. 4 know her as Great Great Grandma. For 69+ years, Galen Shultz called her Wife. Everyone calls her special.

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Cards can be addressed to: 418 N Wayne St. Warren, Indiana 46792. Hosted by: Her Family

THREE MEN AND A TENOR

Thursday, April 8th - 2 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel of the United Methodist Memorial Home.

The group's high-energy band of vocal music make fans out of complacent audiences. They connect to all ages.

EGG HUNT

S.A.M. Club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 10th 9:00 AM for ages 1-12. Free Participation at Knight-Bergman Center.

NEEDED... MOTHERS THAT CARE

The Mentoring Parents program of Huntington County (a program of the Youth Services Bureau) provides additional support and education for teenage mothers. We work with mothers 13 to 21 years of age who are expecting or parenting. Each young mother is matched with a trained mentor. The mentor is there for emotional support, to provide referrals to other agencies or appropriate programs, and to share parenting information. The program is partly funded through the Kids First license plates.

We are currently in need of additional mentors for the upcoming year. Mentors are asked to spend 1-3 hours per week in contact with their young mother. This can be on the phone or in person. In addition, they are asked to accompany their young mom to the monthly educational meetings.

The next training is going to be held at the Youth Services Bureau (1344 Maple Drive) on May 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and May 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please see Lisa Jones at the YSB for an application and for an intake. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Warren United Church of Christ will hold their 37th Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 17th, at the church from 4:30 - 7:30.

Homemade "all you can eat" spaghetti will be served along with your choice of tossed salad or applesauce, garlic bread sticks, beverage, and desert, (excellent selection of homemade pies & cakes).

Bring your family and friends for an evening of great food and fellowship. Babysitting available while you dine.

Tickets may be purchased from any UCC member or at the door. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Children 4 and under eat free. Carry-outs are available.

The Warren UCC is located at

the corner of 2nd and Main, in Warren.

DUNN TO DANCE

Kaylie Dunn, age 11, daughter of Angela Dunn of Warren and Chad Dunn of Cicero will be performing a dance number in the 4-H "Share the Fun" contest at Carroll High School in Fort Wayne April 14th. Kaylie is a three year 4-H member, and has had 4 years of dance and 3 years of gymnastics.

KID'S FISHING DERBIES

Have Fun. Win Prizes. Learn to Fish.

Children ages 2 to 14 are invited to participate in one of the Fishing Derbies at the three Upper Wabash Reservoirs June 12 during the statewide, Free Fishing Weekend. Each Derby begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. The award ceremonies follow.

Children must be pre-registered to participate in one of these free events. "Each participating child goes home with a prize. There are first, second, and third grand prizes for the largest fish caught and first prizes for each of three age categories. Each child can win only one of these large prize packages, but will receive other prizes for participating," Says Marvin McNew, Interpretive Naturalist.

Children are divided into age categories 2 to 5, 6 to 10, and 11 to 14 year olds. Prizes include fishing tackle, tackle boxes, fishing rods and reels, and many others.

Call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260/468-2127 to register for the derby of your choice. Salamonie's Derby will be in the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area; Mississinewa's will be in the Miami Recreation Area; and J. Edward Roush's (Huntington Reservoir) Derby will be in the Little Turtle Recreation Area.

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County has received a mini grant of \$250.00 from the National Youth Court Center to do

a community project in conjunction with the National Youth Service Day during April 16-18, 2004. We will be doing our community project on Sunday April 18, 2004 from 11 am-2 pm.

There will be a team of at least 20 youth and 8 adults to come together to create beauty in and pride in our Drive-In theater. It is one of the original drive-in theaters left in Indiana. We will focus our efforts on painting the fence, playground equipment, speaker areas, and planting some flowers. This effort will help create a friendlier atmosphere that will draw more youth and their families to this safe place.

Anyone willing to participate in the project is requested to call the Youth Services Bureau. We are also seeking donations of food/drinks for the workers and supplies that we can purchase at a discounted price or donated. For more information about the National Youth Service Day or the Youth Services Bureau please call 260-356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

CHORUS WINS

Christmas City Chorus stepped into the spotlight at the East Central Regional Sweet Adeline competition in Covington, KY this past weekend bringing home several chorus and quartet awards. The chorus won second place in the Small Chorus Division and an overall ranking of 7th place while competing with 16 other choruses from Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania and performing for over 1,000 people gathered at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center.

"It's just a great time for singers who enjoy the fun of competing and performing with an ensemble", said June Sylte, spokesperson for the chorus. "It's a highlight of our year and provides us with expert feedback on how we are improving as a chorus", Sylte said. As a result of increasing their scores by 60 points from last year and moving into the "B" level of performance, the chorus also won the Most Improved Chorus award.

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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 P.J.'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.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE EASTER STORY
 Easter is the holiest and most joyful day of the Christian year. Worshipers feel the spirit as they celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Ancient tradition holds that on this day, the sun jumps for joy as it rises on Easter morning.

According to the Gospel of St. Luke, early on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and her companions visited the cave where Jesus had been buried. To their astonishment, they found the tomb was empty. An angel of the Lord appeared and told them that Jesus had risen.

