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Thought for the Week: *I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.* Ulysses S. Grant

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It all started with just a dream to be my own boss. That dream has now been a reality for the past 6 years. After graduating from Lincoln Technical School in Indianapolis with my Auto Technician Certificate, I worked for several different car dealerships in Huntington County.

In June of 1995 the opportunity presented itself to purchase the service station/garage from Dave Bowman, where I am presently located, at 342 E. First Street in Warren. I have never looked back since my very first customer, Bernard Irick, called for an appointment to service his mail carrier vehicle.

The Warren area and surrounding communities have been very good to us. Whether it be a tire repair on a farm wagon, or a major engine overhaul on the family van, we have been able to handle anything that comes our way. We have taken great pleasure in serving the community.

At the present time, there are four full time employees, including myself. Trudy Murray (pictured front left) (also my sister-in-law) serves as my bookkeeper and office manager, and has been with me for the past four years. Eric Paul (back right) has been my service writer since July of 2002. He is the one that schedules appointments and talks with customer when they first arrive or call. I recently hired Danny Hicks (back left) as a full time technician, to help me in the service department. I am very excited to have him with me and the experience he brings. After turning wrenches for the past 24 years, it is still what I enjoy doing the most.

I am an ASE certified Master Technician along with being a certified Master Tech with Buick, alds, and Chevrolet. I have also completed several courses on the repair of Ford and Chrysler vehicles.

We continue to attend service schools to keep on top of the latest technology. Our goal is to continue offering quality service and customer satisfaction for years to come.

TREE TRIMMING

The vegetation control (tree trimming and removal) project being done by the Electric Utility will be underway the first week of February and should be completed within two to three weeks, weather permitting. Those trees to be removed or trimmed have been marked previously. Townsend Tree Service has been contracted for the project and is licensed for work in and around electrical service lines. The project, with engineering through Spectrum Engineering, is part of the ongoing electric distribution system upgrade. Further projects will include upgrading of capacitor banks and reclosers, both projects having been awarded. The distribution line upgrade project is scheduled to be awarded at the February 10th meeting of Town Council. Representatives of Spectrum Engineering are continuing to work on asset mapping including pole numbering, service connections and related information gathering and will be working throughout the Town and electric system area.

STREET DISRUPTION

Due to a problem with boring for placement of sewer lines, in the Wastewater Project, under SR 5 at Second Street, that area will see additional project work by Keith Sullivan Excavating, tentatively scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February 5. An emergency permit has been granted by INDOT to allow a cut into SR 5 to retrieve/and or clear the path for an auger as it has come into contact with a rock formation. Parking on the west side of SR 5 in the downtown area from the alley between PJ's Pizza and Wagon Wheel to the alley at Hunnicutt/Kennedy Insurance will not be permitted during the cutting project to allow for continued traffic flow through town. Parking on the east side of State Road 5 will not be affected. Local traffic should consider alternative routes through town to avoid the congested area and the inconvenience should be of short duration.



USS SALAMONIE MEMORABILIA TO WARREN

Members of the USS Salamonie Reunion Association were in Warren over this past weekend to visit and discuss housing mementos of the ship in the Knight Civic Center.

Mr. John Lichoff, of Norwalk, OH and Mr. Tom Keske, of Blaine, MN and their wives were treated to tours, meals and lots of talk about Warren. (Pictured above are: (l-r) Mr. Lichoff, Marilyn Morrison and Mr. Keske.)

Mr. Lichoff contact Marilyn Morrison back in December after stumbling across the information regarding Salamonie and the Salamonie Summer Festival on the internet and discussions began about bringing this piece of history to Warren. Why Warren? Because the USS Salamonie was named after the Salamonie River, what better place to house it's mementos than on the banks of the river it was named for. The crew members are all getting older and felt that a central place was needed to put the mementos of the ship so that they don't lost or, worse yet, destroyed.

The two gentlemen brought along several items to get the USS Salamonie wing started. The brought several copies of their book "Memories of Old Sal", the original blueprints, a bosun's whistle, and a portrait of the ship. There were other items also, with more to come. They have put out the word to members of the Association that items are needed for the museum. We look forward to receiving these items and giving them the respect they so rightly deserve.

On Sunday Mr. Lichoff and Mr. Keske donated \$500 to Salamonie School for the students annual Washington DC trip.

Plans are forming for this exhibit but nothing has been set in stone yet. The Museum of the Soldier in Portland has also contacted Mr. Lichoff about having an exhibit there. Mr. Lichoff states that they will put a few pieces in their museum, but the majority will come here to Warren.

