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Thought for the Week: *Be curious, not judgmental. Walt Whitman*

NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRAM

All are invited to share with us at Warren First Baptist for a special time of music brought to us by J.S. Lampert, Eaton, IN. Christian song writer and recording artist Scott Lampert performed during the Warren Arts Festival. Along with great music we will have local talent, carry-in snack food, games, and fun for the whole family. Just before the New Year we will gather in the Sanctuary for a candlelight prayer service. For more information or if you need transportation, call the church office at 375-2811.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

Are you a graduating senior headed to college?

Wonder how to apply for financial aid?

The Guidance Department of Huntington North High School is sponsoring a college financial aid night. This session will provide information about important deadlines, the application process and financial aid. Parents and students are encouraged to attend together.

Mark your calendar now to attend this informative event!

Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Huntington North Cafeteria

Apply on time for Financial Assistance from the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

FAFSA Receipt Date Deadline – March 10, 2005

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) <http://www.ssaci.IN.gov/>

NEED CREATED

Red Cross Makes Special Plea for Huntington County Donors

Winter storms in our area have affected blood collections in the Indiana-Ohio Region. Blood drives were cancelled and those that weren't are seeing a low presentation of donors due to

poor traveling conditions.

The American Red Cross asks all healthy, eligible donors to help boost the holiday blood supply by donating blood.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1.800-448-3543).

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

World Heritage, a public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, France, Germany, Thailand, Korea Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, Denmark and Italy through World Heritage International Student Exchange Program. Students are already awaiting word on their host family for the 2005-2006 academic school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a teenager living thousands of miles from home. Students are well screened and are selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations, and personal interviews. Couples, single parents, and families with & without children in the home are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins fall 2004. Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her own personal spending money and expects to bear his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. At the same time, the student will be teaching their newly adopted host family about their own culture and language.

Families may select the student of their choice from student applications, photo col-

leges, and biographical essays. Once paired, students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

Celebrate the New Year by choosing to host an exchange student. For more information, call Nancy Paschal at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org

CELEBRATION PLANNED

On January 17, 2005, students, faculty, alumni, and staff at the University of Saint Francis will volunteer at various community and religious organizations in the Fort Wayne area to honor the life, ideas and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, as part of its annual "MLK-A Day ON, not a Day OFF" events. The USF community is sponsoring a variety of events both on and off campus.

On Campus: The public is invited to attend all events.

. Mass at 9:30 a.m. at the USF Chapel.

. Free lecture: "Symposium on the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Doermer Center off Leesburg Road.

. Cards 'n Crafts from 1 to 4 p.m., Bonaventure Hall, Room 214 to make cards for hospitalized children and retired citizens.

. All day at Doermer Center, Bonaventure Hall or Trinity Hall, the public is invited to sign a petition for social justice and environmental concerns. Blood and/or organ donation registration will also be held at these locations. Also, the public can donate food, warm clothing, eyeglasses, and Campbell's Soup labels or General Mills box tops at various collections points around the university.

Off Campus: Volunteers from USF will work during the day at these locations.

. Centlivre (2903 Westbrook Dr.): To play games with immigrant and refugee children.

. Franciscan Center (4643 Gaywood Dr.): To stock and organize the pantry and clothing center.

. Lutheran Hospital (7900 W. Jefferson Blvd.): To play games with hospitalized children.

. Fort Wayne Rescue Mission (301 W. Superior St.): To serve lunch to the needy,

. Second Chance Haven: To stock and organize the pantry and clothing center, and to interact with children and adults.

. Vincent House (2827 Holton Ave.): To stock and organize the pantry and clothing center, participate in home repair, and organize the nursery and library.

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Hernandez at (260) 434-3254 or ahernandez@sf.edu, or Dr. Matt Smith at (260) 434-7720 or msmith@sf.edu, or visit the University web site at www.sf.edu.

HEALTH WEB SITE

INDIANAPOLIS—Consumers will now have information on the State Department of Health Web site, www.statehealth.IN.gov, to help them evaluate the availability and quality of hospitals in Indiana.

The Hospital Consumer Reports contain a profile of each of the 135 acute care hospitals in Indiana. Each consumer report contains the license information, a list of facilities under that license, hospital staffing, available services, a report of the hospital's performance during recent surveys, and a quality indicator report.

