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Thought for the Week: *What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you.* Lucius Annaeus Seneca

TREASURER'S OFFICE HOURS

All tax bills have been sent out as of April 12, 2005. We have also remailed all of the tax bills that have been returned to us for incorrect addresses. If you have not received a bill, please come in to our Office to pick up a bill as taxes are due May 10, 2005 for 1st installment.

The County Treasurer's Office will be open on Saturday, May 7, 2005 from 8 a.m. to noon for your convenience. Taxes may be paid at local banks, sent thru the mail as long as postmarked by 5/10/05, via credit card which the phone number is listed on the back of your tax bills to call (no credit cards can be used in Treasurer's Office), or you may pay in person. Treasurer's Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday as well as Saturday, May 7th.

May 11th, the Treasurer's Office will be closed for processing on time tax payments and will remain closed for approximately two weeks. NO late payments will be processed until the books are balanced.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority has chosen Whitney J. Buzzard as their 2005 Scholarship recipient. She will receive a \$300 scholarship.



Whitney J. Buzzard is the daughter of Steven L Buzzard and Lori J. Buzzard, both of Warren. She is a senior at Huntington North High School. Whitney plans to attend Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in the field of nursing.

Sigma Phi Gamma considers it a privilege to assist this outstanding student as she begins her college education.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The alumni of Warren High School will hold their annual banquet at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center in Warren on May 14. The social hours will be at 5:30 followed by dinner and program at 6:30. The classes of 1945, 1955, and 1965 will be honored. All alumni who graduated 70 years or more will also be recognized. Reservations are \$9.00 per person and may be made by contacting Jim Howell at 260-375-3048 or email at howellj@citznet.com. All former students, teachers, and friends of Warren High School are encouraged to attend.

CORRECTION

OOPS! The Artists SHOWCASE article last week was incorrect. Entries are due Tuesday, May 10th at the Knight Bergman Center between 4 - 8:00 p.m. All entries must have wire hangers, be labeled with the appropriate class information, and be priced to sell.

In addition, the application for entry has NOT been on the website (warrenindiana.com). We are working to get this corrected. If you need an application, please call 275-2708 or email your request to hdkson@citznet.com.

We're sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused. As a result, registrations will be accepted through May 7th.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please call Harold or Kathie Jones at 375-2708.

TRACTOR MEETING

Warren Area Antique Tractor Club meeting, Sunday, May 1, 2005, at the home of Dave Bradford. Dave lives at 410W - 900S, Warren, Indiana. Meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. Come and see what is happening.

CLASS OF 1945

Warren High School Class of 1945 will be honored at the Alumni Banquet at Knight-Bergman Civic Center on May 14. Members graduating in this class are:

Phyllis Aldred Schaffer *, Opal Bailey Herrberg, Martha Boxell Glass, Mary Ellen Boxell Holman, C. Philip Breedlove, Edward M Crispin *, Dale W DeWees, Gale F (Don) Ditzler, Charles Douglas Jr, Crystal Gaiser Lee, Wallace E Laymon, Donald H Lineback *, Merideth P Miles *, Dale E Mossburg, Donald E Myers, George W Pon, Suzanne Smith Krause, Kathleen Stroup Jacobs, Doris Ann Stucky Mossburg and Wayne D Thompson. * denotes deceased.

Austin Smith was principal and Dorothy Wilson was class sponsor.



NEW YOUTH MINISTER

The Warren Church of Christ would like to announce that Todd Winkler will become their new full time Youth Minister come Father's Day, June 15th. Todd, his wife Angie and their daughter Gracie were introduced to the congregation last Sunday, April 17th, at the 90th Anniversary/Homecoming & Dedication celebration in Warren. 297 were present for the occasion.

The church has been remodeling and creating more classrooms, preschool, youth center, lower level kitchen, restrooms and a new upper level Youth

Center with Youth Minister office. All of this was completed in time for the big 90th anniversary and was dedicated at the evening service April 17. They have been searching for a youth minister to help them reach out to the community kids (the church's youth program called Let's R.O.C.K.).

Todd is the present youth minister at the Northview Church of Christ in Huntington and lives just north of Markle. He grew up in the Markle Church of Christ and graduated from the Cincinnati Bible College in 1989. He has also had youth ministries at the Sterling Christian Church in Veetersburg, IN and Ben David Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN. He lives just north of Markle and will continue to reside there during his ministry with Warren. Gerald Moreland, present minister at Warren, was Todd's minister for 25 years at

Markle and is really looking forward to working with a former "Timothy" of his. Todd joined Gerald last Monday, April 18th, for the second leg of his 32 mile journey from Huntington to Warren on their bicycles. The challenge to the Warren church was that if 300 or more showed up for the 90th celebration Gerald would walk to Huntington from Warren and return back on a bike. Gerald had walked to Huntington from Warren in the morning in celebration of the 354 different folks who attended the 90th celebration. Todd thought he would like company on the bike hike back to Warren. And, Gerald really appreciated his new youth minister coming along with him.



CINDERELLA

Salamonie Middle School Music Department presents.... Cinderella Friday, May 29th and Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 P.M. in the Salamonie Schoof gymnasium.

Admission - Adults \$2; Students 1-8th grade \$1, 6 and under free. The story of a young girl, who believes that her dreams might just come true with a little fol-de-rol and fiddle dee!

