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Thought for the Week: *Those who do not complain are never pitied.* Jane Austen



COVENTRY QUARTET

The public is cordially invited to join Warren Church of Christ for worship this coming Sunday, January 25, 2004 morning to hear a hometown boy, Kevin Rittenhouse, come back to sing with the Coventry Quartet, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be worship through communion, preaching and special music by the quartet. A special presentation is going to be made as well that is a surprise and all of this will be followed by a Luncheon provided by the good cooks and folks of the Warren congregation. Everyone is invited! Come downtown Warren for a great worship experience and very friendly people. The church is located at the corners of 3rd and Wayne Streets.

MEXICAN FIESTA

Parents Reaching Out at Salamonie School (PROS) will be sponsoring a Mexican Fiesta on Sunday, February 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren. Menu will include the following: tacos, burritos, nachos, taco salad, rice and assorted deserts. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 6-12 and free for 5 & under. Mark your calendars and don't miss this Sunday lunch. All proceeds will benefit Salamonie School.

REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTES

Huntington County Community School Corporation will accept sealed quotations for the planting of the Salamonie property (Highway 5 South of the School on the East side of the road) until February 5, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.

Quotations are to be submitted/mailed to the Superintendent's Office at: 1360 Warren Road Huntington, IN

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The School Corporation is interested in approximately 12 acres to be maintained as farmland. The surrounding areas that may be determined to be non-tillable are to be maintained with weed control (by the successful bidder). Quotations should include a price per acre to be paid the Huntington County Community School Corporation after the sale of the crop. It is expected that the agreement will be for three (3) years. Please include your name, address and phone number in your letter.

HOHE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to offer the Dr. John W. and Marjorie H. Hohe University of St. Francis Scholarship. The scholarship is available to a Huntington North High School graduating senior or Huntington County resident enrolled as a full-time nursing student, or any allied health program, at the University of St. Francis. You

must have a G.P.A. of 2.0 ("C" average).

This is the second scholarship program offered by Dr. and Mrs. Hohe. They also offer a scholarship to Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. The Hohe's are long time residents of Huntington where Dr. Hohe maintained a successful dental practice for many years. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained from the HNHS Guidance Office, the University of St. Francis Financial Aid Office or by contacting the Huntington County Community Foundation at (260) 356-8878. The Community Foundation office must receive all completed applications by March 31, 2004. The Huntington County Community Foundation is located at 356 West Park Drive. Applications may be mailed to the Foundation at P.O. Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750.

For more information about the scholarship, the Community Foundation or to make a donation to any of the 72 permanent endowment funds, please contact Marcia McClelland, Executive Director, at (260) 356-8878. Our web site may also be visited at www.hccfoundation.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries and serious diseases, such as cancer, heart disease and hemophilia, is ongoing and must be met every day. Northeast Indiana Red Cross blood services has been operating on less than a one-day blood supply most of the past year. Our local need is very real. One pint of blood can save several lives. Thousands of people rely on the generosity of blood donors. To them, you are a hero.

Subway of Huntington is sponsoring a "Battle for Blood" blood drive at Pathfinder Services,

1152 E. State St, Huntington, on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This blood drive is open to the public. We strongly encourage first time donors to Give the Gift of Life and come out for this drive. All it takes is about 1 1/4 hours of your time.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds. A photo ID is required. Please enter through the main entrance on State Street.

Subway is donating snacks for all prospective donors, hoping to exceed the drive goal of 30 donated units of blood. By doing so, they will earn the "Battle for Blood" trophy that was recently captured by Crossroads Pantry in Markle, for sponsoring the last blood drive to exceed its goal, at Markle Church of Christ.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Scheduling an appointment shortens your wait time, but walk-ins are always welcome. Be a hero. Be a blood donor.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting of 2004 on Jan. 7 in the Council Room at Town Hall.

Preceding the meeting Council members Tony Manry, Marvin Surber and Dean Baker were sworn in for another four year term by Town Clerk Michelle Sexton.