In the following days, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples, who were beginning to understand the full meaning of His death. It was that Jesus had died for the sins of mankind. His victory over death offered the promise of rebirth for everyone who believes in Him.

GET CREATIVE WITH KIDS AT EASTER TIME
 Here are some Easter ideas for kids:

- A gerbil or hamster is a good starter pet. Or goldfish. Don't forget a bowl for the fish or a cage for the gerbil. But skip the chicks and baby rabbits. Families are rarely equipped to raise chickens.
- Coupons in the basket. A coupon for renting a video is good. Even better might be one that gives a free day off from clearing the table or one for mowing the lawn.
- Make sparkling eggs. Start with cold water and cook eggs for 20 minutes. Dry the eggs. Then paint with glue and roll them in sequins, glitter or both. If you want to color the eggs first, you can paint a pattern on them with glue before rolling them in glitter.
- Egg holders. A creative way to display your eggs are with clay egg holders. A hand sculptured clay creature holding an egg turns it into a bulging belly, a smiling face, or just a holder to keep it upright.

Start with a lump of clay, flatten, then mold it around the egg, making sure the egg can be removed easily. Pinch on additional pieces of clay for limbs and features. Be sure the holder bottom is flat so it will stand up.

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 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sue Brown, Youth Worker
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00p.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
 Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
 Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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 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.

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.

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.
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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.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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 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

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 Corner of 900S & 300W
 Kathie Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 758-2085
 Nathan Doyle, Minister
 Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeanne Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Steve Bard, Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 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.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHafen, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, 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.

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 8:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 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
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice

AREA NEWS

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Paniculata, one of the chorus quartets, competing with 29 other quartets, brought home the Most Improved award in the quartet competition.

The chorus is made up of women from north central Indiana; Sweet Adelines was founded in Tulsa in 1945 and has approximately 30,000 members worldwide. While promoting the preservation of barbershop style singing, the chorus also promotes vocal education. The chorus welcomes singers to their rehearsals on Mondays, 7 - 9:30 pm at Barry Bunker Chevrolet. Those interested in learning more about membership in the chorus should call (765) 664-1274.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Genetic Syndrome Support Group - meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a genetic syndrome (ie., Noonan's, Williams, Velocardiofacial, Klinefelter's, Fragile X, Pierre-Robin, DiGeorge.) - Open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorders.

Meeting date: Monday, April 26, 2004 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Topic: Legal Issues Involving Special Needs Children. Presenters: Attorneys Beth Webber and Cindy Amber. Location: CNS, 3010 E. State, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Group - meeting for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - Open to all parents/caregivers and others involved with or interested in the disorder.

Meeting date: Monday, April 19, 2004 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Topic: Legal Issues Involving Children Affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Presenters: Attorneys Beth Webber and Cindy Amber. Location: CNS, 3010 E. State, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

HC RUMMAGE

Community Rummage Sale April 17 and April 24, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Blackford County 4-H building, Hartford City.

Over 15 different families each week will have their "treasurers" for sale. Lunch will also be available.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

Photographers from the Warren area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is July 31, 2004. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Baylon.

To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets,

Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2619, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be post-marked by July 31, 2004. You may also submit your photo directly online at www.picture.com.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can view the work of over 1.1 million amateur photographers at their website, www.picture.com.

TOPP JOINS FIRST BANK OF BERNE

First Bank of Berne President, Charles Isch, has announced that Angie Topp recently joined the staff of First Bank of Berne's Bluffton Banking Center as a Mortgage Loan Originator. Angie is a graduate of Bluffton High School and has over 20 years of banking and mortgage experience in the local Wells county area.

She will be working by appointment and can be reached at 260-273-1482. Her flexible schedule includes evenings and Saturdays, in order to meet the needs of today's busy customers and realtors.

Angie is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Bluffton and a member of Kiwanis of Greater Bluffton. Her husband, Dean "Chip", is employed by Honegger, Ringger & Co. Angie, Chip, and their two daughters reside in the rural Ossian area.

NEW DIRECTOR

Karen Bennett has accepted the promotion as the Executive Director of the Huntington County chapter of the American Red Cross. She replaces Scott Herron, Executive Director since 2001, who resigned earlier this year.

Ms. Bennett is a graduate from Western Michigan University with a B.S. in computer science with minors in business management and math. Before working for the American Red Cross, as Program Director, Bennett's professional experience includes; 10 years with Magnavox as a software engineer, and IT departmental management for a number of area manufacturing firms.

Bennett's experience as the Program Director for the past year has prepared her well for this new challenge. Ms. Bennett comments, "I plan to build on the strong

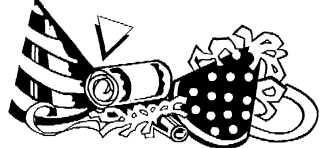
foundation that Scott has put in place. I will focus on volunteer recruitment and training, building awareness and use of our programs throughout the county, and using creative ways to build on our loyal donor base. Huntington County is a good community with a strong system of shared values, and the Red Cross chapter is proud to represent our residents in providing service to those working to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters."

The Red Cross is 100 percent funded by the American people and organizations such as the United Way. With only 3 paid employees, the volunteers and local support make the program succeed and thrive. Bennett lives in Huntington with her husband, Tom and their five children, and is active in her church and community service organizations.