Picture #1

The three Heralds (pictured centered Leah Street, Whitney Neuschwander and Kati Frankle) try to see if the slipper fits maidens (from left Meagan Wehr, Jenifer Schlotter and Amanda Poulson) in Salamonie Middle Schools production of Cinderella on April 29th and 30th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students in grades 1-8 and grades K and under are free.

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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.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

A special Thank You for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and visits following my surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness so much.

Nancy J Bonham

WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

I have been a resident of Warren since April of 1990, and I thought it time that I send a letter of appreciation. I think Warren is a delightful community, and I love the spirit of cooperation from the residents and the Chamber of Commerce.

The first time I was ever in Warren was back in the mid 1950's. We were residents of Bluffton where my husband had lived all of his life and where I lived when we were married. We raised a family of four, and the second daughter was the one that urged us to come to Warren. I might say, she insisted. Jeanette Johnson was her second grade teacher in Bluffton, and Jeanette's mother had passed away. Connie insisted we bring her to Warren so she could tell Mrs. Johnson that she was sorry her mother died.

Even though Warren is not far from Bluffton, it was the first time I had ever been here, and I thought it was such a quaint and lovely little town. Well, since I have lived here in one of the Methodist Home Townhouses, I know that it is a very accepting community.

Saturday night, I was impressed with the facilities, when my church held their annual spaghetti supper at the Knight/Bergman Civic Center. The larger facility was more accommodating, and everyone seemed to appreciate us changing the location. In the past, I was proud that we rented the facility to the Southern Wells school when their school burned. I also have attended Sunday dinners the local organizations have served, and I have contributed to the Food Bank, located in the Knight/Bergman Facility, for those less fortunate.

I was please to open the entertainment section in the Bluffton News Banner edited April 16th, to see that they were supporting the Pulse Opera House. Proud that my former home newspaper is promoting the Opera House. It takes a lot of work for the plays to be given and the building updated. How nice for Warren that they bring in the talent, work, and attendance from all the neighboring counties. Our country will never have any old buildings of historic value like Europe because we are so quick to tear everything down and start with everything new. The Pulse Opera House does have wonderful historic value, and presents very talented plays which are recognized state wise as well as nationally and internationally. They work hard all year long.

The Art Festival that is given one weekend a year is very classy. I have loved seeing the local and county art talent, and have loved the well planned displays and general atmosphere. The Salamonie Festival is a fun time, and I am amazed at the ingenuity of the many floats and all of the children and adults music talents.

I have heard good reports and need to check out the new Natalie Jeanne's restaurant. So glad you made it attractive to out of state buyers.

As a resident of the Warren United Methodist Home Townhouse, I know they support you as well as you supporting them. I do appreciate all the support that you give to all of the organizations in this quaint lovely town of Warren. Many thanks!

Sincerely,
Jo Spade

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<p style="text-align: center;">VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765-934-4074 <i>Mike Helms, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 <i>Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica <i>Rev. Gus Hacker</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. <i>Come As You Are</i> Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathie Jones, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Joe Hartley, BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DILLMAN UNITED BROTHERS 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) ... 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BROTHERS 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i> <i>Youth Pastor Adam Pierce</i></p> <p>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. www.vanburennumc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship 8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship 9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME SUNDAY:</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Student Pastor - Eric Dubach</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>
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AREA NEWS

SWIM LESSONS

Watch the Warren Weekly for swim sign up for the second session of Spring lessons. Due to maintenance of the pool, there will most likely not be lessons offered this summer.

Second session Spring will begin May 16.

ARTS FESTIVAL REPORT

Thank you to our many sponsors for making this great Arts Festival take shape. Festival Partners Donating \$1000 and more are MarkleBank and National City. Festival Patrons contributing \$500 up to \$999 are Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Heartland Aluminum, Warren Area Chamber of Commerce, and Warren Area Economic Development. Friends of the Festival donating \$200 to \$499 are Dr. Robert Berghoff, DDS, Bolinger's Propane & Warren Service & Supply, Citizen's Telephone, The Daugherty Companies, Gingham Gals, Glancy Funeral Homes, and Teachers Credit Union. Festival Supporters contributing \$25 to \$199 are Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, Dr. Kevin DeaKyne, DDS, D&D Bike Shop, DeWeese SoftWater & Appliance, Frecker AG Consulting, GDW Construction, Hy-Line International, James S. Jackson, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Napa-Warren Automotive, The

Type Galley, United Methodist Memorial Home, and Eva Witkamp-Larry F. Wells & Associates.

The Festival brochures will be arriving soon at local businesses. Watch for them in your Warren Weekly and School folders. The entertainment, food, children's activities, Sigma Phi Gamma's ChalkWalk, shopping and artwork are a must for all to see and enjoy! See you on Saturday, May 14, 10 to 5!

NEEDFUL THINGS

April's pool tourney started with 30 kids signing in! Wow what a great turn out. Everyone had a good time, and that's what it's all about. 1st place went to Alan Little with 2nd place going to Aaron Rittenhouse. Congratulations boys. Next pool tourney is May 7th at 2:00pm. Seventeen and under. We are trying to get a doubles tourney going. Possibly Dad and son, brother and sister, grandpa and granddaughter? However old and young. One person under 17 and the other over 17. Call it the Over and Under tourney. Stop in and see how many teams we can get. Thanks a lot kids it was a very fun day. It looks like we have quite a few already signed up for May 7th. Stop in and have fun with the new golf game!!

Also notice the bicycle rack beside the building. It is a section of the bike rack from the

Warren High School!! WOW we will get many more years of use out of it. This rack has been around awhile. A Big Thanks to Dee Baker and Cecil Hunnicutt for getting it together for us!

