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Thought for the Week: *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All! Have a safe holiday season!*

## TOWN HALL

Holiday Closings: December 23-25, December 31, and January 1.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Warren United Church of Christ would like to invite everyone to come to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. From 11 to 12 p.m. we will be celebrating Jesus coming to bring the light of his love to the world. The Church is located at the corner of Main and Second Streets in Warren and Scott Nedberg is Pastor.

## ZUMBA IN WARREN

Chrissie (Ford) Linker will be starting a Zumba Class in January at the Sportsman's Club. Have you made your resolution to lose weight, to get in shape ... well here's opportunity knocking at your door.

Chrissie is a stay at home mom of three and started doing Zumba as a way of getting in a well needed workout and some well needed "mommy time." After doing Zumba for four months, she lost 20 pounds and gained a great deal of energy and self-confidence. She became a certified Zumba teacher in November of 2009 and really enjoys teaching others this fun and effective workout.

What is Zumba? Zumba was developed by Beto Perez in Columbia. It is a "Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements, which create a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system."

You do not have to be a dancer to enjoy Zumba! Zumba is fun, different, easy and effective! Because of the way Zumba is formatted you could loose 600-700 calories in one 50 minute class! The music is great, the choreography is fun, and the classes are like a party!

So ditch the old workout and come join the Party!

Classes start January 4th and will run for an 8 week session thru February 25th. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Warren Sportsman's Club at Tower Park.

Cost for Classes will be \$5.00 per class or you can buy a punch card for 5 classes at \$20.00. Check out local businesses for the flyers and a chance to grab a tab for a free class!

For more information about Zumba, please log on to [Zumba.com](http://Zumba.com) and check out all the great things Zumba has to offer! You can even get information on Chrissie or check out her class schedule.

## GRANT AWARDED

National 4-H Council awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Huntington County 4-H robotics team. This funding will support the team as they work together throughout the year to learn how to build robots and participate in robotics competitions across the country.

To support 4-H's expanded robotics programming, and in anticipation of the upcoming 2010 launch of 4-H's comprehensive robotics curriculum, National 4-H Council raised grants that were awarded to forty-three 4-H

Robotics Teams in twenty states nation-wide. These 4-H teams will participate in at least one FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), or FIRST LEGO League (FLL) event.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and National 4-H Council formed an alliance earlier this year to expand robotics clubs and programming among new youth across the nation. Through these grants, twenty-seven of the forty-three grants awarded are helping to establish brand new 4-H Robotics Teams in several states.

Huntington County 4-H Robotics Team #1501 will participate in the FIRST Kick-off event on Saturday, January 9, 2010, held locally at Huntington University Science Building. 4-H members and adult mentors will begin the planning and design stages for building this year's robot to compete in the Boilermaker Regional, scheduled at Purdue University March 18-20.

For more information about the Huntington County 4-H robotics team, visit the team's website at <http://huntingtonrobotics.org/>. Information about the team, photos of difference events and community service projects, a calendar of meetings, activities and events, along with enrollment forms can be downloaded from the webpage.



## FREE TAX PREP

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be providing FREE tax preparation assistance to people with low-to-moderate income this year, a savings of up to \$500!

The Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC, provides tax credits to working adults and families with low or moderate incomes. Money can be used to pay down debts, buy things families need, or can be saved for the future.

The maximum EITC for 2009 is:  
\$457 for families with NO qualifying children  
\$3,043 for families with 1 qualifying child  
\$5,028 for families with 2 qualifying children  
\$5,657 for families with 3 or more qualifying children

Families may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit if they meet the following guidelines:

\* If the family has no children and made under \$13,440

(\$6.46/hr.) in 2009, or if the family has no children and made under \$18,440 (\$8.86/hr.) if married filing jointly.

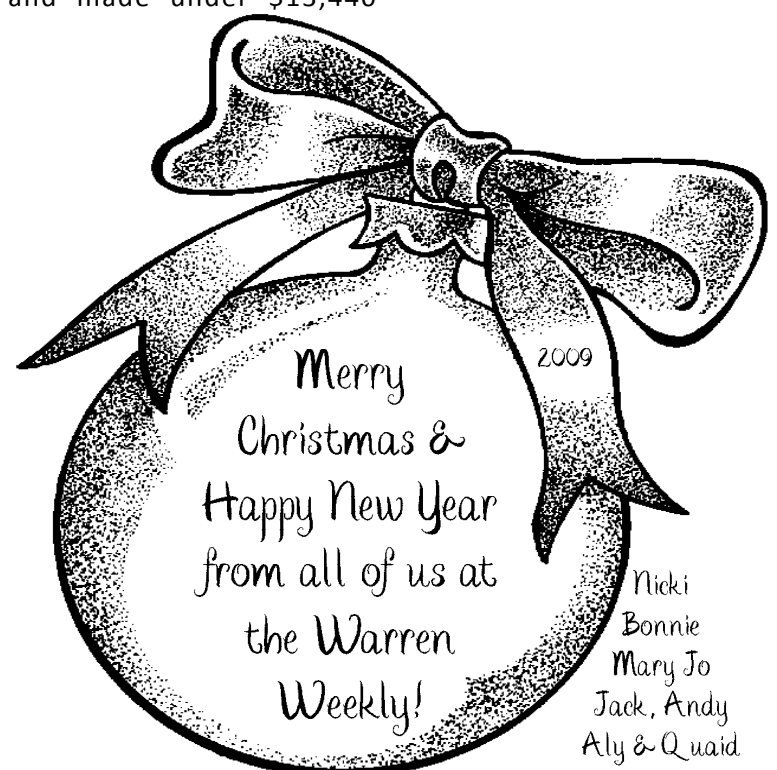
\* If the family has 1 child and made under \$35,463 (\$17.04/hr.) in 2009, or if the family has 1 child and made under \$40,463 (\$19.45/hr.) if married filing jointly.