Congratulations to Rick Scheiman for winning the Alan Jackson Concert Tickets

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NatCity Investments (Retirement Planning)

Retirement: No one likes to talk about it and most people don't worry about it. After all, won't we be able to depend on Social Security and Medicare? Realistically, we cannot determine what shape Social Security and Medicare will be in by the time you or I retire. Wouldn't you like to know when that time comes you will be able to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle during retirement?

You are never too young or too old to begin thinking about retirement! That's why National City Bank in Warren, Indiana would like to invite you to come in on Thursday, April 8, 2004. Robert Nicholas, a CPA and licensed Financial Advisor with NatCity Investments, will be available to answer any of your retirement planning questions you may have.

NatCity Investments is a subsidiary of National City Corporation.

Although, no appointment needed, for your convenience you may call ahead for an appointment. If any questions please call Andy Jockheck (260)375-2121.

And to make the deal a little sweeter we will be serving cake and punch all day!

Hope to see you there!!

Easter is Sunday

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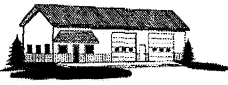



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Community Calendar

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.

Apr 10 Liberty Center Fire Dept Chicken Supper, 4:30 - 7p.m.
Apr 10 Jackson Twp Alumni Banquet at Southern Wells H.S.
Apr 16 Port-a-Pit Chicken Dinner, Markle Church of the Brethren, 4-7
Apr 17 United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper at UCofC
Apr 24 Soup Supper 4p.m. - ??, Free Will Donation @ Sportsman's Club
Apr 24-25 Gebhart's Spring Opening
May 8 Warren Alumni Banquet - Contact Jim Howell 375-3048 or howellj@citnet.com

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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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

MISSION TRIP

A short-term mission trip to Haiti was held in October, 2003, and found individuals from Huntington County taking part. The trip sponsored by The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road S., Fort Wayne, included 35 participants working as a medical team and as a construction team.

Over 1,300 individuals received medical assistance while the construction team erected a small house and made repairs to some existing houses.

Junior and Jennifer Geiger, Ed and Nancy Smith, and Brian Zuercher all of Huntington participated in October as did Chris Harris of Roanoke.

Another Haiti Mission Trip is being planned for June 19 through 26, 2004. Additional doctors and nurses are being sought to assist with medical needs.

The team's destination will again be Mission of Hope, Titanyin, Haiti, which includes a school serving preschool (age 3) through high school, an orphanage, chapel, and medical clinic. During the recent unrest in Haiti, Hope Mission and the area immediately surrounding it did not experience any violence.

For further information about The Chapel, the upcoming mission trip, or to assist through donation of needed medical supplies, contact Debbie Kreiger at the church #260-625-6200.

CARTOONISTS, ART & POLITICS

Does the First Amendment give editorial cartoonists the right to draw goofy pictures of the president? Do they get the go-ahead to criticize elected officials? Does it give them the proverbial okay dokey to poke, prod and provoke politicians with their own views and opinions?

Yep. And the public loves them — and occasionally hates them — for every goofy caricature, irreverent insight and uninhibited expression. No matter how their cartoons affect us, there's no denying that editorial cartoonists delight in showing us that the emperor has no clothes... in heavy black ink.

So, how does an artist get started in such a career — and what kind of person seeks out a job that often puts them in the crosshairs of the political powers?

Guests can find out that, and more, when three award-winning Indiana editorial cartoonists are featured for An Evening of Art & Politics on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. Speaking that evening will be Dave Sattler (Lafayette Journal and Courier), Lee P. Sauer (Angola Herald-Republican), and Irene Joslin (Brown County Democrat).

Sattler, Sauer and Joslin will explain how they got started in editorial cartooning, where they find their political inspiration and

the methods they use. Each will speak for approximately 15 minutes. There will also be a time for questions from the audience. Members of indiancartoonists.com, each of them come from different backgrounds and approach their art in very different ways.

Irene Joslin has been creating the editorial cartoon for the Brown County Democrat since 1994 and has the distinction of being the only female editorial cartoonist in Indiana. Born and raised in Indianapolis, she moved to California in the early 1970s. While there, she implemented an art program and taught in San Mateo. Not only is Joslin an editorial cartoonist, she also creates fine art, which has been featured in the Hoosier Salon and Indiana Heritage Arts exhibits, and accepts commissioned work.

"My first cartoon experience was in seventh grade," Joslin recalled. "I was bored one day and the teacher was giving a homework assignment. I was drawing a caricature of her and I put in a little speech bubble and abbreviated the word 'assignment' using the first three letters in the word. Not thinking a thing about it - totally innocent. She caught the paper and promptly sent me down to the principal's office. He was aghast. They would not listen to my explanations. That was the beginning of my career in cartooning. I thought, 'Wow, these things really move people!'"

Lee P. Sauer tried a variety of careers after his 1980 graduation from Concordia University (River Forest, Ill.). He taught elementary school; clerked in a Canadian Indian village store; worked as a deck hand on an Alaskan fishing boat; wrote for a weekly newspaper in central Wisconsin; and worked as an artist, t-shirt screen printer and dug graves in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Now, Sauer works at his freelance writing and illustration career full time, but he still can't get enough variety. His freelance work includes everything from producing press releases, magazine articles and book-length business histories to fine art and illustrations. As an artist, he's well known for his amazingly accurate caricatures, and even teaches cartoon classes and works by the hour for party entertainment.