OFFERING SCHOLARSHIP

The Warren Area Ministerial Association is again offering a \$500 college scholarship for an area high school Senior. Contact your minister for the application form or contact Steve Bard, Kathie Jones or Mel Zumbun.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday lunch will be served on Sunday May 1, 2005 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center in Warren. The lunch is being prepared by the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

The menu will be baked steak, ham, hot sides, salad, desserts and drinks. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6-12. No advanced tickets are necessary. Carry-outs will be available. Lunch will be served nom 11 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Proceeds nom this fundraiser will go back into the community for various projects.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Warren Town Council has scheduled a Special Session for Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street with agenda item being discussed and review of annual financial planning with Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Con-

sultant. Any other item which could/would be considered before Town Council may also be part of that meeting.

HATS OFF TO WARREN

The theme for 2005 Salamonie Summer Festival has been chosen. It will be "Hats Off to Warren." This theme was chosen as a salute to this great little community that continues to support this festival year after year.

So it's time once again to get creative and start designing your float or entry for this years parade. Watch the paper for entry forms or contact Karen Campbell, Parade Chairman at 260-375-2424.

Over sixty enthusiastic people have been meeting and putting plans into place for the 38th annual festival since the first meeting in January. With a four-day schedule packed full of events, we feel there is something of interest for everyone.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the festival or want to give of your time or talent please all Vickie Grim, Festival Chairman at 260-375-3900.

DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer - Thursday May 5, 2005.

Take 15 minutes of your day to pray for our nation.

Examples of things to pray about:

Government - Pray for President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Cabinet, Senators Lugar & Bayh, Representatives Souder, Pence & Burton, Supreme Court Justices, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales Governor Daniels, his staff; Senator Dillon & Ford; Representative Leonard, Espich; Attorney General Steve Carter

Local servants - Judges McIntosh & Heffelfinger, Prosecuting Attorney Branham, Sheriffs

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SUNDAY LUNCH

AT THE CIVIC CENTER


The next meal sponsored by:
Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority
Sunday, May 1

Time: 11a.m.-1p.m.
Cost: \$7 for Adults
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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 29	Warren Recycle Day
Apr 30	Woodlawn Cemetery annual meeting at KBC 2pm
May 14	Warren Alumni Banquet - contact Jim Howell 375-3048

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

TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

What's Up With Oral Piercing?

Oral piercing is a fad that has become very popular with Generation X. There are some health concerns that go along with this practice. First, there is a possibility of infection anytime you break the skin. Especially around or in the mouth, where there are enormous amounts of bacteria. Another serious danger that evolves from oral piercing is the risk of endocarditis, an inflammation of the heart valves or tissues.

The wound (or hole) created by tongue piercing, could be a portal for oral bacteria to enter your blood stream. This could be dangerous for a person who already has a cardiac problem or even worse for a person with an undiagnosed cardiovascular abnormality.

Swelling is another danger. If the tongue swells too severely after the piercing, there could be the possibility of the airway being blocked. Piercing can make it difficult to eat and speak. Also, there are people that have had allergic reactions to the metals used. There is also the possibility of the jewelry coming loose during eating or sleeping. This could lead to damage of the digestive system or aspiration into the lung.

Lastly, from a dental standpoint, teeth can be chipped or severely broken. This could result in teeth needing to be crowned or even the possibility of root canal. Recession can also occur from frequent contact to the gums, which could result in the need for extensive periodontal treatment.

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Farthing & Storie, Police Chief & Town Marshall; Mayors & Town Clerks; County, City & Town Council; and others who influence & make decisions affecting our Nation, State, County City & Town.

Our Churches - Our Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Music & Worship leaders, for wisdom & submission to the Spirit of God to teach, lead & direct their flock into a closer walk with God. Church Revival & Spiritual Growth for people who attend and those who cannot, to be drawn into a closer relationship with our God.

Our Schools - Superintendent, School Board, Principals, Teachers and Staff. Students to learn the basic skills of reading, writing and math.

Our Families - Husbands & Wives, Fathers & Mothers, training our children, Brothers & Sisters, family devotions, Relatives, personal devotions, personal commitment & witness.

Our Community - Friends & Neighbors, Volunteers who choose to give so much to make sure things keep happening

In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, there will be a Community rally at the SonLight Wesleyan Church, 2350 S S.R.#1, Bluffton, Sunday, May 1st at 6PM.

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, will again be read out loud on the sidewalk in front of the Wells County courthouse, in Bluffton, IN starting Monday evening (May 2nd), 72 hours around the clock, until Thursday evening (May 5th).

THE STRONG WILLED CHILD

Bluffton Regional Medical Center's Mothers' Meeting is pleased to welcome Meg Pahmier, pediatric nurse practitioner, to the regular meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at the South Campus in the second floor Education Center. Pahmier will be speaking about "The Strong Willed Child."

Mothers' Meetings are every Wednesday. Meetings are free, and children are welcome (babysitting is provided). No registration is necessary.

For more information on Mothers' Meetings, contact Lynne Apple at (260) 919-3143.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Registration forms available for next school year! The Salvation Army will be offering Before and After School child care in Andrews, Flint Springs, Horace Mann, Lancaster, Lincoln, Northwest, Roanoke and new

next year Salamonie Elementary School. The Forms may be picked up at The Salvation Army 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday or at the school during child care hours. A registration fee of \$20.00 per family is needed at the time of registration. Fees for the week are based on an hourly rate one child is \$2.75 per hour, two children \$3.95 per hour, three children \$5.15 per hour and four children \$6.35 per hour. For more information on child care stop by The Salvation Army at 1424 E. Market St., Huntington or call 260-356-3485.