The USS Salamonie was an oil frigate in World War II. She has since been decommissioned and sold for scrap but many memories of her live on. The Association consists of approximately 747 known living members with approximately 180 "reassigned to a higher command" (deceased). There were approximately 4000 crew members during the time the ship was active from 1940 to 1968. Mr. Lichoff served aboard the Salamonie from 1957 to 1959. Mr. Keske served from 1964 to 1968 and was the last enlisted man off the ship, followed by the Executive Officer and the Captain.

This ship was commissioned in April, 1941 after being originally built for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey as an oil tanker. She was launched September 18, 1940 as the SS Esso Columbia. After being taken over by the Navy in 1941 she was renamed the USS Salamonie. Oil tankers were named after native American waterways.

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TREE-PLANTING

The Town Council and Warren Park Board encourage residents to participate in the first ever Annual Tree-Planting Program. Five to Six-foot trees of the following types will be made available for ordering at \$25 each: Summit Ash, Emerald Queen Norway Maple, and Shademaster Honeylocust. Trees may be ordered through the Clerk-Treasurer's Office until February 15th and payment must accompany the order. Trees should be delivered to the Town Utility Department

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

Leave news and/or advertising at 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

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

Inflammation could turn out to be worse than cholesterol for heart. Large studies at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School lead researchers to believe that inflammation is a central factor in cardiovascular disease. It can be twice as bad as cholesterol as a cause of heart disease. The studies support earlier research with men.

Painless inflammation can be measured with a test that checks for C-reactive protein, or CRP, a chemical necessary for fighting injury and infection. The test costs about \$20, and may become part of standard physical exams for middle-aged people, especially those with other conditions that increase their risk of heart trouble.

Exercising and losing weight can lower CRP dramatically. Cholesterol-lowering drugs also reduce CRP, as do aspirin and some other medicines.

Doctors believe inflammation has many possible sources. The fatty buildups that line blood vessels become inflamed as white blood cells invade in a misguided defense attempt. Fat cells are also known to turn out inflammatory proteins. Other possible triggers include high blood pressure, smoking, and lingering low-level infections such as chronic gum disease.

CRP levels may rise for 25 to 30 years before a person suffers a heart attack or stroke. That gives a good window of opportunity in terms of prevention.

TO LIVE LONGER, WORK THAT BODY

Exercise can help to prevent cardiovascular disease. Increasing your level of activity decreases the risk of death.

It also reduces the risk of developing conditions that often lead to heart disease, such as diabetes and hypertension. It can lower blood pressure among people with hypertension. It can prevent obesity through weight loss and weight control. Obesity is now well known as an independent risk factor for the development of heart disease.

Recent studies reported in the New England Journal of Medicine show that physical fitness may be even more important to health than quitting smoking or avoiding diabetes. People with the greatest capacity of exercise live the longest, according to the studies.

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

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

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

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica Rev. Gus Hacker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148

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 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Kathie Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Stephan Leininger, Pastor
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779

Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30p.m.
 Evening Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 "Circle of Friends"
 (3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor
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 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085

Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Bard, Pastor

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510

Bill Keen, Pastor
Bob Brewer, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102

Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

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 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.

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Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 8:20 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m.
 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.

Sunday School Children & Youth
 Programs

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Wayne Wright, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier

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 Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship
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AREA NEWS

USS SALAMONIE CONT.

The USS Salamonie was the most completely armed of her class. She also ranked third in longevity of any ship, behind Old Ironsides and the New Jersey, with 28 years of sea life. Some information can be found on the Internet but before long, those of us in this and the surrounding communities will be able to travel to the Knight Civic Center to learn more about this important part of history.

EDITOR'S REQUEST

With the coming of the USS Salamonie it has been brought to the foreground that our veterans are all aging and stories and mementos may be lost in time. To help alleviate this situation I would like to call on everyone in the community to take the time to ask, listen and tell the stories about life in the military. Write those stories and thoughts down, they don't have to be long, and I will compile them to put into the museum to pass on to the younger generations. Send your stories to the Warren Weekly, PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792, or email them to me at wwkly@citznet.com, or fax 375-7007 or even drop them off at PJ's Flower & Gift Shop in the Warren Weekly. Or, if any of those suggestions won't work, call me at 375-3531 and I'll come pick them up. The stories don't have to be written either, I'll take them on cassette tape recordings also and transcribe them. This information is just too important to lose and our younger generations need to know of the heroes among us.