One of Sauer's characters - The Recyclone, superhero of the recycling movement - appeared in several newspapers and eventually came to life on stage. He is a member of the National Caricaturist Network and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Dave Sattler first applied for the job of editorial cartoonist for The Journal and Courier as a Purdue University student at the age of 20. Over 30 years later he is still going strong. The citizens look to Dave for humor, direction, insight,

and appreciate that he is not afraid of implementing biting criticism when it is justified.

Through the years Sattler has published three books of collected cartoons and has been selected for inclusion in Best Editorial Cartoons of the Year 14 times. He is a regular contributor to the Purdue Alumnus as well as numerous other academic publications. Dave also does cartoon work for the Washington DC based National Association of Home Builders.

An Evening of Art & Politics is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so guests are encouraged not to be late. For more information, call the Wells County Public Library at 260-824-1612.

FIRST AID CLASS

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community First Aid and Safety course at the Courthouse Annex (354 N. Jefferson St., 2nd floor meeting room 204), on Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 from 6:00 - 10:00 each night. Enter the building through doors off parking lot for classes.

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Payment of \$45 per student is due at the time of registration (\$30 if only need the CPR, \$30 if only need First Aid). The registration form and payment must be turned in to the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750 at least three working days prior to the start of class. To obtain a registration

and payment form, please call 260-356-2910 or visit the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203. Registration forms may also be obtained by e-mailing a request to red.cross@huntington.in.us.

NEW AT WPL

New books recently received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult fiction: Celeste by Andrews; Where Heaven Begins by Bittner; It Had to Be You by Churchill; Case of Crooked Letters by Copeland; Dying to Retire by Fletcher; Enchanted by Hooper; Rejoice by Kingsbury; Cape Light by Kinkade; God's Handmaiden by Morris; Red and Lowering Sky by Morris; My Sister's Keeper by Picoult; The Body of David Hayes by Pearson; Sleeping Beauty by Margolin; Scarecrow by Reilly; The Piano Teacher by York; Glorious Appearing by LaHaye; Burglar on the Prowl by Block; Firestorm by Johansen; and Life Goes On (Harmony) by Guley.

Adult non-fiction: Down-Home Cooking Without the Down-Home Fat; What If It's Not Alzheimer's?; High Calling; The Complete Idiot's Guide to Christianity; Inside Hitler's Bunker; Remember Me When I'm Gone; Ten Minutes From Normal; South Beach Diet; Tis Herself; I Love You Mom; It's Not Over Till It's Over: The Most Magnificent Heart Stopping Miracles of Our Time; Brides Wedding Planner; Play On: Celebrating 100 Years of High School Sports in Indiana; and County Walk of Indiana.

Children's: You Wouldn't Love Me If You Knew; While You Are Away; The Day Nobody Shared Junie B ... Toothless Wonder; The Brickyard 400; Cowboys and Cowgirls; The Human Body Revealed.

Teens: A Heart Divided; Thura's Diary; My Life in Wartime Iraq; The Journal of Brian Doyle; Princess in Pink; Heartbeat.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Brown County American Legion Auxiliary Unit 368 held their April 1st meeting at the post.

Meeting was opened by President Toni Jones.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read.

Ruth Bole gave a report on finances, leadership and parliamentarian.

Ruth Bole brought up the meetings in the summer time again. It was discussed, a motion was made to try it for one year as a bare bones meetings. If this works for us, then we will change our constitution and bylaws. If not it will be dropped for year 2005.

Flo Doyle made motion to appoint a finance deputy for the term Irene Pickard is out of town. Flo reported on Girls State girls. Our delegate is Danielle Bragg, alternate is Autumn Irwin from Eastbrook school.

Shirley Shinholt reported on the Birthday party. Good meal, beautiful tables and Waneta Linton and Ann Ferguson received 50 year gold auxiliary membership cards.

Toni Jones reported on the Bowling tournament.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BELL

The father of Linda Shaw of Liberty Center, William E. Bell, 89, of rural Decatur, died at 9:05 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 2004 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Born in Piggott, Ark. on Dec. 10, 1914 to Clarence E. and Lennie Underwood Bell, he worked at Krick & Tyndall in Decatur and was a custodian at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Other survivors include a son, Gerald Harmon of Enterprise, Okla.; a daughter, Shirley Davis of Piggott, Ark.; a brother, Earnest Bell of Piggott, Ark.; a sister, Martha Blalock of Paragould, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Letha, who died Mar. 4, 2004; and a son, William Bell, Jr.

Visitation hours were held at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur. Services were held at Irby Funeral Home in Piggott, Ark. Burial was in the Piggott Cemetery.

DOYLE

George H. Doyle, 83, Van Buren, died Monday, April 5, 2004 at home.

He was born November 22, 1920 in Van Buren Township to Vern and Virgie (Bole) Doyle. His father survives. He was the former manager of Van Buren Lumber Yard and Indiana Lumber Co., Huntington.

Additional survivors include wife, Nellie; a son, Gerald, Van Buren; two grandsons; and a great-grandchild.