"This is part of our effort to make health care information available to consumers," said Terry Whitson, assistant commissioner for Health Care Regulatory Services. "We will be updating the survey informa-

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please make it a Safe one!

To all of the Warren Weekly area. Thank you for your tremendous support during 2004 and I look forward to doing business with you in 2005. Please be aware there will not be a paper issued for the next two weeks. Due to my upcoming surgery, again, I will be taking a two week break and be back at it for the January 21 edition. Thanks to all who have wished me well over the past two months. Your kindness and caring is beyond anything I could have imagined. As I've said before this is a great community.

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It is sent anywhere in the Continental United States for three (3) months for \$9.50, six (6) months for \$19 or \$38 for one year. Mail name, address, and payment to WARREN WEEKLY at: PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.

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

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

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

Thank You to Popweaver of Hartford City for donating POPCORN to Partners In Education for Southern Wells Elementary school, promoting healthy snacking during the winter month's. Your donation far exceeded our expectations, and will be put to good use over the winter month's.

DEAR EDITOR,

As the year comes to an end the Youth Services Bureau would like to take a moment and thank all off those who supported our agency and the many programs we offered this year. Without the caring individuals and groups who provided not only financial support but encouragement to the agency it would have been extremely difficult for us to have served the thousands of people we provided assistance to. We strongly agree with the recent "Our View" article that stated Huntington rallies when there is one of our own in need. We are proof of this daily. Programs such as Tools for Life that provide 359 children/youth with needed school supplies or the children who participated in MAD (Making a Difference) or COOL (Concentrating On Our Learning) this summer was due to the generous support of the community.

Our agency could not exist without our fantastic volunteers. Programs such as Teen Court, CASA and Mentoring Parents have only a part-time coordinator with the majority of service being provided by dedicated volunteers. The need for additional volunteers is never ending. The time commitment and responsibilities vary with each program. We have volunteers who volunteer weekly, monthly or only with special events. I am always amazed when I hear, "what can I offer to your agency or to the youth?" My answer is simple, "Your time and your ability to show the children, youth and families they are worth someone's time and interest". How simple is that?

I wish I could say that this was a good financial year, however, that was not the case. Due to extremely tight City, County and State budgets, our contracts or contributions from each were reduced or maintained. Sadly the numbers of youth and families needing the services didn't reflect the same thing. We are entering 2005 with a deficit on an already tight budget and we still need the caring support of Huntington in order to ensure the 18 programs and services offered by the Youth Services Bureau will be available to those who need them.

To learn more about how you can become involved or to make a tax deductible donation contact the YSB at 1344 Maple Drive or phone (260)356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444.

Thank you again Huntington for all of your support. May each and everyone have a very safe and joyous New Year.

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

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

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

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY
 ALLIANCE — Majenica
 Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.
 MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148

Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor
 Sunday
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.

Come As You Are
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies
 - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.
 JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED
 METHODIST
 Corner of 900S & 300W
 Kathie Jones, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 WARREN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery
 WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
 Joe Hartley, BS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
 DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren
 375-2779

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

Wed - Circle of Friends
 (3yrs old - 5th grade) ... 6:30-8p.m.
 McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, 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.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330

6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sue Brown, Youth Worker
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.
 LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF
 BRETHREN
 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45 a.m.
 BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 758-2085

Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor
 Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE
 NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Bill Keen, Pastor
 Bus Service 375-2510

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.
 THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.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 6:00 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 10:45 a.m.
 UMYF 6-7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:30 p.m.

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

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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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
 PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH
 OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME
 SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

ASBURY CHAPEL
 UNITED METHODIST
 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Student Pastor - Eric Dubach
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship
 6:30 p.m.

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 the Warren Weekly.
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 useful information.

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AREA NEWS

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tion every two weeks, so the public has the latest survey information available."

The Hospital Consumer Reports are based on data reported to the State Department of Health by the hospital and information gathered during surveys conducted by state surveyors. The reports are limited to acute care hospitals and do not include psychiatric hospitals.