TREE PLANTING CONT.

in mid to late March. Those who have ordered trees will be notified of pick-up times. The trees are delivered dry-root making transport and planting easier. Instructions for planting of trees will be made available when placing the order.

FREE SOUP SUPPER

Jefferson Center United Methodist Church invites you to a free soup supper serving SOUP FOR THE SOUL, on February 11 at the Knight Civic Center from 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. or until the kettle runs dry.

This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the community for supporting us in our many projects during the past year. Three different soups will be served as well as relishes, beverage, snack cake and ice cream. Join us for a fun evening of good food and fellowship. Jefferson Center United Methodist church is located west of Warren at the intersection of 900S and 300W, and we invite

you to join us on Sunday mornings with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Kathie Jones and Associate Pastor Randy Rider. Visit our web page at www.gbgm-umc.org/jeffersoncenter/ to learn more about us.

SWEETHEART DANCE

The Wells County Circle W Horse Riders Club will be hosting a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 15, 2003 from 5 to 9 p.m. Line dancing will be the featured step of the evening at the Liberty Center Conservation Club.

Come on out and have a good time at the hoe-down.

CONFIDENTIAL TESTING

Free confidential and anonymous HIV testing is available the second Thursday of each month from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Huntington County Health Department, located in the Courthouse Annex Building at 354 North Jefferson, Huntington. All testing is completely private and confidentiality is guaranteed. No appointment necessary. No needles! For more information, please call Angel at the AIDS Task Force Inc. at 1-800-417-3085.

10 MINUTES COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

On Wednesday, February 26, Bluffton Regional Medical Center will offer area residents the opportunity to spend a few minutes doing something that could quite possibly save their lives.

LifeLine Screening will offer three low-cost health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and vascular disease. These tests include a Carotid Artery Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) test, and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screen. LifeLine Screening will also offer a bone density screening, which tests for the early detection of osteoporosis.

These fast, painless and low-cost screenings use ultrasound technology and are conducted by a registered or registered eligible ultrasound technologist. A board certified physician reviews the results of each test to ensure accuracy of the results and findings are mailed to each individual within 12 to 15 business days. Individuals whose screenings suggest the need for further evaluation are encouraged to seek appropriate follow-up care with their own physician.

Anyone interested in either the vascular or osteoporosis screenings 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.

TRIP PLANNED

The Wells County Extension Homemakers are sponsoring an overnight trip on Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 to "Taste of Home" Greendale, Wisconsin. Friday's overnight will be at Janesville, Wisconsin. Saturday's evening meal and dinner theater

will be at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Janesville to see "Annie, Get Your Gun". Attractions on Saturday include a tour of the Reiman Publications Visitor Center and Village, a tour of the Racine Danish Kringles factory in Racine and then on to the Jelly Belly factory at North Chicago, IL. Group will arrive home approximately 10:00 P.M. on Saturday. Cost is based on occupancy of the hotel room as follows: Single, \$222.00; Double, \$198.00; Triple, \$189.00 and Quad, \$185.00. Reservations are open to the public.

\$100.00 deposit is due April 1st to Pearl Fisher, 1432 Parlor City Drive, Bluffton. For more information call Pearl at 260-824-8393 or the Wells County Extension Office at 260-824-6412.

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Community Calendar

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Feb 7 Warren Recycle Day
Feb 8 KCC Board Meeting, 8am, KCC
Feb 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex
Feb 11 "Our Town" Meeting, 7pm, Town Hall Annex
Feb 17 SSF Committee Meeting, 7pm, KCC
Feb 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 pm
Feb 21 Warren Recycle Day
Feb 21 Dan's Fish/Tenderloin Supper, 4-7pm, KCC
Feb 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Annex
Mar 20 Fish/Tenderloin Supper, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Banquo Christian Church

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC Story Time at WPL - 10 a.m. Fridays Walking in the Gym 6 to 11 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

GLEE CLUB AT BLACKFORD

The Purdue Varsity Glee Club, directed by Brian Breed, will perform in the Blackford High School gymnasium at Hartford City on Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public and sponsored by the Hartford City Arts Council.

"We are pleased to be able to bring this outstanding young men's chorus to Blackford County," said Pat Goetz, president of the Arts Council.

Since the group's founding in 1893, the men of Purdue Varsity Glee Club have become known around the world as ambassadors of good will for Purdue University. Last summer, the Glee Club spent two weeks in China, performing for capacity crowds in Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, and Hong Kong. Previous overseas tours have taken the group to Europe, the former Soviet Union and Australia.