There were no services or visitation. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., handled arrangements.

LONG

Catherine B. Long, 81, Gas City, died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004 in Marion General Hospital.

She was born December 7, 1922 in Marion to the late Harry Huffman and Lula Herring. She married Arthur Dene Long in 1942. He died Jan. 7, 1967.

A 1941 graduate of Jackson Township High School, Wells County, she was a former resident of Van Buren and had lived in Gas City for the last 25 years.

Mrs. Long had worked for the Appliance Mfg. Co., Van Buren, for 18 years and retired from the RCA plant in Marion in 1986, after 22 years of service. She was a lifelong member of the Van Buren American Auxiliary, having been a member for 56 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Robert) Smith, Gas City, and Deanna Garrison, LaFontaine; brothers, Harry (Mary) Huffman Jr., Upland, Charles (Mickie) Huffman, New Albany, and John (Ruth) Huffman, El Paso, Texas; eight grandchildren, Anthony (Melissa) Garrison, Jonesboro, Scott (Keri) Garrison, LaFontaine, Robert (Kelly) Smith Jr., and Kathi (Rick) Baker, both of Van Buren, Tracy (Rhonda) Smith and Tammie McPherson, both of Fairmount, Kristi (Christian) Harrold, Montpelier, and Angie (Brad) Harris, Warsaw; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her stepmother, Pearl Huffman; sister, Mary Alice Ackerman; and brother, James Huffman.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with the Rev. Ronald R. Herring officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

KNOTTS

Henry W Knotts, 83, Marion, died at 5 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2004 at his home.

Mr. Knotts was born November 18, 1920 to Ora and Rosa A Green Knotts in Van Buren and had lived all of his life in the Grant County area. In 1941 he married Helen J Wells, she survives. Early in his life he had been a milk truck driver. He had also worked for the Grant County Highway Dept., and had retired from the Indiana State Highway Dept. after 20 years of service. Mr. Knotts had also farmed all of those years. He was a veteran of WWII.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Vicki Abbott of Marion, two sons, Michael (Faith) Knotts of Indianapolis and Randall (Karen) Knotts of Charlotte, NC; a daughter-in-law Teresa Knotts of Peru; four grandsons and four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony, a granddaughter, two sisters, four brothers and his parents.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday, April 9 at 1p.m. at the Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery.

BIRTHS

Jeff and Tiffany Bradley Gardner, Warren, are the parents of a son, Bradley Robert, born at 6:06 p.m. Feb. 23, 2004 at Parkview Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth. The baby joins siblings Justin, 11, Mariah, 7, and Brandon, 17 months, at home.

Grandparents are Tina Bradley and Dickie Reed, Andrews, and Carolyn and Jerry Austin, Huntington. Great-grandparents are Nova Bradley, Blue River, Ky., and Carolyn and Dick Allen, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt (Julie Oswalt) Jones of Liberty Center are the parents of a son, Archer Leland, born at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured

21 3/8 inches. He joins a brother, Hunter, age 22 months.

Grandparents are Jim and Judy Oswalt of Bluffton and Tom and Wanda Jones of Montpelier. Great-grandparents are Margaret Oswalt of Montpelier and Joe Henley of Van Buren.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith (Cassandra Wheeler) Hall of Columbus, IN are the parents of a daughter, Allison Layne, born at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004 at Columbus Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

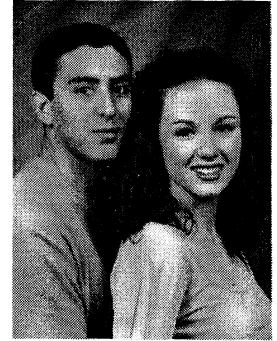
Grandparents are Dave and Sue Hall of Poneto, Ann Wheeler of Keystone and the late James Wheeler III. Great-grandparents are George and Martha Hall of Liberty Center, Harry and Lorna Kiel of Florida and James and Wilma Wheeler of Pennville.

Craig and Shandi Bennett McCutcheon, Warren, are the parents of a daughter, Paige Alexis, born at 8:05 a.m. February 27, 2004 at Parkview Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces at birth and joins a brother, Hunter, 23 months.

Grandparents are Hobart and Debra Bennett, Huntington, and Gale "Pat" and Connie McCutcheon, Huntington. Great-grandparents are Vernon and Patricia Bennett, Huntington.

Jeremy Bronnenberg and Mallory Yeiter of Markle are the parents of a son, Peyton Riley Bronnenberg, born at 9:52 p.m. March 19, 2004 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The infant weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Kent and Debbie Yeiter of Bluffton, John Bronnenberg of Warren and Penny Bronnenberg of Huntington. Great-grandparents are Mary Yeiter, Warren, Ken and Julie Buzzard, Huntington, Sharon and Bob Schlup, Fort Wayne, Emory and Betty Horn, Warren, Jon and Gray Bronnenberg, Markleville, and Clarence Smith, Warren.



WILLIAMS - JIMENEZ

Kristen Renee Williams, Warren IN, and Jesus Jose Jimenez III, Chicago, Ill, are engaged to be married May 15, 2004 at a backyard wedding in LaFontaine, IN.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Southwood Jr/Sr High School in Wabash, IN. She will be graduating from Ball State University, Muncie, in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

Her parents are Terry and Sherry Knight, Warren IN, and Steve and Trish Williams, LaPlata MD.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Bishop Noll Institute, Hammond IN, and 2002 graduate of Ball State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. He is a 2nd lieutenant in the 1-17 Infantry Battalion based at Ft Wainwright, Alaska.