The quality indicator report lists 10 clinical quality measures, including five measures on acute myocardial infarction (heart attack); two measures on heart failure; and three measures on pneumonia. Each measure represents a treatment that the health care provider should follow in treating the condition. This information is gathered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Hospital Quality Alliance, a public-private collaboration that collects and reports hospital quality performance information.

Other consumer reports now available on the Web site are:

* Consumer Guide to Nursing Homes;

* Nursing Home Report Cards;

* Home Health Agency Consumer Reports; and

* Hospice Consumer Reports.

To access these reports, log on to www.statehealth.IN.gov and click on the "Consumer Reports" button.

CPR FOR THE PRO

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be having a CPR for the Professional Rescuer class on January 15th, 2005 9am - 5pm at 354 N. Jefferson Street (2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex in the meeting room).

Participants will learn how to check a victim for consciousness, how to perform rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious obstructed airway procedures, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on an adult, child and infant for one rescuer and two rescuer.

The American Red Cross is the leader in lifesaving training and is committed to ensuring that each class reflects the latest scientific research. This course is specifically designed for people whose employment requires them to respond in the event of an emergency (allied health care professionals, fire-

men, EMT's, law enforcement, park rangers, physicians, nurses, security personnel, lifeguards, athletic trainers, Camp Leaders, First Aid Teams, first responders, and etc). The Red Cross provides visual, auditory, and manual learning tools to increase your learning process. The training is standardized and recognized by many national, state and local authorities. Sending your employees to the American Red Cross training sessions communicates commitment to your employees' health and well-being.

The registration and payment form must be turned in to the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750 by Friday, July 18. A registration and payment form may be obtained by calling

the Red Cross office at 260-356-2910, visiting the Red Cross office, or send the office an e-mail at red.cross@huntington.in.us. The CPR for the Professional Rescuer is \$50 per participant and each participant receives a pocket mask.

75TH 4-H ANNIVERSARY MEETING

A meeting will be held Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 PM on the 1st floor of the Courthouse Annex-Senior Center for those interested in helping to develop and organize activities and events for the celebration of the 75th annual Huntington County 4-H Fair (at Hier's Park) in 2005.

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New Year's Eve Gala Event
Friday, December 31, 2004

**Prime Rib, New York Strips,
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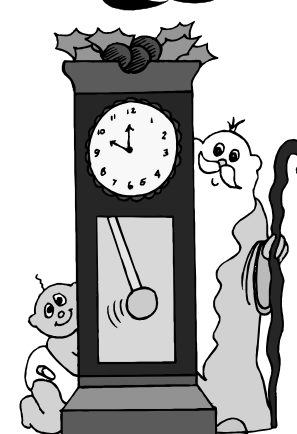


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Community Calendar

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| Dec 15 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Dec 24 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Dec 27 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall |
| Jan 7 | No Warren Weekly - due to health issues |
| Jan 14 | No Warren Weekly - due to health issues |

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 Walking in the Gym 7-11 a.m. daily

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This meeting is open to all interested in assisting in some way with this special celebration. Those planning to attend are asked to contact the Huntington County Extension Office so sufficient materials are prepared for this meeting.

At this time, the committee members are looking for short stories or memories and photographs from previous 4-H Fairs, especially stories from the early years of the 4-H program in Huntington County. The committee is making plans to print a Huntington County 4-H Memory Book which will look at our 4-H history through the decades, starting with the 1st 4-H Fair at Hier's Park in August 1931. Personal stories and pictures are asked to be submitted no later than Saturday, March 5 for consideration to be printed in this memory book.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge or Teresa Daniels at the County Extension Office, (260) 358-4826 or email at aldridg@purdue.edu or tkdaniel@purdue.edu.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

Huntington County 4-H will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 16 from 2-3:30 pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. This open house will provide families interested in learning more about the county 4-H program to meet with 4-H club leader, view examples of 4-H manuals and projects and learn about other 4-H activities and events.

Information about the Huntington County 4-H Program will be distributed to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in Huntington County schools during the week of January 3. This information helps to explain more about the county 4-H program and to promote the 4-H Open House on January 16.

Any boy or girl in grade 3 through grade 12 may enroll in 4-H and must complete an official 4-H Club Enrollment Form

no later than April 1, 2005.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension Service – Huntington County Office, 260-3584826 or email laldridg@purdue.edu.