Just before Christmas, the Glee Club experienced its first ever performance at New York's Carnegie Hall. The group was invited to sing in two shows with the New York Pops Orchestra, conducted by Skitch Henderson. Last fall, the Glee Club performed at the Warren United Methodist Home.

Varsity Glee Club performances typically feature "something for everyone" with a wide range of musical styles including contemporary, country, standards, gospel and more. A number of solos and specialty groups add variety to the shows. Glee Club is one of five student groups which are part of Purdue Musical Organizations (PMO). The group always strives to adhere to the PMO motto "No fun without music and no music without fun."

For more information, call (765) 348-2278 or (765) 348-4891.

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How much do you know about www.usps.com? Here are the top 10 facts about the web site.

1. In Fiscal Year 02, 130 million customers visited www.usps.com.

2. In FY 02, customers spent \$38 million in the online Postal Store.

3. Since September 2001, customers have been able to print shipping label with FREE Delivery Confirmation on www.usps.com. In May 2002, the ability to pay for postage for the shipping labels was added.

4. In FY 02, customers looked up 40.4 million Zip Codes on www.usps.com, saving the Postal Service an estimated \$19.4 million (which will translate into longer periods between postage rate hikes.)

5. In FY 02, Track and Confirm serviced 32.9 million transactions, a 65% increase over FY 01.

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SAFETY A PRIORITY

With an increase in motor vehicles on Indiana roadways it's important to remember that passengers need to be buckled up, especially children.

Between February 9 and February 15, Huntington County wide law enforcement will be participating in the national Child Passenger Safety Week. During the week the goal of officers is to increase awareness of the need to restrain children in an appropriate safety seat until age eight. All children who have outgrown child safety seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least eight years old, unless they are 4-feet 9-inches tall.

"Our challenge and our priority is to deliver the message to parents and caregivers that children need to be buckled up properly when they are in a vehicle," said Deputy Carter Horne. "Far too many children are not in a child safety seat or properly buckled up. Seat belts are made for adults. For children under age eight and under 4-feet 9-inches tall a booster seat should be used to help insure that the seat belt fits, preventing the child from being thrown from the car in a crash."

Small children, aged 2 to 5, who are placed in seat belts rather than child safety seats or booster seats are 3.5 times more likely to be significantly injured in a crash. They are also four times more likely to receive a significant head injury, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-

tration, more than half (56%) of all children under 15 years old killed in car crashes in 2000 were completely unrestrained. Huntington countywide law enforcement is working hard to get the word out to Indiana drivers, parents and caregivers that all children should be placed in child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts every time they ride in a car or truck to help decrease the number of child injuries associated with car crashes.

"Child safety seats reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers in passenger cars," stated Horne. "Parents need to know the facts to secure their children properly. As children grow, they should progress through three types of child safety seats before using a seat belt alone: from rear-facing seats to forward-facing seats to booster seats."

Beginning Feb. 23, the Huntington County Sheriffs Dept., Huntington City Police Dept. and the Warren Police Dept. will increase enforcement efforts and be looking for seat belt and child passenger restraint violators.

The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving, a division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, is working with local law enforcement agencies to make Hoosier roadways safe for children by educating parents and caregivers about the importance of properly securing small children.

For more information regarding child passenger safety, please contact the Huntington County Sheriff's Dept at (260)356-8316 or the Governor's Council at (317)232-1295 or visit www.in.gov/cji.

NOTES FROM COUNCIL

On Monday evening, Jan. 27, the Warren Town Council met at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones opened the meeting with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the Jan. 13 meeting were approved as submitted.

In special order of business, bids were opened for the electric upgrade project. Bids included: N. G. Gilbert, \$214,344.40; Burns Corp., \$158,139.47; Gaylor, \$146,857.77; L. E. Meyers Co., \$180,422.08; T&B, Inc., \$122,239.90; The bids will be taken under advisement and awarded at the next Council meeting with recommendation and review by Spectrum Engineering.

Mike Ley from Spectrum Engineering presented project updates stating that the vegetation control project is set to begin as soon as weather permits and that inventory assessment and mapping was continuing.

Council voted to accept Hughes bid to provide materials for the Spectrum Engineering project as recommended by Darrel Bice. Low bidder, the company will furnish an onsite trailer helping the inventory control process.

Information was to be forwarded to Rural Development for the Wastewater Project. A progress meeting was set for Jan. 28 at 9:45 a.m. for review of financial and project progress.