\* If the family has 2 children and made under \$40,245 (\$19.37/hr.) in 2009, or has 2 children and made under \$45,245 (\$21.77/hr.) if married filing jointly.

\* If the family has 3 or more children and made under \$43,279 (\$20.50/hr.) in 2009, or has 3 or more children and made under \$48,279 (\$23.21/hr.) if married filing jointly.

To find out if you qualify, please contact Katie Rodgers at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 or e-mail her at [krodgers@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:krodgers@pathfinderservices.org).

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## AREA NEWS

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Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org) and has provided over \$9.7 million in down payment assistance to over 1,300 families since 1997.

### BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park, Huntington. 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging between the hours of 9:00 am – 12:00 noon on January 9.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed in mid-December to all 4-H Beef members who were enrolled in the 4-H beef project for the previous year. The County Extension Office has additional copies of the necessary paperwork for any interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed

during the January 9th ID day.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, [laaldrig@purdue.edu](mailto:laaldrig@purdue.edu) or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington.

### Is It Safe?

There has been a lot of press in farm publications recently about feeding moldy corn to farm animals including hogs, chickens and cattle. The concern is that some corn being harvested has either Gibberella or Diplodia mold with harmful mycotoxins. As you may be aware, the highest level of concern is for hogs and chickens. This is because they digest food differently than cattle. Prior research has shown performance issues in hogs and chickens from feeding moldy corn.

Reports have circulated that hogs simply won't eat corn which has the Gibberella mold variety. In many situations, consultants and veterinarians are recommending testing new corn, so hog producers will know the mycotoxin levels in the grain. A plant pathologist from Ohio State University, Pierce Paul, mentioned that moldy corn should not be more than 20% of a hog's diet. He also said that corn containing vomitoxin at a level greater than 5 parts per million (ppm) should

not be fed to hogs. Note that Gibberella ear rot fungus produces three types of mycotoxins that are harmful to animals. These include deoxynivalenol (DON, also known as vomitoxin), zearalenone and T-2 toxin.

The situation is a bit different for farmers raising ruminant animals like cattle, sheep and goats. Purdue Extension beef and dairy specialists have even recommended that growers consider opportunities available to buy corn damaged by mold, as they may find a bargain price. Ron Lemenager, Purdue Extension beef management specialist, explained that the rumen is an organ that allows beef and dairy cattle to detoxify anything they might eat. However, he cautioned growers because the rumen does have its limitations.

"The concern that I have, as a nutritionist, in feeding moldy corn is for the replacement heifer," Lemenager said. "We know the toxin zearalenone has the potential to cause negative effects on conception rates and fertility in these breeding females."

Recently folks have contacted the Huntington County Extension office to see if moldy corn is safe for sheep and goats. There is much less research available for the effects of including moldy corn in the diet of sheep and goats. However, a concern exists for breeding ewes and does that reproductive performance may be impacted. A new publication is available which includes information specific to mycotoxin concerns in feeding sheep and goats. It can be found at the following web address: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AS/AS-597-W.pdf>.

If there is any question on mycotoxin levels in corn, livestock producers have resources available to them for testing the grain. The USDA Risk Management Agency has compiled a list of approved testing facilities, which can be found at [http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/il\\_rso/2009/mycotoxin.pdf](http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/il_rso/2009/mycotoxin.pdf).

The Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (ADDL) at Purdue will also test corn for toxins. The mycotoxin screen 1 test costs \$25 and results can be obtained in approximately two weeks. Producers can send a small sample (approx. 1 lb.) in a sealed plastic bag. The Web site for the ADDL is <http://www.addl.purdue.edu/Users/TOX/Tests.asp>.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

### BUZZED IS DRUNK

The winter holiday season brings with it the tradition of celebrating with family and friends. In many instances, these celebrations will involve alcohol. That is why the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is once again urging Hoosiers to celebrate responsibly by planning ahead if they plan to drink.

This final reminder to deter impaired driving in 2009 comes on the heels of the Safe Family Travel initiative conducted by more than 250 Indiana law enforcement agencies last month to prevent impaired driving and enforce seat belt

use. This Thanksgiving holiday mobilization resulted in more than 11,000 citations for seat belt, DUI and other traffic related offences.

In an effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Indiana roadways this holiday season, the Indiana State Police, in conjunction with 125 local law enforcement agencies, will continue through December to conduct saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints in 33 counties throughout the state. Participating counties have been identified as high alcohol crash areas and are part of the DUI Task Force enforcement program.

"Driving drunk or buzzed may potentially spiral into an unforeseen tragedy. That is why we want all motorists to reconsider the myths about drinking and driving," said ICJI Executive Director, T. Neil Moore. "Buzzed driving is drunk driving and driving while intoxicated just isn't worth the risk," Moore added.

In December 2008, 20 people lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes statewide. During the 2008 winter holiday period (6 p.m. December 24, 2008 through 6 a.m. January 5, 2009), 147 collisions involved alcohol. Furthermore, one out of every four fatal collisions during the

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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.