COMPLETES BASIC

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Kelsey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Martina Cocklin of East Third St., Warren, Ind., and Marty Kelsey of Lindly St., Huntington, Ind.

Kelsey is a 2003 graduate of Huntington North High School, Huntington.

VB HAPPY HATTERS

The Van Buren Happy Red Hatters shared a morning of coffee, pastry and lots of conversation with the Red Hatters of Northwood Manor last Monday morning. Donna Zent shared her collection of pins made from family jewelry and many questions were asked by the ladies. The residents shared their past, some showed their lovely apart-

ments and a good time was had by all.

Attending from Van Buren was Shelby Goff, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Helen Fincannon, Waneta Linton, Phyllis Harper, Janet Hunnicutt, Irene Pickard and friend and Donna Zent.

The last project of 2004 was the baking of breads and cookies for the food pantry which has been completed. Waneta Linton and Shirley Shinholt will be planning the events for 2005.

CHANGES IN CHECKING

Your money may fly out of your checking account even faster now that Congress has enacted a new federal law called Check 21. You may have heard about the legislation, but exactly what does it mean for you? Will you have to change how you manage your checking account?

Find out the answers to these and many more questions in Changes in Checking, a new package of publications from the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Citizen Information Center. The publications tell you what to expect from Check 21, as well as highlight other innovations in processing checks. For instance, more and more businesses now use electronic check conversion to process your payment by check. This gives banks the ability to process your check quicker.

How will you know your check is being electronically converted, and what are your rights in this new process?

The new Check 21 law enables banks to send substitute checks with your monthly statement. These are simply electronic images of your canceled checks. This keeps banks from having to physically transport checks from place to place. Just as with electronic check conversion, this innovation allows

banks to process your money at a much faster pace. You need to make sure when you're writing a check that your account has enough funds to cover the purchase. That two-or-three-day grace period you might have relied on before might not exist anymore. The Changes in Checking package also describes new programs that many banks and credit unions have available if you do overdraw your account.

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EATON

A native of Wells County, Evelyn D. Eaton of Hartford City died at 12:23 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after an extended illness.

She was a 1941 graduate of Van Buren High School and the daughter of the late Roy R. and Blanche Cochran Alexander. She was a member of the Wesleyan Church and a member and past president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Eaton on Dec. 7, 1982 and twin brothers Leon G. and Leo Alexander.

Surviving are a son, Glenn E. Eaton of Hartford City, a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Connie E.) Gaby of Argos, two sisters, Eloise Runkle of Plymouth and Helen James of Upland and one grandchild.

Services were held at Waters Funeral Home in Hartford City with Pastor Richard Dickson presiding. Burial was at the Hartford City Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.

BONHAM

A former resident of Bluffton, Kathryn A. "Kitty" Bonham, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004 at her home in Reston, Va., after a short battle with cancer.

Born Aug. 13, 1928 in Fort Wayne to Dr. Joy and Winifred Buckner, she was a graduate of Bluffton High School in 1946 and a 1950 graduate of Indiana University with a degree in education and fine arts. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Her marriage at her parents' home in Bluffton in 1950 was to Robert W. Bonham Jr., who died in December of 1986. They lived in Hartford City, where he practiced law until his death.

Mrs. Bonham was a former mayor of Hartford City and was a member of the Indiana Standardbred Board of Regulations and a founder and longtime publisher of The Hoosier Horse Review, a monthly newspaper focused on harness racing. She was a fourth-generation horsewoman and owned and bred standardbred horses which raced throughout the midwest.

She was among a group of Blackford County businessmen and women who purchased the Montpelier fairgrounds and track in 1985 for use as a harness training facility and local park. She joined the staff at Hoosier Park in Anderson in 1994 and served the past decade as Horseman Relations Manager


during both harness and thoroughbred race meets. A recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award from former Gov. Robert Orr, she was active in numerous civic, charitable and social organizations, including the vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gas City, Tri Kappa, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and several local literacy and social organizations. She was a frequent delegate to the Indiana Republican State Convention and served as Blackford County chair for several Republican statewide candidates. Her stint as mayor of Hartford City was from 1990-1991. She was elected as a Hartford City councilwoman in 1987.