Council approved an application for special exception for placing of an antenna on the Eleventh Street tower by Centennial. The permit is necessary from the Huntington County Department of Community Development.

Council approved a Starmark Plan for Insurance renewal with Trustmark, as proposed by the agent. The new plan will keep premiums steady but increase deduction and encounter fee amounts.

INDOT Railroad division is expected to remove a tree in the Railroad right-of-way at Seventh and Main.

A Chamber of Commerce Seminar is set for Tuesday, March 18. Harold Jones recommended that Council cover the cost for any employee wishing to attend with Council agreeing cost per person is \$15.00.

Marilyn Morrison was authorized to pay \$5400.00 for 2003 IDEM NPDES permit, plant operation.

Darrel Bice recommended they drop INAFSM and join Indiana Water Environment at \$20 per application. Three employees are to join.

Council is to consider Redevelopment Committee application to

fill vacancies.

An invitation was issued for a USS Salamonie dinner on Saturday evening, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. at the Knight Civic Center.

FSM Financial meeting was set for Jan. 30 with the consultant to update financial files and the business plan along with other projects.

An IMEA safety training meeting is set for Feb. 27 in the Annex.

Council voted to go with a Tree Program by Steve's Landscaping of Bluffton as was done in 2002. More details available for the Warren Weekly in February.

A W.H.A.R.M.M. meeting was held last week in Huntington. Council members attended and reported a discussion was held on restructuring of property tax.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison reported a computer upgrade rescheduled for Feb. 19, at which time the Office will be closed.

Marilyn Morrison was appointed to National League of Cities.

Financial reports were given with a review of Stat Board of Accounts new form to be used. The 2002 Investment report was presented.

Audit invoices of electric, water, sewer were presented for consideration of payment in the amount of \$5688.00.

Council approved payment to Rural Development and US Department of Agriculture for Wastewater Project in the amount of \$8,000 as the first due toward the loan for the sewer project.

Darrell Bice reported from the Utility/Street Departments. Projects had included finishing year-end inventory with State Board of Accounts; repair of water leaks; purchased a new locator; and recommended they set up a plan for tap hookup.

Town Marshal Steve Donnelly reported they plan to keep the current vehicle radio in use due to possible later changes.

An IACT report was given. A Legislation Conference is set for Feb. 24 and 25.

Announcements included: Feb. 10 and 24, Council meetings.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BROOKING

Vernon R. Brooking, 93, of Warren, formerly of Majenica, died at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Brooking retired in 1974 after 42 years with the Majestic Company, in which he was director of purchasing for 25 years. He worked in the early 1930s as an assistant to Mayor Zach Dungan, joining the Majestic firm in 1932.

His activities over his life span included membership in St. Peter's United Church of Christ, president of the Fort Wayne Association of Purchasing Agents, director of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, vice president of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, president of the Huntington County Industrial Management Council, the Indiana Council, and finally in 1950 became the national president of the Industrial Management Council.

He served as chapter chairman of the American Red Cross and a director of both the eastern and midwestern regions of the Red Cross, president of the Huntington Downtown Kiwanis Club, lieutenant-governor of the Kiwanis District and past master of the Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge.

He was born Oct. 14, 1909 in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, a son of Melvin and Iva Hause Brooking. His marriage on July 31, 1932 in Antioch was to Hilda Shultz, who died June 21, 1989. He was a 1927 graduate of Lancaster High School in Huntington County.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John (Marilyn) Sunderman of Huntington, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Services were conducted at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, with Rev. Raymond Scribner officiating. Interment was in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorials to the American Red Cross, Huntington Chapter, or to St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

BUZZARD

A former secretary, Burnetta Ann "Blondie" Buzzard, 77, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003 at her residence at 1126W-700S, Warren, in Jefferson Township, Huntington County.

Mrs. Buzzard was retired as a secretary from the Farm Bureau Insurance agency in Huntington. She was a 1943 graduate of

Andrews High School and a member of the First Baptist Church at Warren.

She was born at Andrews June 1, 1925 to Frank and Dorothy Aldridge Huston. Her marriage to Dale Eugene Buzzard, who survives, took place at Warren on Jan. 19, 1945.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three daughters, Kathy Buzzard of Warren, Mrs. Gregg (Konnice) Stevenson of Danville and Mrs. Jim (Doris) Croy of Kendallville; two sons, Charlie and Robert Buzzard, both of Warren; two brothers, Marvin Huston of Huntington and Alvin Huston of Apache Junction, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A son, Donald, three brothers and three sisters are deceased.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, in Warren with Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory at Marion.