Tony Manry was re-elected president of Council. He was also appointed to be the Van Buren representative to Area Plan. Marvin Surber and Dean Baker were appointed to the Fire Board. Dean Baker will represent Van Buren on County Emergency Management.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Council discussed an agreement with an Engineering firm, Butler Fairman and Seufert. Council took the agreement un-

der advisement and are expected to sign soon. Mike Waldren, a representative of the firm, discussed problems at the new water plant, and plans were made for firm representatives to be here next week to check the plant.

Betty Adkins had signed an agreement with Area Plan to have a house on Hedrick Street demolished by April 27.

Weavers had asked permission to use the Council Room for classes. The request is expected to be granted.

Council agreed to allow Superintendent Jim Webb to rollover 2003 vacation time to 2004. The action was taken due to serious problems at the water plant.

Officer Pat Collins presented Council with the year end Police Report. He said he and Kevin Wertherington plan to compile a list of abandoned and junk cars throughout the town.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report and discussed problems at the water plant.

He told Council that surface water on First Street is believed to be caused by broken tile. Due to recent freezing temperatures, this has caused a hazardous travel condition in the area. The area has been sanded to protect the safety of motorists. It was believed the situation can be corrected by redirecting lines to a catch basin. Webb was instructed to get quotes for repairs.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 21.

CALL FOR ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

HUNTINGTON, IN.-Black Dog Studio and Gallery, in conjunction with the Huntington Park and Recreation Department, is seeking entries for Art Fest 2004, a two-day event featuring a juried art show and live musical acts to be held on Saturday, August 14,

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone that made my birthday so special. Thanks to everyone for the cards, the phone calls and for taking time to attend the open house.

Also, a special thank you to my family for planning and hosting the celebration.

Edna Alfeld

READ THE FINE PRINT ON CREDIT CARD OFFERS

It's nice to see those zero percent interest credit card offers and blank checks come in the mail. Before you sign up for a new card or use a check offered by one you already have, read all the details of the offer.

Companies offering zero interest on checks usually charge a fee for using them. It could be 3 percent or more of the check amount. Some have a maximum of \$50 or \$75; some have no maximum. One man used such a check to buy a car for \$12,000 and the initial fee came to more than \$500.

Additionally, the zero rate can last only for up to six months. Read the fine print, and you'll see you pay far more after that. If you have another card you can transfer the high-interest balance to, you could come up with another six months of low interest. But there is no guarantee that such offers will be available at that time. You could be stuck paying a very high rate on the balance.

SKIP THE CRUISE CONTROL ON SLICK ROADS

The American Automobile Association says turning off cruise control when it's raining or snowing is just common sense. Not only do you have greater control without it, disengaging cruise is an extra step to take if you are losing control of the car.

Most vehicles call for tapping the brakes to disengage. When it's raining or the road is slick with snow, that can be dangerous, especially at high speeds.

The danger on roads covered with snow or ice is obvious. On rain soaked roads, it might not be as apparent. At 60 mph, there can be total separation of the tire from the pavement when it's raining, a situation called hydroplaning. Even new tires can lose significant traction when there is water on the road.

On wet and snowy roads, the AAA recommends:

- Slow down and turn of your cruise control.
- Avoid hard brakes and sharp turns.
- Stay in the tracks of the car in front of you and increase your following distance.

The same instructions apply when you find yourself in fast, close traffic on the highway. On a highway into town during morning traffic, everyone is in a hurry. Two or more lines of traffic can be moving at speeds up to 60 miles an hours, and cars are closer together than they should be.

Under these circumstances, you need total and immediate control of the car, and that is easier to achieve when cruise is not engaged. When something happens ahead of you, it will be easier to stop quickly.

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AREA NEWS

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2004, and Sunday, August 15, 2004 at Hier's Park in Huntington, Indiana.