Surviving are a son, Rob Bonham of Reston, Va., a sister, Caroline Newell of Bluffton and three nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Buckner Thompson, former owner of the Warren Weekly and formerly of Warren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd Street in Anderson, with visitation for one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the Harness Horse Youth Foundation or the donor's favorite charity.

NUNLEY

 A former worker at Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton, Charles A. Nunley, 54, Huntington, died at 5 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004 at his residence.

A native of Paintsville, Ky., he married Sharon Fishbaugh in Huntington on Dec. 23, 1967; she survives. He also had worked at Sees Equipment in Huntington and was a veteran of the Air National Guard Infantry in Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include his parents, James and Nester Nunley of Huntington; a son, Terry Nunley of Montpelier; a daughter, Tina Funderburg of Huntington; two brothers, Tom Nunley of Ossian and Frank Nunley of Huntington; two sisters, Betty Rulason of Wittamore, Mich. and Diana Walski of Syracuse; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Calling hours and services were held at the Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Funeral Home's Huntington Chapel, with services there Wednesday at 2 p.m. Burial in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington.

SUTTON

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, Philip E. Sutton, 93, died at 12:56 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2004 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Nov. 20, 1911 in Bartlesville, Ky., to Frank L. and Grace Fay Booz Sutton, he married the former Norma C. Ferguson in Marion Nov. 26, 1932. She preceded him in death Jan. 5, 1998.

A manager for the Exxon Oil Co. in Venezuela for several years, he was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Bat Cave, N.C. He moved to the Methodist Home Oct. 15, 1997 from Lake Lure, N.C.

He is survived by a cousin, Norma Thompson, of Warren.

Services at 2 p.m. Thursday will be at the Methodist Home under the direction of Rev. John Bellante. Calling hours will be two hours prior to the start of services, beginning at noon. Burial will be at Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Memorial Home Foundation Fund.

Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

PENCE

Hazel N. Pence, 95, Gas City, died at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 20, 2004 in Twin City Community Nursing Home.

Mrs. Pence was born March 10, 1909 in Berne to the late Perry Andrew and Anna (Stauffer) Rumble. She was raised in and around the Van Buren area. She attended the Van Buren School. In 1927, she married Guy Buffington. He passed away in 1963. In 1974, she married Thomas Bryon Roby. He passed away in 1978. In 1985, she married Forest Pence, who passed away in 1989. She also had lived in Texas and Arizona for many years. For many years, she worked at the Tucson General Hospital. The homemaker also was a past president of the World War I Veterans Auxiliary, of which she was very proud.

Survivors include a stepson, Charles Roby, Carmichael, Calif.; a brother, Ernest O. Rumble, Gas City; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by siblings, Marie Cochran, Frank, Samuel and Charles Rumble.

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

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church, 201 E. N. "A" St., Gas City, Ind. 46933.

GANT

E. Marie Gant, 93, Marion, died at 11:35 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004 in Bradner Village Nursing Home.

Born June 4, 1911 in Como to the late Lewis and Nora (Odle) Harness, she moved to Muncie where she married the late Rev. Raymond E. Gant in 1928. Rev. and Mrs. Gant served many churches in this area, including Welcome Chapel, United Brethren Church in Van Buren, Dillman United Brethren Church, Wells County, and Mount Zion United Brethren Church. The couple performed missionary work from 1960 to 1972 in Big Laurel, Ky.

She continued devoting herself to the service of the church. She also treasured the joyful times spent with her beloved family. Marie's deep Christian kindnesses and loving nature has touched the loves of her family and her many friends. We love you, Marie. We will always miss you. God's good and faithful servant is now heaven's newest angle.

Survivors include, son, Bob P. (Jane) Harris; grandchildren, Raymond (Sherry) Harris; Ramie Harris, Shay Harris, Blake Harris, all of Marion; brother, Arthur (Ruth) Harness, Muncie; and beloved friend, Mary Lou Clark, Marion.

She also was preceded in death by sisters, Viola Harness, Blanch Harness and Virginia Bayes.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with Rev. Lynn Mefferd officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove cemetery in Muncie.