His parents are Jesus and Sylvia Jimenez, Chicago, Ill.

TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN TOOTH LOSS AND HEART DISEASE??

A study that was published in the journal Stroke reports an association between missing teeth and clogged arteries. The study involved 711 people (Avg age of 66) who did not have cardiovascular disease. Researchers found that among people missing between 0 and 9 teeth 46% had a buildup of fatty substances in a major artery, but this percentage rose to approximately 60% among people who were missing 10 or more teeth. Missing teeth make it more difficult to properly chew healthy foods that can prevent heart disease and other chronic conditions. People with missing teeth should be sure to eat sufficient vegetables and other foods rich in fiber and which keep beneficial soluble fiber even when cooked.

The recommendations by the Institute of Medicine for people over 50 years of age and younger are 38g of total fiber per day. For people older than 50 the recommended levels are 30g for men and 21g for women.¹

1 Source: Health News, Massachusetts Medical Society/Dentistry Today

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May 2nd is a kite fly at the post, 12:00 to 4:00. Bring your kites and come fly them.

April 10, 2004 Easter Egg Hunt at the post. Rain date is April 18th.

Waneta Linton reported on Past Presidents Parley dinner at Jonesboro April 19th 6 p.m.

May 7th will be our fish fry at the post, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Nomination of officers: President Toni Jones; Vice President Shirley Shinholt; Secretary Sheri Reneer; Treasurer Irene Pickard; Chaplain Waneta Linton; Historian Laquite Taylor; Sgt At Arms Joyce Loftis.

Salad supper at the May meeting. Everyone is to bring a salad or dessert.

Those attending were: Irene James, Eulla Belle Farr, Lequita Taylor, Joan Rumble, Waneta Linton, Flo Doyle, Shirley Shinholt, Ruth Bole, Sheri Reneer, Toni Jones, Irene Pickard and Sally Bancroft.

IS EATER ON IT'S WAY?

Jane Ruble led story time at the Warren Library on Friday, March 26. She read Happy Easter, Dear Dragon; Too Many Rabbits; The Happy Egg; The Littlest Rabbit; and What a Funny Bunny to William Sackett, Henry Sackett, Colin Sackett, Dylan Hutson, Carson Bolinger, Olivia Bolinger, Jacque Jackson and Andrew Freck. The children added tails to the stand up bunnies Mrs Ruble made for them.

Story time will resume April 16 at 10:00 Friday morning.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME

Ten children attended the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Friday April 2, 2004. As the older children entered into the library and signed in, they received A Dr. Seuss fill in the blank that will make up a story called "If I Ran the School". This paper would be entered into a contest. The younger children received a Dr. Seuss doorknob hanger to color to be in a color contest.

As the children worked on their papers Karen read the Dr. Seuss book "If I Ran the Zoo". This book would give the children an idea of

how to fill in the blanks to complete their story "If I Ran the School". When finished the children took turns reading their story. The children were pretty creative at writing their story. Brittini-lynn won a book for her story and Mandi Beck won a book for the coloring contest.

Karen read a biography about Theodor Seuss Geisel. We found out that the name Seuss was his mother's maiden name. He would later add "Dr." to the pen name Seuss because he knew his father always wanted him to earn a doctor's degree.

Games were played and Cady Swagger won a Dr. Seuss Backpack for the closest guess on how many books Dr. Seuss has written. Autumn Smith won a Dr. Seuss Book Bag for winning a game of ting toss and Ricky Cottrell won Dr. Seuss' s Thing One the attendance prize for the party. The rest of children were able to take home a Dr. Seuss book to keep and enjoy.

Refreshments were scrambled eggs and ham. Some had Green eggs and ham. I think we all had a good time.

Those attending were: Cameron Riddle, Ricky Cottrell, Autumn Smith, Nixon Smith, Icily Baker, Cady Swagger, Mandi Beck, Jordan Miller, Jaden Beck and Brittini-lynn Davis.

This Friday after school we will have our Easter Party. I hope to see ya.

HAHE BASKETBALL

AWARDS

The Huntington Eagles Basketball teams recently celebrated the conclusion of their greatest season, with an awards Banquet at Horace Mann School. Each participant, who finished the season

was given a completion medal. Special merit awards were also presented.

The Varsity Boys were undefeated (19-0) in Regular Season play. They finished 35-7 overall, and were coached by Mark Featherston & Mark Shultz. Winning by an average of over 23 points and losing by an average of less than 5, they went 6-2 against Christian School teams, 26-5 against HomeSchool teams and 3-0 against public teams (6-1 against out of state teams). In tournaments, they won the Holiday Classic (Indy 12/03) & the Blazer Classic (Roanoke 3/04), came in second in the Marlins Invitational (Plainfield 11/03) & Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance N.E. Regional (Warren 3/04), third in the Cougar Classic (Warsaw 1/04) & Indy Shoot-Out (1/04), and fifth place in the 4A Division of the National Christian HomeSchool Basketball Championship (Oklahoma City 3/04).