Categories for art entries include: paintings, pottery, ceramics, sculpture, drawings, and photography. Please submit at least three slides or good photographs of your work along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for return. Entry deadline is March 31, 2004. Accepted entrants will be notified by mail no later than May 1, 2004. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable entry fee. Checks can be made out to Black Dog Studio and Gallery and mailed to the Gallery at 1155 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750. If accepted, there will be a \$50.00 booth rental fee that will cover a 12' X 12' area for each artist's booth. Musicians interested in playing during this event should submit a demo tape or contact Angela Ellsworth at 260-359-9581 or Mark Sands 260-359-9630.

ANNOUNCE GRANTS

The Wells County Citizens Against Drug Abuse is now accepting grant applications for 2004. Grants can be requested in the areas of Prevention/Education, Treatment Services, Enforcement or Alternative Sentencing.

Programs should focus on residents of Wells County, youth or adults. Groups, organizations and agencies may apply. Examples of grants that have been

funded in previous years include: DARE, After Prom Activities, Project LEAD, Teen Court, Youth As Resources, Equipment for law enforcement agencies, counseling, speakers, and special training for criminal justice agencies.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Wells County Community Corrections Office, 4th floor of the Courthouse in Bluffton, 824-6405. Grant applications are due January 30.

Grants must meet recommended actions outlined in the Wells County Comprehensive Community Plan. CADA acts as the Local Coordinating Council (L.C.C.) of the Governors Commission for A Drug Free Indiana in conjunction with the Wells County Commissioners.

For more information about the grant program, contact Blake Poindexter, 824-6405 or Robert Frantz, 824-3320.

MARQUARDT

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for the Marquardt Farm Scholarship. The scholarship is open to students studying agriculture at any Purdue University campus. Applicants must be residents of Wells Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, or Whitley counties. Approximately 50 - 75 scholarships (\$300 - \$500) will be awarded.

The scholarship fund was cre-

ated by Bert Marquardt, a farmer in Allen County who donated his 210 acre farm in 1974 to Purdue University so that 50% of the yearly profit could go to School of Agriculture scholarships.

Through the years, several hundred students have benefited from the scholarship fund thanks to the vision and foresight of Bert A. Marquardt.

For an application, contact a high school guidance counselor or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412. Application forms are due March 1. Details on this scholarship and others can be found at www.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap

4-H GUN SAFETY

Firearm safety instruction, handling procedures and hands-on experience will once again be included in this year's Wells County 4-H BB Gun, .22 Caliber Rifle, and Pellet Pistol Safety Program.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 27th with sign up from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Meetings will continue each Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, and 23. Awards Night will be held March 30.

All meetings (except January 27) will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park will be the location for

all meetings.

Enrollment will be limited to 28 youth in BB Gun and 32 youth in Rifle. Sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. The limited club size is to assure adequate instruction and safety.

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle or Pistol.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle or Pistol will be required to pass a BB Gun shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures. The Pellet Pistol program will be offered again this year if there is interest from the youth.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1-December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen

(19), whichever comes first.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle and Pellet Pistol should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Rifle Club.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 824-9493; Greg Palmer, 547-4516; Tex Mauger, 543-2388; and Aaron Hartman, 375-4225.

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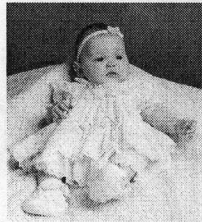


COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

- Jan 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Jan 23 Warren Recycle Day
- Jan 26 Warren Town Council, 6:30, Assembly Hall
- Jan 26 Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting, 7 p.m., KBC
- Mar 13 Sigma Phi Gamma Chicken Supper at Sportsman Club
- Mar 26 Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7:30, Games 6 to 8
- Apr 17 United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper at UCofC
- Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Salamonie Valley Museum Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC Storytime at Warren Public Library 10 a.m. Fridays, Walking in the Gym 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center

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TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC
DENTISTRY 101

DENTAL TERMINOLOGY SESSION 2

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Endodontist - Treats oral conditions that arise as a result of disease or injury of the dental pulp of the tooth, such as a root canal.

General Dentist - Primary care provider for patients in all age groups who take responsibility for the diagnosis, treatment, management and overall coordination of services to meet patients' oral health needs.