SMITH

Gerald Marion Smith, 98, died Friday, December 24, 2004 at his home in Warren.

The Union Township native was a farmer in Jackson and Union Township for 51 years. He was born January 26, 1906.

Survivors include, sons, J. Meredith, California and Delbert, Alabama; sister, Jane Waikel, Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services were held in Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, with the Rev. Howard Cherry officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery in Huntington County.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army in lieu of flowers

STRAIT

Lewis Strait of Warren, 87, died December 27, 2004 at 8:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strait was born December 11, 1917 to John and Anna (Schmidt) Strait in Blackford County. His marriage to Thelma M. Prible took place on May 23, 1941 in Merom, IN.

Mr. Strait was a member of the Plumtree United Church of Christ and a 1935 graduate of Salamonie Township High School. He had been a lifelong farmer in Huntington County and was a well known resident of Huntington County.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma, two sons, Dane (Patricia) of Warren, and John (Christie Lee) of Warren, a daughter Virginia (Roy) Cripe of Downers Grove, IL; three grandsons, Daniel Strait of Anderson, Nick Strait of Markle, Erik Strait of Albuquerque, NM; three granddaughters, Tiffany Strait of Columbus, IN, Jenna Davis of Warren and Kristen David of Albuquerque, NM; and three great-grandsons, Jacob Strait of Markle, Matthew Strait of Anderson and Seth Davis of Warren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Ralph, Harry, Samuel and John and a sister, Vera Strait.

Calling hours will be held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2004. Services will be held at the Chapel on Thursday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Rev. Jean Spoor. Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center.

Preferred memorials are to the Plumtree United Church of Christ.

WED

A private ceremony was held December 24, 2004 at Jefferson Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Kathy Jones officiating for Crystal Buzzard and Brad Collett.

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Forgetfulness and the dementia that often goes along with it are not necessarily Alzheimer's disease. Often, we rush to say that Mom or Uncle Jack has Alzheimer's when, in fact, they suffer from a condition that is

not only treatable, but also reversible. There are many conditions that resemble Alzheimer's disease. Thyroid trouble is one. Alcoholism, depression, anxiety, poor nutrition, reactions to medications, certain infections and even brain tumors can be mistaken for Alzheimer's disease. Also, we must remember that Stroke, Parkinson's disease, Pick's disease, Huntington's disease and certain rare viruses can look like Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is usually diagnosed by ruling out other medical conditions that mimic it. It starts with a thorough family history and a physical exam and may continue with neurological and psychiatric testing, both oral and written. It's well worth knowing that not all health care providers are trained to diagnose and treat dementias. Make sure yours is. Ask questions. If you don't like the answers you get, insist on a referral to a physician who has more experience. A reputable doctor will not be offended by the request.

If the diagnosis is, indeed,

Alzheimer's disease, it's time for you, as a caregiver, to get to work. Learn everything you can about the disease, the behaviors, the medications, the treatments and the latest research. Contact the Family Caregiver Program at Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana (1-800-552-3662) or call Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana (1-260-420-5547). Join a support group. If you can't find one, start one. Often a support group is your best source of information.

You might want to buy a copy of "The 36-Hour Day," written by Nancy Mace and Peter Rabins. It offers a wealth of practical advice from how to cope, to how to address legal and financial issues. Another excellent book is "Talking to Alzheimer's: Simple Ways to Connect When You Visit with a Family Member or Friend" by Claudia J. Strauss. Knowledge is power, and as the disease progresses, your knowledge will become increasingly important.

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CHAUTAUQUA CLUB

Chautauqua Club met on December 3 for their monthly meeting. The members enjoyed an excellent piano concert given by Jodi DeSalvo in the Applegate Chapel. After the concert the group met in the Calico Room for a short business meeting. The Club Collect was led by the president. Each member responded to the roll call with her favorite Christmas music. Hostess for the meeting was Linda Howell.

Members present were Janet Beavans, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christnedr, Elaine Eckman, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Mary Emma Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Florence Mott, Robert St John, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder and Oma Zent.

The next meeting will be on January 7 in the Calico Room. Jane Ruble will be the hostess.