Special awards presented to Eagles Varsity CE03-CE04 - 3 Pt % (37.5) Trent Lloyd; FG% (55.3) Blake Hitzfield; FT% (85.1) Josh Rich; Rebounds (328) Blake Hitzfield; Assists (182) Tim Nei; Defense Pat Meehan; MIP Jake Smith; Attitude Paul Meehan

The Lady Eagles finished 14-13, and were coached by Julie Hendryx & Mary Ehinger. They won the Bethlehem Lutheran Invitational Tournament, placed first in the B division of the Lady Marlins Invitational, came in fourth in the ICBA State Tournament. Special awards presented to Lady Eagles CE03-CE04 - FG% (32.2) Trina Lloyd; FT% (54.3) Baili Bennett; Steals/TO's Trina Lloyd; Rebounds (164) Samantha Kelsey; MIP Samantha Kelsey; Defense Megan Gibbons; Attitude Kiera Shultz

The Junior Varsity Eagles ended their season 9-6 and were coached by Jeff Humbarger. They had a second place trophy in the Holiday Classic.

Special awards presented to Eagles JV CE03-CE04 - 3 Pt shooter Colin Featherston; FG% (44.1) Thomas Meehan; FT% (60) Blaine Hitzfield; Rebounds (106) Thomas Meehan; Assists (26) Andrew Daniels; Defense Blaine Hitzfield; MIP Thomas Meehan; Attitude Ryan Hoes

The Junior High Eagles, after a slow start, losing their first 3 contests, went on a 12-1 streak to end their season 12-4. They won the Bethlehem Lutheran Invitational Tournament. They were coached by Jeff Humbarger.

Special awards presented to Eagles Jr Hi CE03-CE04 - 3 Pt % (34.8) Colin Featherston; FG% (53.9) Andrew Daniels; FT% (65.9) Andrew Daniels; Rebounds (169) Andrew Daniels; Assists (31) Colin Featherston; Defense Andrew Daniels; MIP Nathan House; Attitude Austin Abbott

The Elementary Eagles participated in the Knight-Bergman Center league (Warren) and finished 4-6. They were coached by Rob-

ert Harness and Dave Ballinger.

The Indiana Christian Basketball Alliance All-Star games were held at Conesco Fieldhouse on the afternoon of April 2nd. Varsity Girls and Boys from the regional teams that participated in the ICBA Regional & State Tournaments were selected and placed on a North or South team.

Baili Bennett & Megan Gibbons of the Lady Eagles played on the All-Star South girls team which won the match 50-19. Megan contributed 6 points, 2 rebounds & an assist. Baili had 4 rebounds & 3 steals.

Blake Hitzfield & Tim Nei of the Huntington Eagles played for the All-Star North boys team which lost in the final minutes 58-61.

Blake contributed 6 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals & an assist. Tim had 9 points, a rebound & a steal.

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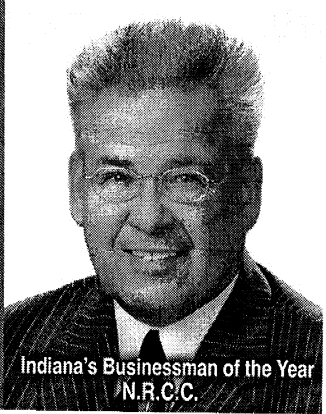
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216 W 4th St, Warren	\$140,000

WABASH COUNTY

578 Superior St, Wabash	\$34,000
540 Linlawn	\$45,450

WELLS COUNTY

304 N Marion, Bluffton	\$40,500
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POSTAL QUESTIONS

Top 5 most popular mailing questions - and answers!

Got a mailing question? Here are the top five most popular postal questions, and their answers. See if yours is here.

"Can you tell me the ZIP Code for ..."

This is probably the most frequently asked question at any Post Office TM nationwide. Whenever you aren't sure of a ZIP Code, you can check it by going to the Postal Service web site (www.usps.com) and hit "Find a ZIP Code" or calling 1-800-ASKUSPS (1-800-275-8777). Don't guess. Don't leave it off the mail piece. No ZIP Code, or the wrong one, will delay delivery.

"How much does it cost to send a package?"

The answer is, it depends. It depends on the weight of the parcel, the distance it must travel, and how fast you want it to go. Your local Post Office can weigh your package and compare services and prices for you. If you know how much your package weighs, you can go to WWW.USPS.COM and hit "Calculate Postage." A rate calculator will help you compare prices for yourself. And while you are there you can print shipping labels, with or without postage, by searching for "Click-N-Ship."

"How long will it take for a letter to get to ..."

Generally, First-Class Mail@ letters sent to an address within your local delivery area should be delivered overnight. Two-day delivery generally is provided for letters destined for addresses within 400-600 miles. Service coast-to-coast on average is accomplished within three days.

"How late can I mail a letter to get that day's postmark?"

Schedules vary from Post Office to Post Office. If you are mailing your letter at the Post Office, ask the sales associate or Postmaster for the last pickup time. The last pick up time is posted on all big blue street collection boxes. Mail your letter prior to the designated time to get today's postmark.

"How small a letter (or "How big a package") will you accept?"