Memorials to the American Lung Association.

METCALFE

A private funeral service was held for Ruth D. Metcalfe, a former resident of Marion and Bradenton, Fla., who died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003 at the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, where she had resided since 1982.

Mrs. Metcalfe was a high school graduate and a member of the Southern Baptist Association. She formerly lived and worked in Marion and moved from Florida into the Warren home.

She was born in Guion, Ind., Aug. 21, 1913 to Joseph Thomas and Brilla Phelps Delp. Deceased are her first husband, Frederick E. Fuller, in 1973; her second husband, Robert Metcalfe, in 1974, and also two sisters and a stepson.

Surviving are a sister, Alice Cray of Warren; a stepson, Stephen Metcalfe of Winter Park, Fla.; a great-niece and a stepdaughter.

A private burial service was in Spring Hill Cemetery at Warren with Rev. John Ballante officiating.

Memorials to the United Methodist Memorial Home.

KOBY

Ruby E. Koby, 81, of Mentone, a native of Huntington, died at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003 in Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. Koby retired from RCA in Marion after many years of service.

She was born in Huntington Jan. 28, 1922 to Albert "Burr" and Eva Case Knight. Her marriage at Huntington on July 16, 1941 was to James H. Koby, who died May 31, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Betty) Runkle of Wolcottville; a son, Jimmy Dean Koby of Mentone; three sisters, Madelene Long and Wanda Chopson, both of Warren, and Wilma Slater of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Deceased are three brothers, three sisters and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, in Warren, with Pastor Charles Dye Jr. in charge. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery at Warren.

Memorials to the Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice.

WEAVER

Jeanette (Sprinkle) Weaver, 95, Warren, died at 4:50 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2003 in Warren Methodist Home.

She was born March 3, 1907 in Marion to the late Larkin V. Sprinkle and Faye Billiter. She married Oran Lee Weaver, who preceded her in death. The homemaker and teacher taught music at Martin Boots Junior High School and was a choir director at First Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Marion High School, Class of 1925, and Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., Class of 1939. She

spent most of her life in Marion.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeannie L. (James) Pender, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and a sister, Sarah (Gerald) Clapsaddle, Warren.

Services were held in Warren Methodist Memorial Home, 801 N. Huntington Road.

Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, handled the arrangements.

BIRTHS

Rodney Satterthwaite and Tiffany Stetzel Satterthwaite, Huntington, are the parents of a son, Chase Cooper Satterthwaite, born at 9p.m. Dec. 17 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces at birth, and joins a brother, Mason Grant Satterthwaite, 21 months.

Grandparents are Mike and Mary Stetzel, Warren, and Rex and Joyce Satterthwaite, Huntington.

Mark Bodrie and Amanda Friedman Bodrie, Trenton, Mich., are the parents of a daughter, Hannah Marie Bodrie, born at 3:12 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Oakwood Hospital Medical Center, Dearborn, Mich. The baby weighed 3 pounds, 1 ounce at birth and joins sisters, Rori Bodrie and Kourtney Roberts and brother Adam Bodrie.

Grandparents are Andy and Carol Friedman, Huntington, Joyce Bodrie, Allen Park, Mich., and Doug and Shirley Bodrie, Grosse Ile, Mich. Bob and Mary Athalene Rice, Warren, are great-grandparents.

The family resides at 245 Helen,

Trenton, MI 48183.

Bob and Shannon (Newhard) Kirtley, Bluffton, are the parents of a daughter, Sierra Marie Kirtley, born at 9:45 a.m. January 31, 2003 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 6 1/4 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches. She joins siblings, Austin, age 15, Asa, age 14 and Amber, age 10.

Grandparents are Mrs. Rebecca Borne and the late James Borne of Ossian and the late Lois Sceffer, Judy Kirtley of Bluffton and Kenny and Sharon Kirtley of Crossville, TN. Mrs. Flora Kirtley and the late John Kirtley and the late Aldene Bevington are the great-grandparents.

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The US Postal Service has taken this year's subject, Information Security, one step further by sending consumers the message "Identity Theft — Safeguard Your Personal Information." This year's national campaign focuses on educating consumers about identity theft and information security as well as providing tips to prevent consumers from becoming potential victims. Every year, thousands of people and businesses are victimized by identity theft schemes. We are encouraging consumers to be aware and be educated. February 3-8 has been designated as the official week dedicated to promote consumer protection awareness efforts.