KBC BASKETBALL

Area youth from Huntington, Wells, Blackford and Grant counties are drawn to Warren for basketball. These leagues are participation leagues, where every player is required to be on the court during each half of the game. Coaches instruct players in the fundamental skills of basketball, to develop their skills both individually and as a team.

Team standings as of 12/17/04, games will resume 1/3/05.

High School: Daugherty's 1-3; Citizen's Telephone 3-1; United Methodist Home 4-0; DeWeese Soft Water 0-4.

6-7-8 Grades: Modern Machine 2-0; Heartland Aluminum 0-2; National City Bank 1-1; Warren Blue Flame 1-1.

3-4-5 Grades: Bolinger's Propane 1-2; Berghoff Drillers 2-1; Gebhart's Greenhouse 2-1; MarkleBank 2-1; Tri Kappa 1-2; Hy-Line 3-0; Warren Deli & Subway 2-1; Huntington Eagles 0-3

K-1-2 Grades: Warren Furniture Works 0-1; Ackley Automotive 2-0; D&D Bike Shop 0-1; DeaKyne's Fillers 0-2; Huggy Bear 2-0.

Games are played at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren, Monday through Thursday between 6-9 pm and Fridays 6-10 pm. Games are cancelled if the Huntington Schools are can-

celled. There is a nominal admission charge and concessions are available, both of which support this great effort on behalf of our area youth.

HOW TO COPE WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

(NUI) - Denial. Fear. Anger. A cancer diagnosis brings an endless amount of emotions. What do you do now?

It's hard to know where to start when it comes to treating cancer, but you are not alone in your journey to recovery. Doctors and nurses will be there to help you address your questions and concerns about cancer treatment.

With these tips from the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, you'll be more prepared to fight the disease head-on.

* First, take a deep breath. You don't have to decide on the best treatment the second you are diagnosed. Take a moment to collect your thoughts.

* Do your homework. Before agreeing to a treatment, read up on your type of cancer and the treatments that are available. Visit your hospital's cancer resource library to find brochures and other information on your type of cancer. Your local library and the Internet also are great places for information. Keep in mind that some of the information out there is out-of-date or biased, so be sure to talk to your doctor about what you learn.

* Get a second opinion. In some cases, more than one treatment may be right for your cancer. Before deciding on a treatment, be sure to meet with several different cancer doctors, including a surgeon, a radiation oncologist and a medical oncologist, to learn about available treatments and their side effects. Getting all of this information at once might be difficult to digest, therefore it's a good idea to take a friend or family member with you to help take notes and ask questions.

* Ask about clinical trials. Clinical trials are studies examining new ways to treat cancer. Some experimental drugs or techniques will only be available to patients who are participating in a clinical trial.

* Get involved. Cancer support groups are available in all parts of the country to help patients and family members cope. Ask your nurse for recommendations of groups in your area.

* Talk to your insurance company. Avoid surprises during treatment by learning what cancer treatments are covered by your plan. If you don't have in-

surance, talk to your doctors about the options available to you.

Once you have the facts in front of you, review the information to decide on a treatment that you will be comfortable with for years to come. For more information on cancer treatments or to locate a radiation oncologist in your area, visit www.astro.org/patient.

MONEY-SAVING TIPS

(NUI) - Losing weight. Finding a new job. Spending more time with the family. A new year means setting new goals. Why not make saving money one of them?

If you're a homeowner, there are many ways you can cut costs and still live comfortably. The following tips will help lead you to financial success.

* First, set a budget. Figure out exactly how much you spend on the upkeep of your home. Compare each month's expenses with the previous month's to get a better idea of how much to budget for each necessity. Then, see what costs you can cut. Once you set a budget, stick to it.

* Save energy. You might be losing a substantial amount of energy dollars during the winter and summer because of air leaks. By caulking, sealing and weather-stripping all cracks and openings, you can save 10 percent or more on your energy bill. Also, look into replacing older appliances with newer, more energy-efficient alternatives. Your light bulbs can make a difference, too. Fluorescent bulbs are four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs.

* Refinance. Shop around to see if you can replace your existing home loan with one that has a lower interest rate. You can easily save hundreds of dollars each month by refinancing your home.