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Dec 25 | Christmas                                       |
| Dec 31 | Warren Recycle Day                              |
| Jan 1  | New Year's Day                                  |
| Jan 6  | Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall |
| Jan 6  | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.                  |
| Jan 11 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall   |
| Jan 18 | KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC             |
| Jan 18 | Martin Luther King Jr Day                       |
| Jan 20 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 pm                    |
| Jan 25 | Warren Town Council, 4p.m.                      |

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus


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GENEALOGY REPORT

LINES

Irene (Michael) Lines, 95, passed away at 1:25 AM, on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Sunday, March 22, 1914, in Blackford County, IN. to Arthur Marion Knox and Bernice J. (Bodge) Knox.

Mrs. Lines was a former resident of Fiat, IN, Jay County. She was a member of the Christian Worship Center in Fiat, IN. She attended Washington Twp. School in Blackford County. She had lived her early years in Hartford City, IN. She was a seamstress where she made wedding dresses. She was the former owner/operator of Lines Grocery and formerly worked at Torchlight Resturant both in Fiat, IN. She was a member of the Christian Worship Center in Fiat, IN.

Survivors include: Daughters-Beverly Sue Hollar of Bryant, Ind., and Judith A. (husband, Bill) Smith of Montpelier, Ind., Sons-Billy D. (wife, Sharon) Michael of Bluffton, Ind. and Tom A. (wife, Michelle) Michael of Bryant, Ind., Sister-June Reasoner of Montpelier, Ind., 15 Grandchildren, 36 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by: 1st Husband-Philip F. Michael, 2nd Husband-Virgil Lines, Father-Arthur Marion Knox, Mother-Bernice J. (Bodge) Knox, Brothers-Harold Knox and James Knox, Sister-Peggy Feverbach and Step Sister-Edna Grace VanNatter.

Services were held at Walker



& Glancy Funeral Home with Pastor Jared Smith officiating. Interment was at Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville, Ind.

Memorials to: Jay County Heart Association ~ or ~ Christian Worship Center, C/O Michele Gearheart, 409 Warren Avenue, Montpelier, IN 47359.

SPAHR

George A. Spahr, 94, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:15 AM, on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

George is survived by his wife of 73 years, Vera Schweikhardt and 85 descendants. He married Vera E. (Schweikhardt) on October 21, 1936 in Jackson Twp.-Wells County.

He was born to Glen and Ethel Spahr on July 25, 1915 in the family farm home on Flowing Well Road. His brothers, Wilbur, Samuel and Russell and a sister Josephine preceded him in death.

George was a lifetime farmer, raising cattle, hogs and crops. John Deere machinery was his way. He and Vera set up housekeeping on state road 218 at the railroad crossing, later moving to the farm on Meridian Road. They moved to Heritage Pointe in 2005. George enjoyed visits to the field to watch the farming activities.

During school years at Warren High School, he played baseball, basketball and the clarinet in band. He and several school chums would box in the basement of the former Gold Seal Store. Between graduation (1933) and marriage, he boxed



in the Golden Glove League in Ft. Wayne at the G.E. plant on Broadway. George played softball and slow pitch in Warren. His enthusiasm and support reached out to family and friends. In his later years, he kept up with grandchildren and great grandchildren in many sports. He was always a dedicated Purdue fan.

As a youngster, he attended Epworth Youth at the Warren Methodist Church and has been a longtime member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

George will be greatly missed by his 15 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. George and Vera are the parents of Marcia (Wendell) Jackson, David (Wanda) Spahr, Max (Lois) Spahr and Dan (Pam) Spahr.

Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery where he served on the board of directors and a celebration of George's life was held at Solid Rock United Methodist Church. Pastor Kathy Newton and the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel provided support and services.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

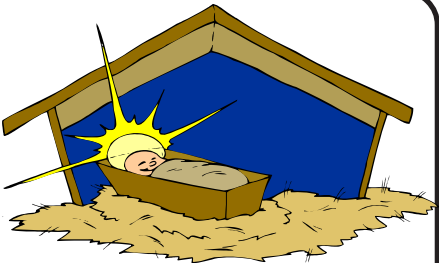
Rev. Robert and Mrs. Bernice Boyd, who was a former pastor of the Warren United Church of Christ will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 31st of 2009. The children and grandchildren are having a card shower for them to honor them on their special day.

If you would like to send a card, please do so to the following address: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Boyd, 212 West Cornwallis Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408.

The Family of Reverend Boyd offer you their warmest regards and well wishes.



May You Have a Blessed Holiday Season



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The staff at Huntington House would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped make this a happy, healthy, blessed, and safe Holiday Season.

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2008 winter holiday period involved alcohol.

"By making smart decisions and exercising good judgment, we can undoubtedly reduce the number of lives lost in Indiana this holiday season," said Moore. "Drinking and driving can end up deadly no matter how many drinks you've had. Never get behind a wheel of a vehicle when you are impaired."

Hoosiers can enjoy a safe and festive holiday without jeopardizing their life and the lives of the others on the road by following just a few easy steps:

- \* Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;

- \* Before drinking, designate a sober driver and give that person your keys;

- \* If you become impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely;

If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911;

And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

For more information, visit [in.gov/cji](http://in.gov/cji) or [StopImpairedDriving.org](http://StopImpairedDriving.org).

The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates.

### WARREN COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening, December 14. The meeting was held in the Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright opened the meeting with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Mark Wickersham, executive director of Huntington County Economic Development, presented Council with two year plan of activities of the group.