SUMMER FUN

The Salvation Army is now taking registrations for All Day Summer Camp, June 6 through August 16, 2005. Our hours of operation are 6:00 am till 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. We offer a safe place for your children for the summer. They will enjoy the social interaction with other children as well as with our well trained and caring staff. The Book Worm will stop here for your children's reading interest. During summer camp children will enjoy activities like skating, swimming, bowling, learn more about nature, art and crafts and music. We will go to the Fort Wayne Children Zoo, 4-H Fair, Science Central and a lot more places and have lots of fun!

The weekly fee for one child is \$70.00, two children \$100.00 and three children \$130.00. Weekly fees must be paid one week in advance. We are a member of "Our Children Our Future" voucher program, as well as having reduced rates for families who qualify. The weekly fee includes all the field trips, crafts and a morning and afternoon snack. Your children will need to bring a sack lunch.

Registration forms may be picked up at The Salvation Army, 1424E Market St, or at our Before and After School Program sites. Registration forms need to be at The Salvation Army by May 13, 2005. For more information please call The Salvation Army 356-3485.

COUNCIL NOTES

President Tony Manry conducted the April 20 meeting of the Van Buren Town Council. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall and opened at 7 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Council adopted Ordinance 1-2005, pertaining to Revenue Bond for the Weaver Project.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about the safety of children in the area of Jefferson Heights. Motorists had been driving too fast where a number of children are playing. Council said they would check on getting signs warning about children playing in the area, and lower speed limit.

Engineer Kevin Czerniakowski was in attendance and gave a report.

Bids were opened for sewer lines.

Council had been informed that the new Markle Bank expects to open May 2 here.

Council agreed to purchase a paper shredder for the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Council also agreed to make a monetary donation to the local Fire Department in memory of Roy Bollett.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report, noting that both Police cars had been serviced and running well.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported that bacteria samples had tested ok. All meters had been read for March and April, and one meter installed. The water plant was working well. A storm drain at West Main and Third Streets had caved in.

Town Clean-up is set for May 14 and 15.

The next Council meeting will be May 4.

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library are as follows.

Adult fiction – True Believer by N Sparks; Death of the Party by Hart; Child of Darkness by VC Andrews; Breakdown Lane by J Mitchard; Two Dollar Bill by S Woods; Central Park by D White Smith; The Alpine Quilt by Daheim; Monster by F Peretti; Table for Five by S Wiggs; Su-

perstition by K Robards; A Thousand Tomorrows by K Kingsbury; Miss Julia's School of Beauty by A Ross.

Adult nonfiction – Michaels Book of Paper Crafts; One Soldier's Story by Bob Dole; Rush Hour Dinners; Star Struck; Lithgow Party Palooza; The Serenity Prayer; The Real Thing & Coca Cola; Living with Fibromyalgia; Spring Forward; 1001 Legal Words You Need to Know.

New Teen Books – The Road to Teen Vision; Strangers in Paradise; The Teen Brain Book; Yes, You're Parents are Crazy; Always Use Protection: Safe Computing; Cruise Control; Caught in the Act

Children's Books – My Mom; The Princess and the Pizza; Dora's Ready-To-Read Adventures; Babies are Blessings

SHARE THE ROAD

Motorists and farmers need to share the roads this time of year. When it comes to farm safety, it's a two-way street. Drivers and farmers alike need to be cautious as the spring planting season begins.

Farmers in some parts of the state are already in the fields, while others are preparing. This means that there will be large farm equipment on the roads.

Purdue University reported that in 2002, 21.1 percent of farm fatalities in the state were a result of roadway collisions involving vehicles colliding with tractors and machinery.

Tractors and combines that are on the public roadways are required to display the slow-moving vehicle reflective triangles, and most must also dis-

play hazard lights. The SMV markers signify that the equipment is moving at less than 25 miles per hour on highways.

Farmers should check to make sure their SMV markers are clean, bright and still reflective, and that reflectors and hazard lights are not blocked by equipment that is being towed.

After dark, motorized equipment must have headlights, too.

However, motorists can also play a part in making the roads safer.

The National Safety Council reports that even if you're following a tractor from a distance you're closing the safety gap between the two of you at an average rate of about 59 feet per second. That's the length of a football field in just five seconds.

"When you see something that looks like agriculture, you need to be alert and slow down," said Carolyn Hegel, IFB 2nd vice president.

Impatience is often partly responsible for accidents involving farm vehicles. While it is understandable that motorists become annoyed when caught behind slow-moving equipment, they need to understand that such delays are unavoidable, particularly during planting and harvest seasons.

Farmers are farming more acres than in the past, and many times their fields are widely scattered. This means that there's

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GENEALOGY REPORT

THANK YOU

The family of Margaret "Kate" Slater would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone during the loss of our loved one. To all of the friends and neighbors who sent sincere cards, flowers, prepared food, and provided loving thoughts and prayers our appreciation for your kind gestures is immense.

To the staff at the United Methodist Memorial Home, we could not possibly begin to express our gratitude for the care and love you showed to Kate. Everyone that knew her became a part of her family and she had high regard to all of those who helped enable her to function daily during her residency at the nursing home.