Geriatric Dentist - General Dentist who primarily treats senior citizens.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon - Treat and surgically correct diseases, injuries, defects of the mouth and jaws

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Orthodontist - Designs and applies corrective and supportive appliances, braces, to realign crooked teeth.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

WEIRD TREE SEARCH

We don't want to leaf you hanging. Or out on a limb. We won't bole you over or bark at you. But we do want you to help us find Indiana's weirdest trees.

To celebrate Arbor Day 2004 DNR's division of forestry began a search for the weirdest trees in the state. And the search continues for Arbor Day 2004.

Your candidate for weirdest can be any species or any size. It can be located in the city, in the forest, in your back yard - anywhere - as long as the tree is still standing. We encourage people of all ages to submit entries.

Here's all you need to do:
* Take a couple of photographs of the tree. Be sure to capture its uniqueness.

* Send your printed, non-returnable photographs to Sam Carman, Division of Forestry, 402 W. Washington St., Room W296, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

* Digital photos must be in jpeg format, no larger than six megs and should be emailed to scarman@dnr.state.in.us.

* Along with the photos, be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and specific location of the tree, including county.

DNR's district foresters will judge the photos to narrow down the field to the "weirdest" tree for each county. Each county choice will be included on the Divisions of Forestry's Web site publication "Invasion of the Weirdest Trees." (To view the current "Invasion," go to www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/pdfs/invasion2002.pdf.)

Entry deadline for this year is April 15. So put on your hiking boots, grab your camera, and WATCH FOR THE WEIRD!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

If your New Year's resolution was to give back to your community, contact Aging and In-Home Services to see how you can help brighten the life of a senior. Volunteer opportunities available are visiting, helping with errands and much more. All ages are welcomed to volunteer. Contact us at 260-745-1200 or 800-552-3662.

POSTAL TESTING

Postmaster Debbie Echelbarger, Van Buren, IN has announced that the United States Postal Service will be accepting applications from the public to take the Rural Carrier Associate Examination for positions in the 469 Zip Code area, Greater Indiana District. The Postal Service is establishing a register of eligibility to meet future hiring needs.

Apply on the internet at www.usps.com/jobs or apply by using a touch tone phone calling 1-866-999-8777 (TTY 1-800-800-8776) and follow the prompts. You will be prompted to enter announcement number 80408 for the Zip Code area of 469.

BBB ALERT -

BERKS FINANCIAL

The Better Business Bureau of Northeastern Indiana is issuing an alert on Berks Financial. This company is running advertising in newspapers across the country for loans to consumers with bad credit. They are one of many companies advertising advance loan fees.

Several consumers have sent money (anywhere from \$1000 to \$3200) to an address in Canada and have not heard anything from this company. The Ohio Attorney General's office

and the Ohio Department of Financial Institutions have filed a civil suit against this company for soliciting without a license.

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Anyone interested in either the vascular or osteoporosis screen-

ings must pre-register. Please call 1-800-407-4557 to schedule an appointment.

The three individual tests are \$45 each. The cost for all three stroke/vascular tests is \$99. The cost for an osteoporosis screen is \$35. The cost for all three stroke/vascular tests, plus the osteoporosis screening is \$125. At the present time, Medicare does not cover the cost of these screening services. LifeLine does not file insurance claims or provide referrals to any physician group.

The screenings will be held at Bluffton Regional's south campus, 1100 S. Main Street.

For additional information on LifeLine Screening or to pre-register, please contact LifeLine Screening directly at (800) 407-4557.

VALENTINE FOOD & ENTERTAINING

How do I love thee? Count the sweet ways when Fanchon Resler, host of WBCL's Simply Special cooking show, demonstrates Valentine recipes, decorations and crafts on Monday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. Those who join us will receive Resler's special recipe booklet (featuring Valentine cookie bouquets, open-faced sandwiches, cookies and more) and enjoy sampling her delicious holiday food. Door prizes too. Workshop fee is \$3.50 for Wells County residents. Pre-registration is required. Workshop size is limited.

For information, or to register, call 260-824-1612 or stop by the Wells County Public Library reference desk.