Jeff Souder of Warren is an officer in that group and was also at Monday's meeting.

Council approved a 2010 contract with HCUED in the amount of \$1,700.

A representative of Marion Services was in attendance to discuss recycling. Council opted to go with Huntington County Solid Waste for a recycling dumpster to be placed at the Utility Garage on West Second Street. This will do away with curbside recycling. Another option would have been an additional \$3.00 charge for curbside recycling per household.

A contract in the amount of \$33.00 per person with OUTCOME LLC was approved. This will include random alcohol and drug testing for CDL Drivers.

The Huntington County Expo is set for March 20 and 21. Council agreed to a \$260 charge for a booth. Warren Area Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the booth.

Wellhead Protection (IDEM) water management rules are in effect. There will be a meeting January 22 to complete the phase two process.

The recently purchased 1994 fire truck is now in service. Council approved approximately \$4,000 to complete outfitting the truck.

The next regular meeting of Council will be December 22 at 4 p.m.

### VAN BUREN NOTES

On Wednesday evening, December 16, the Van Buren Town Council held their last meeting of 2009. Held in the Council Room at Town Hall the meeting was conducted by President Tony Manry. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council awarded the trash pickup bid to Marion Services.

Any senior citizen desiring a discount for trash pickup should apply at Town Hall.

The Garfield statue had been delivered to the Library lawn, but an arm was broken in the delivery. The statue is again undergoing repairs. It is not expected to be returned until spring.

Office Pat Collins gave the Police Report.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. All meters had been read in December. Meters with leaks have been tagged.

It has been noted that January water bills will show an increase.

### TRACTOR MEETING

The Warren Area Tractor club met at the Knight-Bergman Center on December 5, 2009 for their annual Christmas Party. Members and their wives enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment.

Officers for next year are Mike Daugherty, president; Tim Beeks, vice-president; Steve Maxwell, secretary; Dave Bradford, treasurer; two directors are Kyle Schoeff and Marvin Zeller.

Next meeting will be at Kyle and Lois Schoeff's at 10520E 100S, Marion, IN, 765-998-7816, on January 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The ladies are also invited. Men, please bring a chair and join us for the start of a new year.

### SIGMA PHI

The Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their annual "Secret Santa Sister" gift exchange Christmas Party on December 14, 2009, at their room in the Knight-Bergman Center. A card game, King's on the corners, was played with high prize going to Betty Yoder, low prize going to Sandy Booher and first to arrive for the evening to Rosemary Zeller. Door Prize was won by Sharon Gebhart.

Members present were: Opal Brubaker, Sondra Zabel, Jenny Plummer, Susan Ralston, Sharon Gebhart, Betty Yoder, Beth Ostermeyer, Sandy Booher, Carol Irick, and Rosemary Zeller. Committee for the evening was Tara Korporal, Suzette Gephart and Sandy Eichhorn.

The Longaberger Basket raffle was won by Joni Furnish of Huntington. Much appreciation was given to all who bought tickets for this project. Money will go to our service projects at Christmas time and all through the year.

Next regular business meeting will be January 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at our room in the Knight-Bergman Center.

### AUXILIARY MET

The American Legion Auxiliary met December 3, 2009 at the Post, for our Christmas Party.

President Anna gave each officer a coffee cup, candy cane and poppy.

Everyone had steaks for dinner and each officer brought dessert.

We played games.

Those attending: Flo Doyle, Ruth Bole, Waneta Linton, Irene Pickard, Linda Long, Anna Pickard, Jere Edwards, Lori Linton, Joyce Loftis, Elisha Butler, Lequita Taylor, Barbara Stevens, Julie Webb, Donna Laymon, Cathy Lee, Carol Ritter, Tristan Mathias.

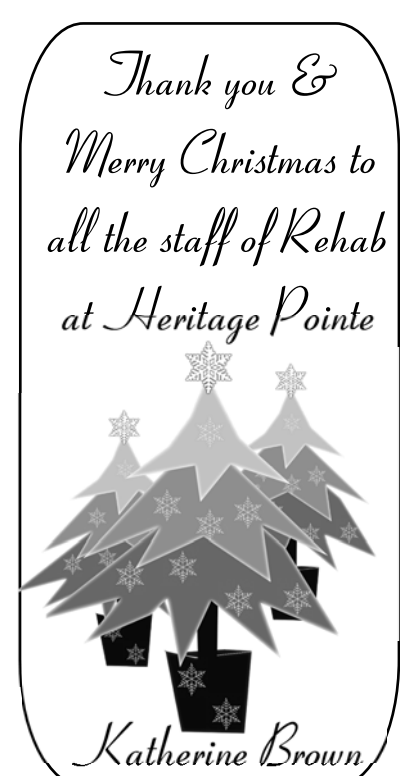
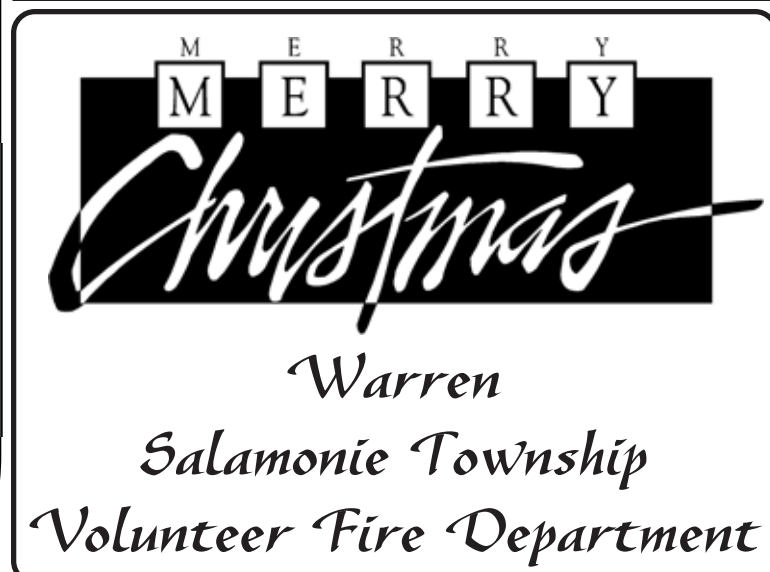
Next meeting January 9th, 2010.