To the staff at the Glancy Funeral Home, we were blessed to have available to us such wonderful people assisting in the arrangements for Kate. With your kindness, ease, and emotional direction it helped make the transition from life to death of our loved one a little less painful.

We were all blessed to have had Kate in our lives for the precious time that we were given. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

God Bless from Kate's children:

Judy Foust
Sharon Purvis
Linda Norris
Robert Slater

FREESTONE

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home since 2002, Rexferd D. Freestone, 92, died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the home.

He worked at the Pifer Funeral home in Niles, Michigan for 20 years and retired in 1975. He resided for a time in Muncie.

Born Jan. 12, 1913, in Bangor, Maine, he was a son of Wilbur D. and Stella Mae Guptil Freestone. His marriage was on Sept. 19, 1936, at Bangor to Virginia A. Pifer, who died Aug. 10, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dom (Kathleen) Gugliotta of Reno, Nev., and Mrs. David (Alyce) Keyworth of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sons, Richard Freestone of Bangor, Maine, and Robert Freestone of Muncie; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were a brother and two sisters.

Services were held at the Warren Memorial Home with Pastor Herbert Edwards officiating. Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, was in charge of arrangements. Memorials to the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

ESTLE

Gregory Lee Estle, 56, of Kokomo, died at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo.

Born Jan. 25, 1949, in Kokomo to Ernest L. and Celia Jane Shaw Estle, he worked at speed shops in Kokomo, Lowe's and Cowan's Engineering.

He is survived by two aunts, Doris McFarren, of Bluffton, and Ellen Buckland, Warren; step-uncles, Shorty Mann, of Bluffton and Bill Mann of Warren; a half-sister, Mary Lou Wilson of White Pigeon, Mich., and several cousins in the Bluffton and Warren areas.

Graveside services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren with Rev. Roy Nevil officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to either the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

COLE

A native of Wells County, John F. Cole, 88, of Swayzee died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2005, at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home. A resident for over 50 years of the Swayzee area after coming from the Warren area, he also was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in the European Theater.

Born March 22, 1917 in Wells County, he was a son of Elza F. and Emma B. Davis Cole. He worked for a number of years in the Gas City area for Owens-Illinois, from which firm he retired. He was a member of the Swayzee United Methodist Church.

His first marriage was to Frances Jean Hanna, who died in 1973. The second marriage was in 1978 to Crystal M. Rudy, who preceded him in death in 1999.

Surviving are a step-daughter, Janice Nelson of Swayzee; two step-sons, Kenneth Rudy of Swayzee and Gary Rudy of Warsaw; a brother, Ralph E. Cole of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Annetta L. Beckley of Elgin, S.C.; 3 step-grandchildren and 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Doretha Sutton, Florence E. Cole and Mary E. Poulson.

Services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, Swayzee, with Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial was in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Memorials to the Swayzee United Methodist Church.

LEVERTON



A 35-year employee until retirement from Dana Corporation and a construction worker before the Dana employment, Charles E. Leverton, 85, of Bluffton, died at 1:46 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 in World War II and was a resident of Wells County in rural Bluffton and Bluffton for 70 years of his life with another 10 years at Bryan, Ohio, and 5 years at Hamilton. He was a member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge.

Born October 12, 1919, in Bluffton, he was a son of Charles and Ellen Maddoux Leverton. His marriage to Wilma Irene James was in Bluffton in 1952. She preceded him in death on May 18, 1967.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mack (Janet) Hobbs of Jonesboro, Ga., and Mrs. Dell (Meri) Williams of Ossian; one step-son, Lewis Cross of Fountain City, Colo.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Bo (Barb) Osborne of Bluffton and Betty Baker of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Bill (Maryann) McElhaney of Liberty Center and Mrs. Ruth Haiflich of Ossian; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Eva Leverton, and a brother, John Leverton.

Services were held at Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home. Burial was in Friends Cemetery at Rockford. Military gravesite services by Bluffton American Legion Post 111. Memorials to Disabled American Veterans.

CLOUD



A truckdriver and farmer for years and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, James E. "Jim" Cloud, 86, of Bluffton died at 6:57 p.m. Friday, April 22, 2005, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was a lifetime member of Grover Sheets American Legion Post 111.

Born Sept. 15, 1918, in Van Buren of Grant County, he was the son of Ethan J. and Lucy F. James Cloud. His marriage to Helen L. Norton, who survives, was on Sept. 1, 1980, at Laredo, Texas.

Also surviving are two sons, Rex Cloud of Georgetown, Texas and Johnny Benavides Jr. of Pearsall, Texas; six daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Agatha Jo) Eubank of Syracuse, Ind., Debra Cloud of Van Buren, Melody Tucker of Marion, Mrs. Buck (Linda) Shane of Bluffton, Mrs. Oscar (Susan) Martinez of

Laredo, Texas, and Mrs. Marvin (Cathy) George of Jacksonville, Texas; 22 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was the last of his family.

Services were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Larry Sheets officiating. Burial was in Redman Cemetery, Warren. Memorials to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

MOORMAN

The mother of Mrs. Larry (Rosalie) Couch of Poneto, Marcella Rose (Grile) Moorman, 91, of Warren, died at 3:40 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2005 at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Moorman worked and retired from Appliance Manufacturing in Van Buren. She came to Warren from Dillman and was a homemaker. She entered the United Methodist Memorial Home in December 2003. She was a member of the Dillman United Brethren In Christ Church.

Born Oct. 18, 1913, in Jay County to Noah E. and Edith C. Byrd Grile, her marriage was on Sept. 1, 1934, in Upland to Fred Hatton Moorman, who preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1991.