Letters - Nothing can be less than 0.007 inch thick. Pieces 1/4 inch thick or less must be at least 3 1/2 inches high, 5 inches long) and rectangular in shape. Packages - Except for Parcel Post, packages cannot be more than

108 inches in combined length and "girth" (circumference), Parcel Post packages mailed at the "oversized rate" can be no more than 130 inches in combined length and girth. Nothing can weigh more than 70 pounds.

A Customer's Guide to Mailing (DMM 100), can give you quick answers to these and other frequently asked mailing questions. It is just a few clicks away, at www.usps.com/customersguide.

RYAN'S GIFT

Ryan McGinn died suddenly in a car crash at age 21. During this time of great personal disaster, the McGinn family made a choice that enabled other lives to be saved and improved. That choice is called tissue donation. They gave this gift of donation to the American Red Cross Transplantation Services (ARCTS).

"I think one of the things that makes a death so hard to accept is the lack of control we have at that time. We couldn't have prevented the death, nor can we bring back the person who died. We do, however, have choices even then."

—Nancy McGinn, mother of Ryan McGinn, Tissue Donor Family

Most people are aware of organ donation, but many people do not understand that tissue donation is often an option when organ donation is not. Due to the nature of the death, only select patients qualify for organ donation; however, almost all patients are potential tissue donors. Ryan McGinn's family chose this last gift of tissue donation. Ryan's gift has already brought hope and healing to more than 30 people.

Why is there such a need for donation? Thousands of people could have the quality of their lives improved if more people chose to give the gift of donation. That's why it's important to learn the facts, make a choice, and share that decision with your family.

Tissue Donation and Transplantation Facts

A single tissue donor can benefit as many as 60 patients in need. Tissues that can be donated at end-of-life include bone, skin, heart valves, ligaments, tendons, soft tissue/fascia, major blood vessels, and corneas.

Donated human tissue is used in corneal transplantation, skin grafting for burn victims, replacing defective heart valves, saving

limbs following tumor surgery, reconstructing hip and knee joints, and correcting spinal defects.

Tissue donation is supported by the vast majority of religions. Tissue donation does not prevent an open-casket funeral. There is no cost to tissue donors or their families.

Choosing donation is a simple process.

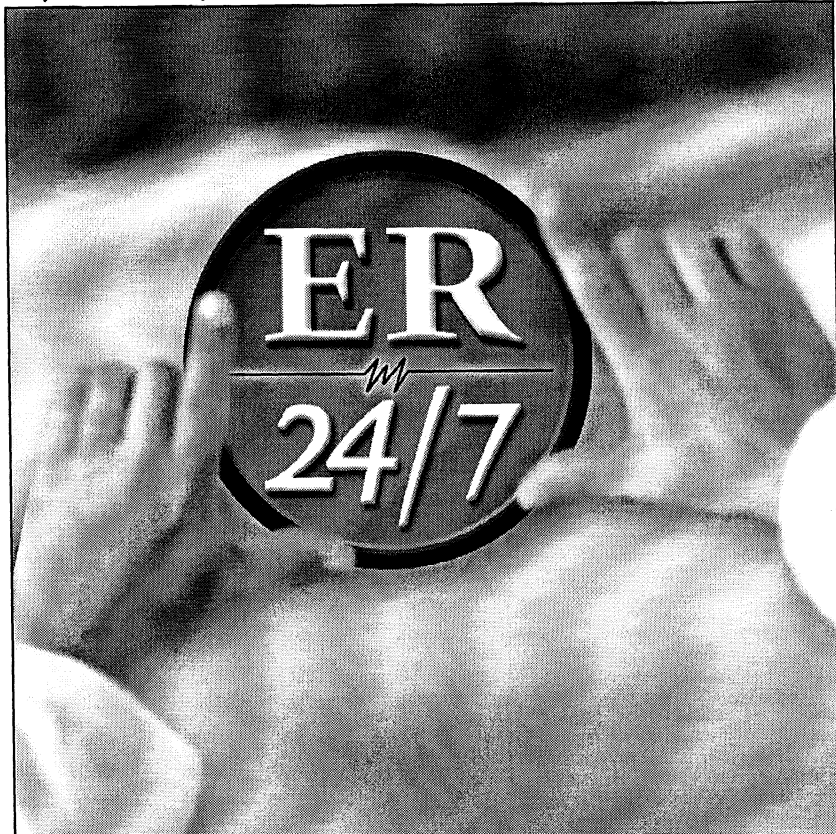
1. Decide to become a donor
2. Sign a donor card or indicate your decision on your driver's license.
3. Share your decision with your family and make sure they understand your commitment to donation.

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ARCTS is one of the nation's largest non-profit, full service tissue recovery, processing and distribution agencies. In 2002, more than 2,500 donor families chose to give the altruistic gift of tissue donation to the Red Cross.

Ryan McGinn kept a journal. The last entry in Ryan's journal reads: "Giving, truly is the greatest gift, it bears the greatest reward." This is the essence of tissue donation, making one last gift of compassion so that others may lead better lives. Please talk with your

family about donation now so that they know your wishes in advance should they need to choose during a time of great personal loss. To learn more about tissue donation call 1-888-4-TISSUE (484-7783), or visit www.redcross.org.



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