### 5TH DISTRICT

5th District American Legion Auxiliary met November 21, 2009 at Fairmount 313.

President Rosemary Hammons opened the meeting. Opening prayer by Chaplain Betty Hedges. Secretary Sue Comerford called the roll, read minutes. Treasurer Virginia Baker gave finance report.

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# Memorial Bows – 2009

(White Bows unless indicated otherwise)



John Bill Buzzard  
Grace and Bill Buzzard  
Gerald and Maxine Sheets  
Johnina Boxell  
Earl Boxell  
Bonnie Boxell  
Chris Vogleman (Yellow)  
Jacob Arnold  
Mary Arnold  
Betty Shaw (Red)  
Roger Shaw (Yellow and White)  
Donald Jervis  
Devon Brown  
Kate Campbell  
Josh Sleppy (Yellow)  
Olivia Carroll  
Mark Knight  
Margaret Knight  
Bentley Gene Spears  
Carl ‘Jake’ Douglas  
William ‘Bill’ Collins  
Earl Nuss (Yellow)  
Arlan Banter (Yellow)  
Vere Shideler  
Marlene Little  
Charles Lee  
Dave Yount  
Dennis and Willadene Couch  
Leonard and Nelda Lows  
Fred and Francis Hippensteel  
Billy Lows Jr (Yellow)  
Dr. Don Ping (Yellow)  
Lloyd Morrison  
Martha Morrison  
Leander Morrison  
Elsie Morrison  
Paul Ruble  
Ada Ruble  
Clyde Fiock  
Marjorie Fiock  
Kay Jordan  
Marcus Ruble  
Jackie Ruble  
Gerald and Ruth Moreland (Red)  
Richard Brown  
Thelma Brown  
Benjamin Whitaker (Yellow)  
Wendell Thompson  
Patty Boxell (red)  
Thanamae McCammon  
Ruth Baker  
Nina Miller  
Meridith Miles  
Opal and Dean Hardin  
George and Garnet Bergman  
Mary Athalene Rice  
Robert E. Rice, US Navy (Yellow)  
Joe Bob Wilkerson  
Linc Murray  
Cary Butch Herring  
Jack Ramseyer  
Larry Hess  
Phil Hedrick  
Mile Coolman  
Lloyd and Gwen Mains  
Pete and Doc  
Nipper and Genevieve