While it is impossible for consumers to protect themselves from every swindler, there are actions that can be taken to substantially minimize the risk of identity theft. Consumers can take the following steps.

Promptly remove all mail from the mailbox after delivery.

Never give personal information over the telephone, such as social security number, date of birth, mother's maiden name, credit card number, or bank personal identification number (PIN) code, unless you initiated the phone call.

Shred pre-approved credit card applications, credit card receipts, bills, and other financial information you don't want before disposing in the trash or recycling bin.

Order a recent credit card report from the three major credit bureaus once a year to check for fraudulent activity or other discrepancies.

Sign all new credit cards immediately upon receipt.

Report all lost or stolen credit cards immediately.

Use caution when you disclose account numbers, credit card numbers, or other personal finan-

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seconds, on the Keyboard tab, under ToggleKeys, click Settings.

4. If the Use shortcut check box in the Settings for ToggleKeys dialog box is selected, you can turn ToggleKeys on or off by holding down the NUM LOCK key for five seconds.

If you have a question you need answered, email me at jami@citznet.com. I will try.

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice

Breakfast

Feb 10 - Breakfast pizza

Feb 11 - Super donut

Feb 12 - Sausage patty, toast/butter

Feb 13 - Waffles/syrup

Feb 14 - Peanut butter/jelly bar

Lunch

Each meal includes milk

Feb 10 - Corn dog, baked beans, pudding dessert

Feb 11 - Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, jello/fruit, hot roll/butter

Feb 12 - Chicken patty sandwich, buttered carrots, pineapple tidbits

Feb 13 - Taco salad, buttered peas, fruit, cookie

Feb 14 - Pizza boat, tri-tater, sliced peaches, brownie

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

Feb 10 - Orange juice, pancake/sausage on a stick

Feb 11 - Apple juice, waffle stix w/ syrup, sausage links

Feb 12 - Grape juice, egg/cheese omelet

Feb 13 - Orange juice, breakfast muffin

Feb 14 - Apple juice, ham/egg/cheese on an English muffin

Lunch

Each meal includes chocolate or white milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/ cracker, peanut butter/jelly sandwich and fruit basket choice

Feb 10 - Chicken strips (corn dog nuggets), relishes, apple wedges, bread/butter



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Feb 11 - Grilled cheese sandwich (quarterpounder w/cheese), French fries, pears, cherry shape-up

Feb 12 - Turkey Manhattan (ham salad on wheat), whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit snack

Feb 13 - Cheeseburger (quarterpounder w/cheese), combination salad, mixed fruit, jello cubes

Feb 14 - Footlong coney dog (sub sandwich), baked potato, broccoli w/cheese sauce, ice cream

LEADS CONFERENCE

Anderson University senior forward Kelly McMillan scored a career-high 25 points and pulled down a team-high 9 rebounds to lead the Ravens past Bluffton College 76-48 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference action Saturday, January 11 at Bluffton.

The Southern Wells High School graduate made 9 of 12 field-goal attempts and 7 of 10 free-throw tries in 37 minutes.

The Ravens improved to 11-2 overall and 3-1 in the HCAC.

The 1999 Southern Wells Raider graduate currently is leading the HCAC in field goal percentage with .588. She also is fifth in rebounding. She is averaging 9.8 points and 7.7 rebounds per con-

test. Kelly is the daughter of Randy and Janice McMillan of McNatt.

CHEER SQUAD HONORED

A group of cheerleaders from Huntington County recently received the Grand Champion Award during the 2003 National Cheerleading Competition at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. The girls are Mallorie Richardson, Alyssa Schnitz, Drew Fultz, Marissa Sims, and Becca Berghoff. They are members of the MTG AllStar Cheerleading Squad, which practices at More Than Gymnastics in Fort Wayne. The girls, all eighth-graders, received an 8.0 for their routine, earning them the highest award of the competition. They also attended the 2003 Circle of Stars National Cheerleading Competition at the RCA Dome and received first place.

Becca is the daughter of Dr. Bob and Laura Berghoff of Warren.



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SNOW TIME

Snow was the theme at the Warren Library's story time on Friday, January 31. Joan Boyer read Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Burton, Winter Visitors by Elizabeth O'Donnell, The Biggest Best Snowman by Margery Cuyler and The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Jayson Bailey, Uriah DeWeese, Katie Melcher, Emma Melcher and Dylan Hutson also enjoyed fingerplays and making a cotton ball snowman.

Story time is every Friday morning at 10:00 unless school is cancelled due to weather.