THE 37-CENT GIFT

The holidays may be over, but gift-giving goes on year-round. Need that special something that "doesn't cost too much or present packaging problems?" The Oregonian offers an easy solution - write a letter. It makes a great present. Or it can make a great present even better.

Touting letters as "the 37-cent gift," the article outlines the positives aspects of putting pen to paper and sending a loved one a handwritten letter. Writer Nancy Haight points out that a letter can be "a few lines or a few pages long... costs just 37 cents for delivery in the U.S." Want to make your message stand out a little? "A sheet of extra-nice writing or printing paper jacks up the price only slightly," she says.

Portland Magazine editor Brian Doyle gave his take on letter writing. "It's the physical aspect of the letter that sets it apart from a phone call or even an email. Anticipation begins with the first glimpse of handwriting on the envelope," he said.

"The message of all letters is 'I love you,'" said Doyle. "The thought is more eloquent than the words. The impulse is the letter."

Executive Director of Write Around Portland Liza Halley adds, "There's something about the process of unfolding a letter from the envelope... the paper, the smell, the indentation of the handwriting."

Halley is in complete agreement with Doyle. "Write what comes from your heart. It's a piece of you and that's what people want... If it comes out a little gritty, it does come from you," she is quoted as saying.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BIRTHS

Michael Lural and Jamie Marie Beck Straley, Huntington, are the parents of a son, Elijah Michael, born at 11:30 p.m., January 2, 2004 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 2 ½ ounces at birth, and joins a sister, Alexis Marie, 2, at home.

Grandparents are Rose Marie Beck, Huntington, Richard and Barb Straley, Warren, and Jim and Michelle Beck, Spring Hill, FL. Great-grandparents are Carol Friedman, Huntington, Margie Crouch, Fort Wayne, Kay Baumgartner, Huntington, and Lloyd and Elizabeth McDaniel, Huntington. Great-great-grandparents are Robert and Athlene Rice, Warren.

Lucas Alan and Cortney Ann DeWitt Miller, Huntington, are the parents of a son, Mason Marshall Miller, born at 3:11 a.m. December 10, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. The baby weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Michael and Brenda DeWitt, Huntington and Rex and Susan Miller, Huntington. Great-grandparents are

Jane DeWitt, Roanoke, Thelma Miller, Warren and Louise Augspruger, Roanoke.

Allan and Angie Buckland Miller, Huntington are the parents of a son, Ty Allan Miller, born at 2:12 p.m. December 26, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Bill and Lynda Buckland, Huntington and Craig and Teresa Miller, Huntington. Great-grandparents are Allen and Sarah Lee Kitt, Huntington, Mack and Judy Buckland, Warren, Ellen Buckland, Warren, Nita and Noel Yordy, Huntington and Bob Bonebrake, Edgewater, FL.

ENGAGED

Ashley Carol DeaKyne and Adam Neil Anderson, both of Bluffton, will exchange marriage vows during a 3:30 p.m. ceremony July 10, 2004 at First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Kevin (Shelbia) DeaKyne of rural Huntington and Kevin and Marsha Anderson of Bluffton.

Miss DeaKyne is a 1999 gradu-

ate of Southern Wells High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in public and environmental affairs and a minor in criminal justice from Indiana University in 2003. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She is employed as an office coordinator at Ideal Suburban Homes.