Elwood and Lula Miller  
Ralph and Opal Highley  
Cathy Kay Miller  
Dude Booher (Yellow)  
Miriam Thompson  
Gene Thompson  
Jerry Eichhorn  
Bernard Rennaker (Yellow)  
Dorothy Veach  
Harold Veach  
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Patty Souder (Red)  
Gene Souder  
Mary Neff (Red)  
John Neff  
Greba Ogle  
Ernie Ogle  
James Ogle  
Wendell Brown (Yellow–WWII)  
Hoyt Brown  
Pauline Fluhrer  
Randolph Fluhrer  
Jack Neff (Yellow)  
Wendell Thompson  
Madeline Thompson  
Jane Wert  
Norma Rettig  
Vernon Rettig (Yellow)  
Merlin Thompson  
Norma Thompson (Red)  
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Margaret Ann Boxell  
Dwight Boxell  
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Nancy Boxell (Red)  
Tad Boxell (Red)  
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Irene Zeller  
Paul Yount (Red)  
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Carrie Ervin  
Bo Lloyd  
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Dorman and Madge Hudson  
Jimmy Schwob  
Jesse J Brown  
Mary Alberta Brown  
George E Brown (Yellow)  
Eugene Turner  
Robert C Hemmick Jr  
Ruskin Laymon  
Bruce Laymon  
Bud Furnish  
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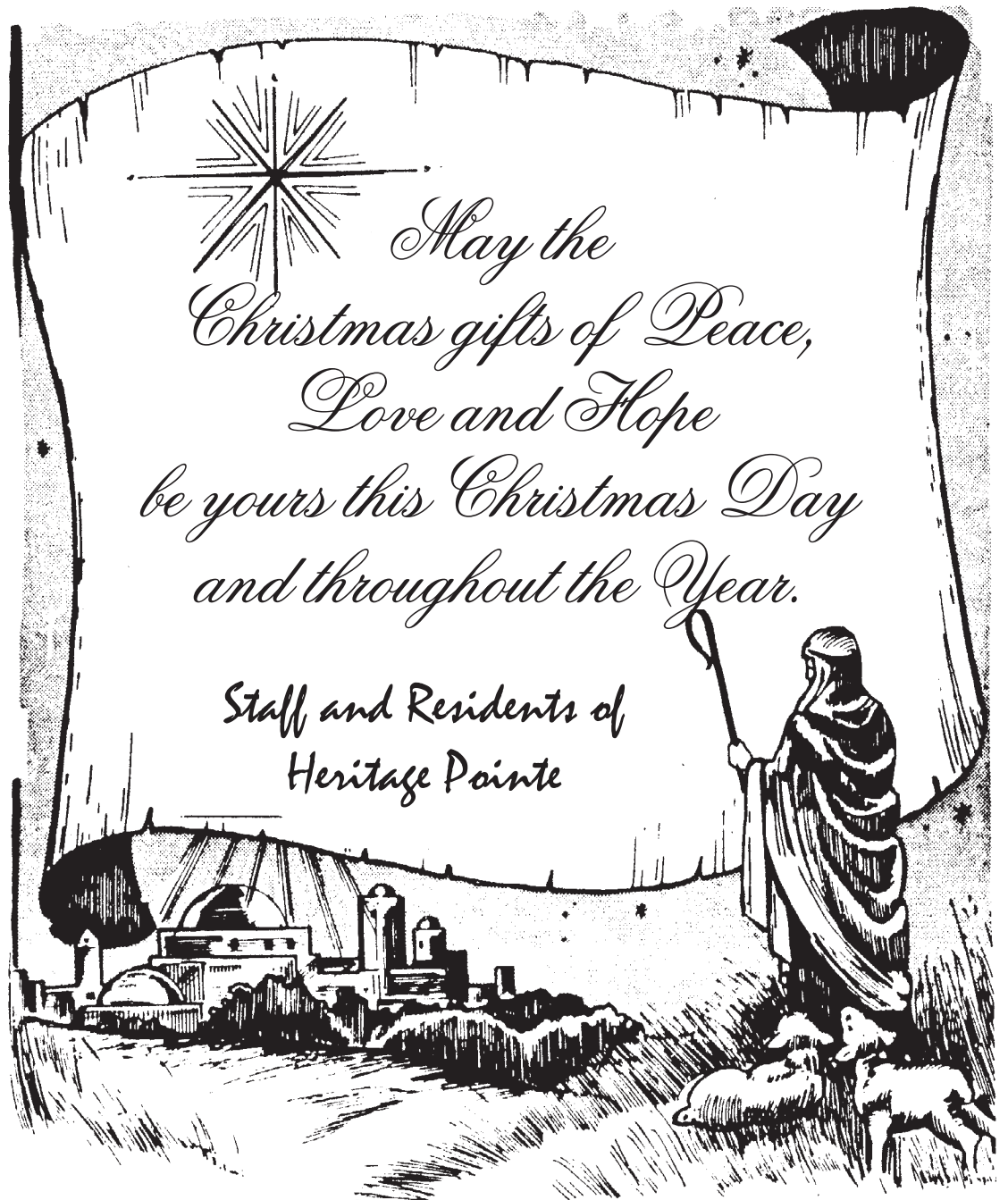
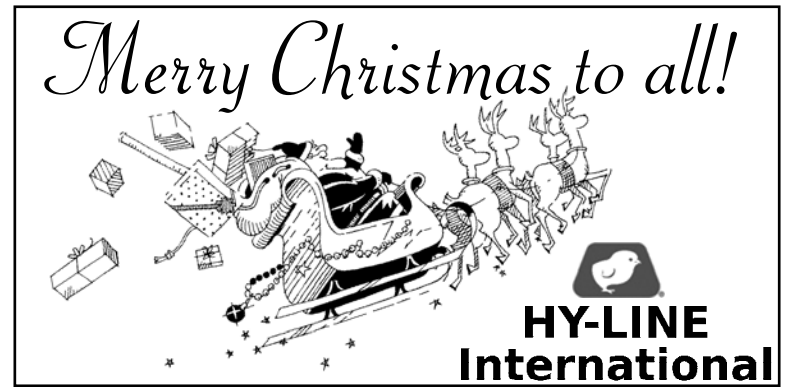
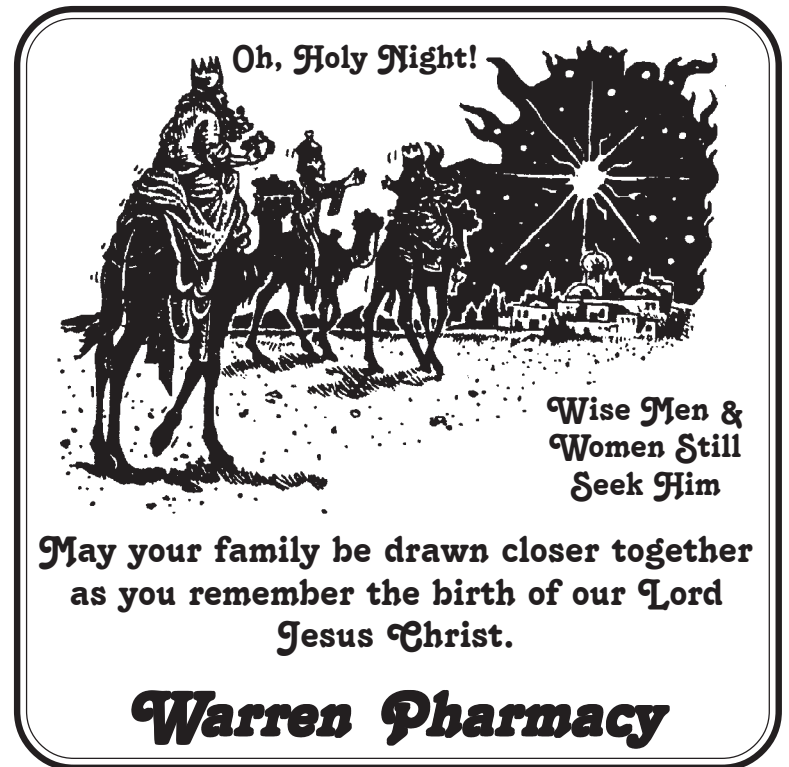
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The president reported she has 43 blankets for Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

Americanism Chr Sue Fugitt: Americanism Youth Conference at Freedoms Foundation will be held March 4-7, 2010.