In addition to her daughter, survivors include a son, Larry Moorman of Talcott, W. Va.; five brothers, Paul Grile of Marion, Gerald Grile of Fort Wayne, and Merrill Grile, Richard Grile and Carroll Grill, all of Anderson; five sisters, Vergie Kinny of Munster, Anna Toller and Glendora Berger of Marion, Byrdie Smith of Orlando, Fla., and Jean Ann Ziegler of Belton, S.C.; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Edward Moorman; a brother, James Albert Grile; and two sisters, Earnstine St. John and Wynona Grile.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church with Pastor Dick Case officiating. There will be one hour of calling prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland.

Preferred memorials to Dillman United Brethren In Christ Church.

PAXSON

A former employee of Corning Glass in Bluffton, Hilda E. Paxson, 69, died at her Montpelier residence at 11:28 a.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005.

She attended Montpelier High

School and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Portland for 28 years and a member of the Gamma Nu Sorority in Montpelier. She formerly attended the Pleasantdale United Methodist Church in Montpelier.

She was born Oct. 19, 1935, in Blackford County to George R. and Delphia B. Hummer Markin.

Survivors include a son, Bryan W. Paxson of Muncie; two sisters, Juanita Scott of Lindale, Texas, and Mrs. Max (Sharon) Snyder of Hartford City; and three brothers, Kenneth Graves of Harlingen, Texas, Francis Graves of Warren, and Fred Graves of Carlisle. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Eugene Graves; and three sisters, Mary Ann Wallisa, Kathryn Mahon and Virginia Clark.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Home - Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Rich Hadley officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials to Bryan W. Paxson Trust Fund.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Kristine Gavin) Connett of Ossian are the parents of a daughter, Delaney O'Shay, born at 12:26 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2005 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 inches. She joins siblings Spencer, age 9 and Ireland, age 5.

Grandparents are Bill and Janie Gavin of Liberty Center and Larry and Connie Connett of Ossian. Great-grandparents are Don and Carolyn Brown of Portland.

WIEGMAN - HANK

Teri Michelle Wiegman of Ossian and Keith Leslie Hank of Bluffton will exchange wedding vows during a 2:30 p.m. ceremony June 18, 2005 at The Crossroads in Decatur.

Parents of the couple are Gary M. Wiegman of Fort Wayne, Rebecca S. Bogner of Ossian and Larry and Brenda Hank of Liberty Center.

Miss Wiegman is a graduate of Norwell High School. She is pursuing a marketing degree at IIT and will graduate in 2006.

Her fiance is a graduate of Southern Wells High School. He earned an associates degree in accounting from IBC. He is employed as a conductor with Norfolk and Southern Railroad.

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no way most farmers can do their job without driving on public roads. They have to get to their place of business, just like many motorists are going to theirs, Hegel added.

POST OFFICE OFFERS OPTIONS

Send Mom's Gifts the Easy Way This year, the Postal Service's Web site offers the Mother's Day mailer a quick, easy, and convenient way to create custom-made greeting cards with personalized text - featuring photos of the children or grandchildren, and sent with a gift card to a favorite store.

The entire greeting can be composed on a personal computer, using the Postal Service's NetPost CardStore/Gift Card combination at www.usps.com. A few clicks will upload a photo and let the user select or create the perfect sentiment. A few more clicks can add a gift card from a variety of nationally recognized retailers. Payment can be made by credit or debit card. Within days, a beautiful hardcopy card and gift card will be delivered right to Mom's mailbox. NetPost CardStore also offers images and designs to help make Mom's card extra special.

The Postal Service Web site also offers gift items for sale - from wall art to books. A supply of postage stamps makes a useful gift for the practical mom or the mom who has everything. The new Spring Flowers stamps are sure to brighten any day. Save Mom a trip to the Post Office!

Those who already bought Mom a gift and just need to mail it can do so right from the comfort of home. With a credit or debit card, usps.com's popular Click-N-Ship feature makes it easy to pay for postage, print mailing labels and purchase insurance or Signature Confirmation service. usps.com even lets mailers arrange for Carrier Pickup service - at no extra charge. A letter carrier will pick up the package from a home or office while on the route the next day. A "special instructions" option lets the carrier know the package will be on a side porch or other location if the sender won't be there. No trip to the Post Office is necessary.

For last minute shoppers, it's possible to mail gifts or cards from a Post Office as late as May 7 using Express Mail service, and it will still arrive at Mom's on her big day. Express Mail service offers guaranteed overnight delivery to most locations. There's no extra charge

for Sunday delivery.

Those who can't grace Mom with their presence on Mother's Day can grace her with a gift by having it arrive on her special Sunday. Beautifully decorated ReadyPost boxes, padded envelopes and bubble wrap add to the charm of a package. They are available in most Post Offices.

Another option is Priority Mail, with 2-3 day delivery. And new Priority Mail Flat-Rate boxes make shipping more convenient than ever. A flat rate of \$7.70 does it all - no need to calculate rates, zones or weights.

CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua Club met in the Calico room on April 1st with 18 members present. President Karen Hunnicutt led in reciting the Club Creed. Roll call was answered by naming a favorite perfume. A short business meeting was held with reports given by the treasurer and secretary. Officers for the next year were elected: President will be Oma Zent, Vice President Jane Ruble, Secretary Peggy Schweikhardt and Treasurer Phyllis Hubartt.