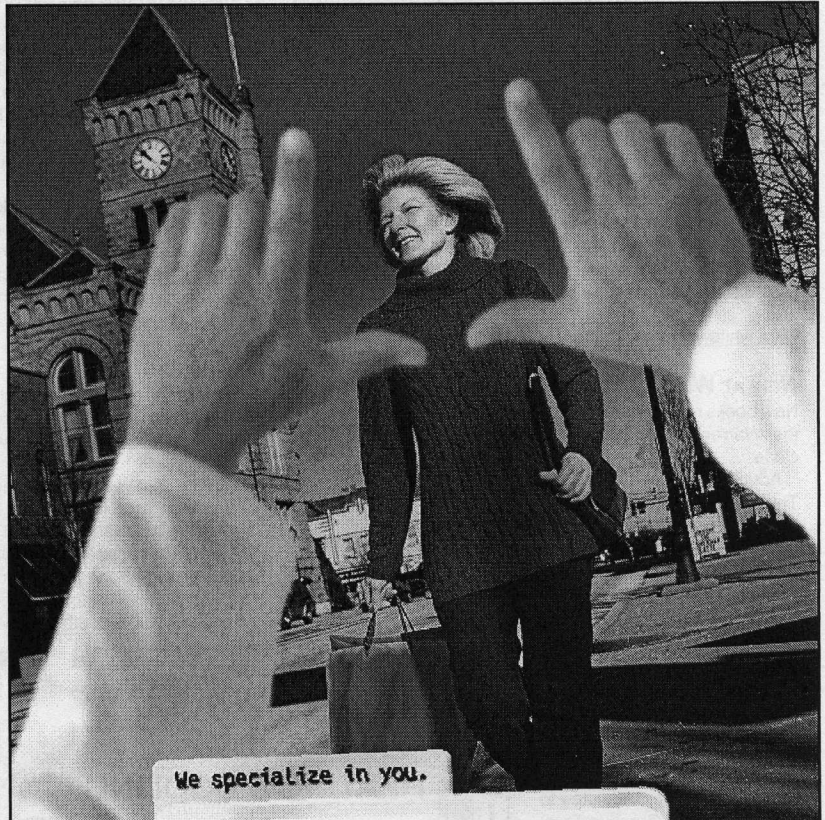
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TRAIN CLASSES

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Classes include classroom instruction and hands-on practice in train operations, signaling and switching, and an introduction to diesel and steam locomotive operation.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. All volunteers are qualified only for the Whitewater Valley Railroad by attending our training school.

These classes are open to the general public. A \$15 donation is requested to help cover the cost of class materials.

The South Connersville Yard Office is located on Indiana 121 South. For information, call (765)825-2054 or visit our web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org.

NEW AT WPL

New books recently received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult Fiction: Life, Liberty & The Pursuit of Murder; Texas Vendetta; The Hot Flash Club by Thayer; The Sight of the Stars by Plain; Sunny Chandler's Return by Brown; Key of Valor by Roberts; Truth of Dare by Krentz; Crown Jewel by Michaels; A New Leaf by Kinkade; Midnight Pass by Kaminsky; The Amateur Marriage by Tyler; Another Man's Son by Stone; Emma's Secret by Bradford; and Absolute Friends by LeCarre.

Adult Nonfiction: Addicted to Unhappiness; If Grace Is True; Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Healthiness; Naomi's Break-through Guide by Judd; The

Proper Care & Feeding of Husbands by Schlessinger; The Anatomy of Hope; The Privilege of Youth by Pelzer; Fish for Life; The Perfect Wife; Ultimate Weight Solution Food Guide.

Children's Books: Dinosaur Mummies; Turn, Turn, Turn; Diary of a Worm; Peal and Wagner Two Good Friends; Alphabet Mystery; The Hungry Duckling; Little Beaver's New Friend.

Youth Books: The Reptile Room by Snicket; Brian's Hunt by Paulson, The Shortest Day; Multicultural meals; The Boy Who Spoke Dog; Sarah's Ground.

New Videos and DVD's: Shakespeare in Love; Seabiscuit; The Time Machine; Radio; On Golden Pond; Bob the Builder: The Knights of Fix-A-Lot; Freaky Friday; Arthurs Snow Day.

SNOWY STORYTIME

Snow was the theme for Joan Boyer's storytime at the Warren Library on Friday, January 16. She read Snow if Falling by Branley; One Snowy Night by Butterworth and The Biggest, Best Snowman by Cuyler. The children did a fingerplay Five Little Snowmen and a snoman craft. Each received a marshmallow snowman treat. Storytime is each Friday morning at 10:00 unless school is cancelled due to weather.