* Purchase a home warranty. Most homeowners don't account for possible repairs in their annual budget. There is a 68 percent likelihood of a home system or appliance failure in a given year. The average replacement cost of one of these systems or appliances is \$1,085. A home warranty is your best defense against unexpected and costly repairs to your home's appliances and mechanical systems.

The American Home Shield Home Warranty, for example, ensures you get the best possible service through the company's network of pre-screened technicians. The minute something breaks down, you can contact American Home

Shield and a local service technician will schedule an appointment that fits your schedule. The warranty covers a multitude of household systems and appliances, regardless of age. The American Home Shield Home Warranty is a one-year contract that requires no home inspection to enroll. Several affordable plans are available to fit every budget.

For more information on how to get a home warranty, visit www.ahswarranty.com.

TODAY'S CT SCANS

(NUI) - Did you know that computerized tomography (CT) scans, also known as CAT scans, are the most sophisticated, life-saving, medical imaging techniques available today for detecting abnormalities and diseases in the brain, heart, lungs and other body parts?

Chances are that eventually either you or someone you know will be scanned with a CT because of its superior diagnostic capabilities. Both physicians and patients now prefer CT scanning because it is painless, non-invasive and extremely accurate. In fact, a diagnosis made with the assistance of CT can eliminate the need for invasive surgery and biopsies.

Since its development, CT technology has improved as rapidly as today's personal computers. In the 1980s, it took more than two minutes to scan a patient's entire body. Today, it only takes 15 seconds. This faster scan speed reduces exam time and is beneficial to patients who have difficulty holding their breath for long periods of time, such as trauma victims and the elderly.

CT uses X-ray to generate computerized, three-dimensional images rather than one-dimensional images taken with traditional X-ray systems. CT scans image cross-sections of your body, called "slices," which doctors use to diagnose diseases and then plan effective treatment.

Unlike other imaging methods, CT scanning offers detailed views of many types of tissue including the lungs, bones, soft tissues and blood vessels.

While CT was originally used to image the brain, with recent advances, it now can image any part of the body. Using CT images, radiologists are now more easily able to diagnose illnesses such as cancer, heart disease, infectious diseases, and musculoskeletal disorders. Because CT exams are fast, they are useful in trauma cases where they can help save lives by revealing internal injuries and bleeding more quickly.

As CT technology continues to improve, it's important to keep in mind that not all CT scanners are created equal. For example, Toshiba's Aquilion scanners provide up to 64-slice scanning, which offers the highest image quality optimized for particular diagnostic needs, such as imaging the heart in less than 10 seconds. In addition, the Aquilion features advanced technology that reduces the amount of radiation exposure during an exam for added patient safety.

When considering a CT scan, you should speak with your doctor about the best type of CT for your particular medical needs. To learn more about Toshiba's Aquilion line of CT scanners and multi-slice scanning, visit www.medical.toshiba.com.

DON'T LET ARTHRITIS PAIN GET YOU DOWN

(NUI) - Coping with arthritis can be overwhelming. Sufferers face an unpredictable condition, never knowing whether their days will be full of pain or relatively painless.

If you've been diagnosed, the following lifestyle changes can help you cope with the aches and pains of arthritis - and take back control of your life.

* Maintain a healthy weight. Every step you take, the pressure put on your knees and hips is two to three times your body weight. In other words, the more weight you carry, the more pressure there is on your joints. The more pressure on your joints, the more pain.

Get rid of excess weight by following an exercise plan. Even if you don't need to lose weight, exercising can help increase flexibility and reduce fatigue.

* Wear the right footwear. Walking or exercising in shoes with worn soles can stress the joints. Also, research shows that women with arthritis who frequently wear heels increase their risks of twisting their knees.

* Get enough sleep. Sleep can help you better manage arthritis pain because it restores your energy. It also rests your joints, allowing the pain and swelling to go down.

* Practice good posture. You can minimize stress on your joints and in the spine by learning to stand and sit with good posture. Imagine a string attached to the top of your head is gently pulling you up. Also, make sure you distribute your weight equally on both legs when standing.

* Get through tough times with temporary relief. When arthritis pain becomes severe, you can find some relief in over-the-counter medications. Products such as Absorbine Jr. pain relieving liquid