The program for the afternoon was given by Ann Brauchla. She chose Estee Lauder, famous for her perfumers, as the subject of her report. Estee Lauder was very ambitious and built her very successful business from the start on her own hard work. Her family still runs the business after her death at the age of 97.

Hostess for the social part of the meeting was Joan Huffman. She served delicious refreshments to Janet Beavans, Ann Brauchla, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Ann Mills, Jane Ruble, Roberta St John, Peggy Schweikhardt, Lou Ann Shafer, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Bertha Turner, Alice Whitmore, and Oma Zent. The next meeting will be May 6.

STORY TIME

Mrs Joan Boyer read books by Marcus Pfister at Story Time at the Warren Public Library on April 22. She read Hopper, Hopper Hunts for Spring; The Rainbow Fish; and Rainbow Fish Tattle Tale.

The children received coloring pages and treats.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter held formal initiation at the Knight-Bergman Center April 19 for new member Jennifer Plummer. After a delicious meal those assisting in the service were Shelly Stafford, Carol Irick, Sondra Zabel, Rosemary Zeller, Betty Yoder, Elise Smith, Sandy Eichhorn, Susan Ralston, and Tara Koporal.

Plans were completed for the luncheon we will be serving May 1st at the Knight-Bergman Center. Our next business meeting will be May 3rd.

Those present but not previously mentioned were: Suzette Gephart, Beth Ostermeyer, Peggy Sue Clark, Georgia Poulson, Sharon Gebhart, Sandy Booher and Opal Brubaker.

LADIES NIGHT

Sisters of Faith in the Warren United Church of Christ enjoyed a "Girls Night Out" on April 25th in the church lounge. Each member was enthusiastically greeted and then chose their favorite color balloon and tied it to their wrist. Later on they were instructed to share with the group the answer to a question from their color. Questions about your favorite shoes; what always gives you a lift; what movie or song always cheers you up; name someone who is upbeat, bubbly, positive and enthusiastic; tell us about a prayer concern on your heart right now; and one thing you are glad is done or over.

Everyone came with their favorite shoes, their main purse,

and wearing something colorful. It really brightened up the room already decorated with balloons and colored streamers. Marsha Walton read a humorous article about "You're Wearing That?"

There was a short business meeting with election of officers for the 2005/2006 year. Eileen Dye will be president; Opal Brubaker, vice president; Ellen Laymon, secretary; Roselyn Poulson, assistant secretary; and Rosemary Zeller, Treasurer. The slate of officers was accepted unanimously. The Women of the North East Association meeting for May 10th was announced and reservations should be given to Jo Spade by May 5th. She will furnish transportation for all who would like to attend. The treasurers report was given by Rosalyn Poulson and a Love Gift received. Peggy Wilson gave a report on the fun kits that will be given this year, and we can send money for them to the conference. A motion was made and carried to send money.

There was a contest to determine what lady had the most articles on the list in her "Main Purse". Ellen Laymon won first prize and Nancy Smyth won the booby prize.

Melissa Freck gave a lesson about sharing our good times and our bad times with our Sis-

ters in Faith. That is what sisters are for. Most people look like they are sailing along just fine, and we don't know they have problems just like we do. We enjoy "enthusiasm" in other people, and the word "enthusiasm" means "God within".

Melissa Freck, Marsha Walton, and Sondra Zabel served delicious refreshments to: Marjorie Lieurance, Brenda Tolen, Opal Brubaker, Janet Klefeker, Suzzette Gephart, Eileen Dye, Claudia Boxell, Jean Wright, Marguerite Guenin, Peggy Wilson, Nancy Smyth, Georgia Poulson, Ellen Laymon, Rosemary Zeller, Marjorie Gard, Tami Jackson, and Jo Spade.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Seventeen children attended the Van Buren Public Library after school Story time, April 22nd for First Aid.

The children entered into the Children's Department of the library and signed in. They received a picture of an ambulance to color and a first aid Search-a-word to do.

Karen introduced our special guest Mrs. Autumn Shurgart from the Marion Red Cross. Autumn ask the children what would be some emergencies that could take place and need first aid. The children mentioned

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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car accidents, tornados, gunshots and fire were just a few. Autumn ask what do we do incase of an emergency and the children all said dial 911. We were very proud of the children for their answer. The number one instruction was to stay calm.

We talked about accidents that could happen around the house. Nosebleeds were one and Autumn said we were to tilt our heads down and pinch the middle of our nose. Burns use no creams; we were to run cool water on the burn. We were also told if we get poison ivy we were to put an anti itch cream on it and wrap it up to prevent it from spreading. We learned a lot of first aid from Autumn. Thank-you Autumn, for coming and sharing with the children about first aid.

Those attending were: Faith Wiggin, Amy Kerr, Kaley Kitts, Ashley Kerr, Korisa Kitts, Autum Smith, Nixon Smith, Catherine Anderson, Eddie Quick, Emily Bryant, Olivia Bryant, Zach Handshoe, Amanda, Kayla Handshoe, Chelsea Cason, Delta Oswalt and Samantha Kessinger.

Refreshments were cookies and cool-aid. Amanda's number was chosen and she was able to draw a prize from the treasure box.

This Friday after school, April 29th, 2:30 - 3:30 we will have a birthday party. Hope to see you!

Archery Club

Youth will have an opportunity to learn about archery and the important safety skills through the Wells County 4-H Archery Club.