BAYVIEW

The Bayview Reading Club met in the Calico Room in the Methodist Home on January 13. Lunch was served us there by the Home. The Club Collect was recited in unison to start the business meeting. Roll call was answered by sharing memories of the blizzard of '78. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurers report were given and one correction made. Thank you notes were read from the Home for our contribution to Continuation Education in memory of Emily Sapp and from the Bread of Life Food Pantry for our donation there. Also a note from Marj Witte requesting that she be placed on the inactive list for now, due to caring for her husband in his illness. Lilly Nutter shared some ideas for programs next year.

Helen Husband won the door prize. There were 13 members present and one guest, Vida Myers. Hostesses for February will be Virginia Olson and Martha Rumble.

CHURCH WORK

The Plum Tree United Church of Christ welcomed the New Year 2004 with feelings of a job well done.

In the past year the congregation was able to refurbish the building inside and outside. This was made possible through various projects. One was the compiling and selling of our cookbooks. We thank all of you who

purchased a book.

The refurbishing started in May when the roof was replaced by Huntington Seamless Gutter and Construction Co. In October Ron Banter plastered the walls and ceiling. Painting of the walls was done in December by Wendell Bradford.

Our pastor is Dr. Jeanne Spoor. Sunday School starts at 9:30 A.M. with classes for adults and youth. Our worship service begins at 10:30 A.M. We cordially invite you to come and worship with us.

LITTLE PANTHER

STORYTIME

Little Panther Pre School attended with three classes on Wednesday January 14, 2004 to the Van Buren Public Library for Storytime.

The children are studying about parts of the body at Pre School. Karen read about our lungs in the book "Looking Into My Body" a Reader's Digest Book, that we have in the Children's Dept. of the library. We found out just how important our lungs are to staying alive. The children were

introduced to a new song called the Boney-Hokey-Pokey. Everyone enjoyed the new song and dance.

Karen read the book "The Growing - up Feet" by Beverly Cleary and the book "Tee Dee the Football" a board book.

The children were able to checkout one book to take back to the Pre School for Mrs. Green to read.

Those attending were: Matthew Ashley, Christian. Bratcher, MiKayla Cordill, Scott Garrison, Emma Huffman, Cash Lee-Suddarth, Sydney Pattison, Jake Taylor, Tylon Wright, Kaylee Morgan, Nathan Smith, Emily Morgan, Evan Baker, Brooke Bollhoefer, Katelyn Buis, Kaitlyn Butler, Dillon Embry, Aleighcia, Gray, Jarren Griffith, Steven Jones, Joey Kerschner, Heaven Kirkpatrick, Kessler Lee-Suddarth, Logan Marley, Grace Pluimer, Julien Roseberry, Anna Roush, Brandon Stevens, Levi Theurer and Faith Wiggin.

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SIGMA PHI

The Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority meeting was held on Jan. 6th. President Sandy Eichhorn opened the meeting with the roll call of: Your Favorite Elvis Song.

The social night will be on Jan. 20th at 7:30 p.m. Also there was an update on several family and community members who have had recent illnesses or medical problems.

The Annual Chicken Supper will be on Sat. March 13th at the Sportsmen's Club. Signup sheet was pasted around for everyone to pick the position they would like to be at for the supper.

Jan. 25th, the Pine Wood Derby will be held at the United Methodist Memorial Home for the Cub Scouts.

Province Weekend will be March 20th & 21st in Muncie sponsored by Eta Chi Chapter. Registration forms were passed out and are due back Feb. 29th.

Next regular business meeting will be held Feb. 3rd in the Sorority room of the Knight-Bergman Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Members attending this meeting were: Sandy Eichhorn, Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Sally Ford, Peggy Clark, Georgia Poulson, Rosemary Zeller, Sandy Booher, and Suzette Gephart.