Auxiliary Emergency fund Chr Marilou Mullett is asking 40 cents for each member.

We are still saving pop tabs, so if you have any, we will take them.

Education Chr Janet Sheets asking give 10 to education, 10 pencils, 10 tablets, etc.

Girls State Chr Thelma Butler: Applications will be sent out December 1st, need back by February 1st.

In. Veterans Home Betty Hedges: Remember our veterans, get cards and gifts out to them in time.

Poppy Chr Anna Pickard: Contest winners Kokomo 6 1st place and Wabash 15 2nd. Corsages will be January meeting.

Publicity Chr Irene Pickard: Go by department rules, unit members and name, address, chairman's name, name of paper, page number and articles sent to chairman.

Next meeting January 16th, 2010 at Van Buren 368.

## MY TOWN and Yours

BY DENNIS STROUD

The story this week is not about Warren, it is a Christmas poem that reminds me of my younger days. It might get you thinking of some of your family holidays back in the days without television, electronic games and computers. The author is unknown and it is the best I have heard in a while.

'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the ranch The pond was froze over and so was the branch.

The snow was piled up belly-deep to a mule.

The kids were all home on vacation from school,

And happier young folks you never did see-

Just all sprawled around a-watchin' TV.

Then suddenly, some time around eight o'clock,

There came a surprise that gave them a shock!

The power went off, the TV went dead!

When Grandpa came in from out in the shed

With an armload of wood, the house was all dark.

"Just what I expected," they heard him remark.

"Them power line wires must be down from the snow.

Seems sorted like times on the ranch long ago."

"I'll hunt up some candles," said mom. "With their light, And the fireplace, I reckon we'll make out all right."

The teen-agers all seemed enveloped in gloom.

Then Grandpa came back from a trip to his room,

Uncased his old fiddle and started to play

That old Christmas song about bells on a sleigh.

Mom started to sing, and first thing they knew

Both Pop and the kids were all singing it, too.

They sang Christmas carols, they sang "Holy Night,"

Their eyes all a-shine in the ruddy firelight.

They played some charades Mom recalled from her youth.

And Pop read a passage from God's Book of Truth.

They stayed up till midnight-and, would you believe,

The youngsters agreed 'twas a

fine Christmas Eve.

Grandpa rose early, some time before dawn;

And when the kids wakened, the power was on.

"The power company sure got the line repaired quick,"

Said Grandpa-and no one suspected his trick.

Last night, for the sake of some old-fashioned fun,

He had pulled the main switch-the old son-of-a-gun!

I hope everybody has a wonderful holiday and I will try to get more stories out after the New Year.

## FRANKENCLAUSE

by Sondra Fowler  
Up in the North Pole there lives this guy; he was made from the bits that Santa tossed away. A pile was made of a dirty cap, a well worn coat, a few odd bolts, one loose nut and some others things I could not name. Santa sprinkled a little sparkly dust, said some words then POOF there "IT" was.

"Frankenclaus," Santa said, "Christmas magic brought you about and Christmas business

is what you are going to do. My job is growing but my time is not. The naughty list is expanding and this is a trend I cannot watch. This list is now your task."

I watched this all from my snug hiding spot behind the reindeer shed. The reindeers were very nice. They didn't even rat me out to Santa. But what I heard next was quite an education. Did you ever wonder how Santa made his lists?"

A very old elf came out to talk to Frankenclaus, I could tell he was old because everyone knows that if you count the rings on an elf's socks, multiply that number by sixty and divide by twelve and then turn around five times the age of that elf pops right into your head. That or you get a really bad head ache and fall over.

"Names across his desk do come," chimed the old elf.

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"They've been checked, every one. The goodness or badness is shown on our computer."

Being a very new guy, Frankenclaus was confused.

"Huh?"

"An example is needed," Santa said.

"Requests from children come into my computer. Then the computer makes a bunch of noise, it shakes a bit and then onto the screen pops the answer. If the screen turns a green and makes a happy noise then that child is good and his or her request is forwarded to the Toy Department. But if it makes a groaning noise and flashes a wiggly red then that child goes on the naughty list and his or her name is sent to the Coal Department."

A light appeared over Frankenclaus's head. Not really but it would have been really cool if it did. But He understood and smiled at Santa.

"What kind of stuff do bad kids do?" asked Frankenclaus.

The old elf read from a similarly old book.

"Of the rules of Naughty there are a few things you should know.

The following things, in moderation, will not result in the child's addition to the naughty list. Yelling at a younger brother, sticking a tongue out at the mother, if the mom has a sense of humor; they can even starch her bloomers. Sneaking a cookie from the jar, hiding the keys to daddy's car, making faces, and impolite noise are natural parts of girls and boys. Also fine in small quantities: Singing at the top of lungs, hanging socks from ladder rungs. Things like that are rarely

done with meanness. They have a certain silly cleanness.