Sign up night will be held Monday, April 25th, 6:30 - 8 PM at the 4-H Park Quonset Building (upstairs) at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Details about the club will be explained. Club dues of

\$18 (for equipment, insurance, supplies, and awards) will be collected at the meeting.

May 2nd, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, will be the second meeting for Beginners. Members will learn the shooting range rules, archery shooting and safety skills.

May 3rd, 6:30 - 8:30 PM will be the second meeting for Advanced members. Range rules will be reviewed, update on safety and shooting skills, and review your 4-H Archery rating and scores from last year.

Regular meetings will begin on May 9 and continue on May 16 & 23 (no meeting May 30th Memorial Day). All meetings will be at the 4-H Park Quonset. Beginners are from 6 - 7 PM and Advanced members from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

4-H Club membership is open to youth when they enter the third grade or become ten (10) years of age that calendar year (January 1 - December 31). They may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

Parents and interested adults are welcome to attend with the youth. Adults who are interested in helping or becoming a certified instructor are also encouraged to attend. Members attending may use the clubs equipment or bring your own simple or compound bow.

The 4-H Archery Club encourages youth to learn safety procedures and the seven steps of Archery. These seven steps include the stance; nocking the arrow (placing the arrow correctly in the bow); the draw (the pull action of the bow); the anchor (how far to pull back the string); the aim or hold (remembering to look at what you want to hit - the bull's eye); the release (letting go of the string); and the follow through (until the

arrow reaches its destination).

For more information about the 4-H Archery Club, contact 4-H Archery Leaders Terri & Dan Quinn, 622-6617; John Earnest, 622-9109; or Shannon Hartman, 375-4225 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

ANIMAL ENROLLMENT

Wells County 4-H members in many of the animal projects will need to complete a Livestock Enrollment Form. The form includes animal identification, birthdate, and other information.

All of the Livestock forms are due May 16th except Starter Beef which is due June 1st at the County Extension Office.

This would include youth enrolled in Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf, Beef (late fall heifers), and Horse & Pony projects.

4-H members are to have their animals in possession by May 1st. Exceptions to this would be rabbit meat pens and some poultry exhibits which are not yet born or hatched.

Members purchasing rabbits should make sure that the rabbits have pedigree papers proving they are of a specific breed according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

Members planning to exhibit meat goat wethers at the Indiana State Fair will need to bring their animal to the Sheep and Meat Goat ID Day May 14th, 8 - 10:30 AM.

This year's 4-H Fair will be held July 16 - 21 and the State Fair will be held August 10 - 21.

For more information about 4-H and the livestock projects, contact a 4-H volunteer near you or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

adults," said Diann Shappell, President of AIHS. "More and more Hoosiers are remaining in their own homes and communities well into their later years," she said. "Keeping older adults healthy, independent and engaged, benefits all generations."

We are entering a new era in this country and in our community. Next year, the 78 million baby boomers will begin turning 60. This May, as we celebrate Older Americans Month, AIHS will consider this momentous demographic change in the aging of our population.

The theme, "Celebrate Long-Term Living," was selected to honor older Americans as a national treasure, and to highlight the need for mid-life and older persons to be prepared to live longer than previous generations. Older adults and baby boomers need to make thoughtful choices now so they will be more likely to remain healthy, productive, and financially secure in their later lives.

The U.S. Administration on Aging wants all Americans to know that better planning, better community-based, long-term care options and more consumer-friendly systems are allowing more older Americans to remain vibrant and independent.

"As Americans, we value choice," said Shappell. "Studies have shown that, given the choice, older adults will remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible." AIHS is proud to offer services that help them do just that — programs that help older persons to eat better and keep active, that highlight the positive benefits of civic engagement, and that redefine aging in our society.

It's never too early to begin exploring the options available to you or to a loved one. We urge you to begin planning now for your later years. Please call us at (260) 745-1200 or (800) 552-3662.

MERGER FINALIZED

MarBanc Financial Corporation, the bank holding company for MarkleBank, and Grabill Bancorp, the bank holding company of Grabill Bank, today officially consummated the merger transaction for the consolida-

tion of their respective bank holding companies into Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (IAB). The new bank holding company will maintain MarkleBank and Grabill Bank as separately chartered subsidiaries, each governed by its existing bank's Board of Directors. Shareholder and regulatory approval was received from all necessary entities and the record date of the inception of Independent Alliance Banks, Inc. (IAB) will be May 1, 2005.

Grabill Bank has \$515 million in assets, 7 locations and 175 employees. MarkleBank has \$242 million in assets, 7 locations and 75 employees. Both banks offer trust, investment and insurance services, and Grabill Bank operates a Mortgage Center. With combined assets of approximately \$757 million, IAB will be headquartered in Fort Wayne with branch offices in Allen, Huntington, Wells and Grant Counties. More information about Grabill and Markle Banks can be found at www.grabillbank.com and www.marklebank.com, respectively.

"We are excited about our commitment to keeping community banking strong and viable in the markets we serve. We sincerely believe that our combined core values and cultures so closely align with one another, that this integration of operations will come together very nicely," stated Brent L. Clifton, former President and CEO of Grabill Bank.

IAB's eight-member Board of Directors will include Brent Clifton, Travis Holdman, Michael Marhenke, Jerry Korte, Derald Kruse, William Ogden, Ned Kiser and Douglas LeMaster, Jr. IAB officers are Brent Clifton, Chairman of the Board; Travis Holdman, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Marhenke, President; Kevin Himmelhaver, CFO; and Jeff Humbarger, Treasurer. Each officer will retain his current title and role in his respective bank.



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