R.E.D. HATTERS

Mary Brown & Irene Henderson introduced the 2004 season with a lovely party at The Calico Room. Little red hats adorned the place cards for Fritz Boxell, Mary Brown, Martha Buzzard, Jo Chatham, Taya Decker, Irene Henderson, Willy Hethcote, Velma Lindstrom, Lilly Nutter, Virginia Olson, Mary Palmer, Dee Pattison, Helen Stokes, Helen Jo Strassner, Pam Waymeier, Kay Woods and Jean Cress. Each person brought a gift for our mail project for the 4 servicemen we adopted who are serving our country in Iraq. The huge basket was heaped high with goodies. Jean Cress presented a very interesting program on Angela Beasley's book, entitled "Minutes from the Great Coffee Club", selecting favorite sayings of famed women featured in the book. Report was given on the 41 packages we have mailed overseas and thanks were read from Hostess House in Marion to the volunteers who served in the Emporium during the Christmas season. The door prizes were won by Taya Decker and Virginia Olson. A delicious dessert, tea and coffee were enjoyed by all. What an enjoyable way to start out our new year.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

The fourth annual Kids Helping Kids Basketball Invitational to support Children's Hope Hospitality House is scheduled for March 5, 6, and 7, 2004 at Spiece Fieldhouse. Kids Helping Kids participants include 4th - 8th grade boys and girls basketball school and league teams.

This year's event will feature one of Indiana's most storied basketball players, Bobby Plump. Aside from being known as the Milan High School basketball player that earned the title of Mr. Basketball and set various high school and collegiate basketball records; it was his on-the-court heroics in the 1954 Indiana State Championship game against Muncie Central that the popular basketball move, Hoosiers, was based. Children and adults alike will have a chance to meet, speak with and receive autographs from the legendary player. Children's Hope will benefit from onsite sales of his book co-authored with Marly Pieratt, Bobby Plumb: Last of the Small Town Heroes (Indianapolis, Indiana: Good Morning Publishing Co., Inc., c1997).

Last year Kids Helping Kids Basketball Invitational raised nearly \$23,000 to support Children's Hope Hospitality House. Children's Hope, a non-profit hospitality house, is a caring and comforting home-away-from-home for the parents and families of critically ill or injured children in medical hospitals in the Fort Wayne area.

More than a close and convenient shelter, Children's Hope Hospitality House is a quiet respite for those trying to manage the serious illness of their child in a strange and foreign hospital environment. Located on the campus of Lutheran Hospital, Children's Hope offers six private sleep-rooms with baths, a fully equipped kitchen, a stocked pantry, TV lounge, playroom, reading room with computers, and meditation room for when quiet moments are needed. The fee charged to house guests is minimal — and no one is turned away because of inability to pay.

For information on participating with Kids Helping Kids - to register a team, be a sponsor, cheer the teams, officiate the games or to volunteer at the 3-day event, call (260) 459-8550 or email: childrenshopefw@comcast.net.

SNOW CAN BE A KILLER: SHOVEL SAFELY OR NOT AT ALL

Think snow shoveling is easy? Well consider this: The average shoveler lifts about a ton of snow per session.

That says a lot about a common activity that causes uncommon trouble.

According to some statistics, about 1,200 people die of heart attacks during or after a big snow and many

more have nonfatal heart attacks. The reason: Many people with undiagnosed heart disease decide to shovel snow, an activity that rapidly increases heart rate and blood pressure.

Michigan State researchers, however, found no special increased risk of heart attack in most younger people. If you're in your 20s, you should be fine.

But remember snow shoveling can take you to maximum exertion rapidly. A pivotal study in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1995 showed that a shoveler reaches maximum exertion in just

10 minutes. No wonder that doctors say that if you're in your 40s or beyond, don't shovel.

Snow shoveling is mostly isometric exercise. Your muscles work, but there's little movement until you throw the snow. This puts more strain on the heart than leg exercise. Some shovelers increase the danger by holding their breath. This raises the heartbeat and blood pressure.

If you must shovel, remember that fresh snow is lighter weight so shovel early. Use a small shovel. This way you don't lift so much at one time. Rest every three or four minutes.

One option is to get a snow blower, but a study in Detroit showed that, after a blizzard, of the 36 people who had a heart attack while shoveling snow, four of them were using a snow blower. For people with undiagnosed heart disease, just walking through snow drifts combined with the stress of working with the snow blower can cause significant increases in heart rate and blood pressure.

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