HONOR ROLL

Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School Academic Honor Roll for Cycles 3 & 4 are:

HIGH HONOR ROLL (All A's)
Seniors - Lyndsay Gardner, Ashley Johnson

Juniors - Charissa Kinser, Sarah Oswalt, Sarah Renner, Jessica Reynolds, Meredythe Smith, Sophomores - Keri Hank, Kyle Johnson, Amy Spaulding, Daniel Stauffer, Summer Story, Sarina Winterrowd

8th Grade - Eva Miller, Brandon Reaser

7th Grade - Casey Carroll, Joshua Lavanchy, Shawn Longenberger

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Seniors - Kurt Fiechter, Ben Jones, Paige Leas, Jackie Lynch, Andy Michaud, Jennifer Mossburg, Janelle Nusbaumer, Lacey Probst Landon Story

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Sophomores - Nikki Allred, Laci Bower, Heather Bunch, Craig M. Carroll, Kiann Carroll, Laura Chandler, Kayla Daniels, April Fiechter, Holly Fiock, Hilary Gaiser, Kellie Mendenhall, Ross Palmer, Hanna Renner, Brandon Schumm, Leah Teeple, Jalinda Tucker

Freshman - Adam Boxell, Zachary Cassiday, Suzanne Drayer, Joyce Flanagan, Samantha Ford, Sam Garrett, Lia Gentis, Ga-Young Ha, Sam Hecht, Cherish Jenkins, Elizabeth Lewellen, Samantha Lichtsinn, Elise Martin, Leslie Moser, Steven Paxson, Heather Roush, Cierra Sessions, Nick Thomas

8th Grade - Sierra Dollar, Stewart Dreis, Emily Fiock, Sara Habegger, Ashley Herman, Alan McClure, Terrence Merchant, Thomas Mossburg, Brittany

Napier, Chad Ramseyer, Jennifer Robbins, Shara Sain, Jarred Sisler, Anthony Smith

7th Grade - Cahli Allen, Liza Arnold, Nicole Bunch, Mychal Chandler, Katie Coolman, Julia Duncan, Erica Eldridge, Alicia Flanagan, Thad Harter, Kristen Hollowell, Kaitlyn Huffman, Sheena Ivins, Alex Kellam, Ryan Kellam, Hamzah Khan, Natalie Lewellen, Troy McAfee, Laura Paxson, Johnny Quinn, Tiffany Reusser, Jayme Reynolds, Chris Siebold, Anna Teague, Rocky Truex

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Little Panther Pre School attended once in the afternoon for story time at the Van Buren Public Library on Wednesday Jan. 29th, 2003. As the children entered into the library they received their name tag bear to wear around their neck. We sang the open shut them finger play song. Karen had prepared a mixed - up alphabet on the easel. As the children sang the alphabet song they knew something was wrong. They would laugh as they explained the correct letter was not where it was suppose to be. They know their ABC song really well and I could not fool them. We had a lot of fun.

Karen read the book "Alphaboat" by Michael Chesworth. They were able to take a picture home of an eel to color with a work sheet on the back about the letter E. They each checked out two books to take and enjoy.

Attending were: Will Bratcher, Mikela Richardson, Colleen Mealer, Courtney Embry, PJ Jones, Samantha Kessinger, Autumn Harmon, Caitlin Imhoff,



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Ashley Herman won an Indiana Commemorative Quarter and Jordan Montgomery won a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. (Pictured above) Vice President Rick Gentis presented the bond to Jordan after the competition.

Johna Shelton, Gaige, Brian, Brady, helper Mrs. Lori Shafer and teacher Mrs. Bridget Green.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME

Seven children attended the After School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday January 31st to have a Birthday celebration for all who attended.

The children entered the children's department of the library and received a heart picture to color. These pictures will be displayed in the windows of the library for Valentine's Day. When

completed the pictures were really nice.

The children were able to choose what kind of birthday hat they would make. They made construction paper band hats, cone hats and newspaper hats. They were able to decorate the hats with different kinds of stickers and markers. The hats were really neat when completed. Karen read the book "The Little Boy and the Birthday," by Helen E. Buckley. A ring toss game was played and Cameron Riddle won a prize.

The refreshments were birthday

cupcakes to decorate and other treats. They each received a birthday gift.

Attending were Cassie Davis, Cameron Riddle, Teri Fisher, Tiffany Fisher, Travis Fisher, Jonathon Scheid and Greg Marsh.

Friday February 7th after school, we will celebrate National Cherry Month. Hope to see ya!

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