We like stuff that makes folks giggle. It gives Santa a little room to wiggle.

But if the antics are distressing – it is a problem Santa will be addressing!"

"OH, HO, HO, NO," Santa laughed, "Not me, HIM! Take notes!"

"Once on the Naughty List the name will go to Frankenclaus! He will get my files every day; He will have very little time to play."

Santa was on a roll; he was waving his arms and striding back and forth.

"Frankenclaus will take the requested toy, wanted by the naughty girl or boy, put it in the cruncher bin and punch some buttons then hit compute. Out will pop a messy black package. It will have no ribbons and no wrappings, no happy holiday trappings.

The lump of coal with a plain white tag will be placed in Frankie's bag then into the back of the Frankiesleigh."

Santa, Frankenclaus and the old elf started walking away.

Santa tossed something over his shoulder and the last I heard was Santa laughing.

"Oh, HO, HO, HO, this is going to be so much better."

A paper airplane hit me in the head. Santa has a sense of humor because when I unfolded that plane it said this - I didn't read it. It had a picture of Santa on it and it talked!

The Santa Picture said, "My hope is that kids will learn a lesson and next year the naughty list will be shorter. Goodness comes in many faces from many countries and many races. Naughty is like that too but hides in corners like a rat. So if you look up into the night on Christmas Eve and see a sort of scary site don't worry. It is just my Frankenclaus. Well, if you have been good don't worry."

The picture winked at me, folded itself back up and flew away. I will never forget what I saw but I hope Santa forgives me for spying. I don't need any more coal this year.

### ARE YOU BILINGUAL? DO YOU SPEAK CHRISTMAS?

by V. Neil Wyrick

His name was Tim, but it could have been John or Frank, or Jane or Mary because you see he was every little lonely boy and girl who has ever been. He was an orphan and his aunt, who had taken him in after his mother died, never failed to remind him of the sacrifices that she was making for him. And then he made a friend; a woman who befriended him and just loved him, asking nothing in return.

So one day, and it wasn't her birthday or even Christmas, he brought her a gift just because he felt like it. He explained that he had made the tiny little box all by himself. When she opened it there was nothing inside, at least nothing she could see.

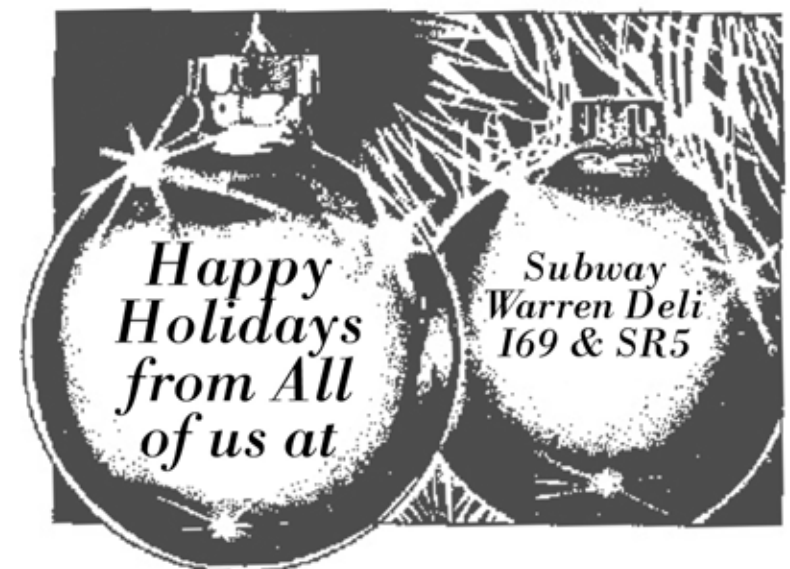
Then Tim explained that what was inside was his love for her; his thanksgiving for who she was and what she meant to him. "My

mother always said that you can't see love but that you can feel it." And with these words he smiled and went back out into a soft and swelling November snow that had just begun to fall.

It may not have been Christmas but for Tim every day was Christmas because of his new friend. And that is what it is all about, this ongoing attitude contest we have with life and its givings. Seeking after a double dose of manger thoughts. Wise men and wise women realizing that giving outlasts getting a thousand times a thousand times.

Christmas is bigger than any calendar, that's for sure.. Ever hear of Larimer Mellon? He was 37 years old and a millionaire. He had enough money to buy Bethlehem, let alone visit it. Instead, he was visited. Reading about Albert

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Schweitzer and his 365-day-Christmas-spirit in Africa, he relinquished his life of cut-ups, cocktails and cuties and then went back to school to study medicine. With his M.D., earned at age 44, he went to Haiti to spend his fortune and the rest of his life among its poverty and its people.

Christmas is a crossroad where the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man meet. Christmas is too good to be restrained within one 24 hour period. It is a tiny golden curl clipped from a tousled head, put in a jewel box and given with a note that reads, "I made this for you myself." Christmas is a little boy giving blood to save his sister and then asking, "Doctor, when will I die?" Having believed he was not just giving some of his blood but rather all of his blood.

I guess what I have been talking about is your becoming bilingual; that is speaking Christmas in your home and on the streets and wherever your walk and have your being.

Abraham Lincoln spoke Christmas. He lived in a divided house. His cabinet hated the south and would do them vengeance. But ole Abe, speaking in fluent Christmas said, "With malice toward none, with charity toward all."

## THE NIGHT AFTER

### CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house

Not a creature was stirring—excepting a mouse.

The stockings were flung in haste over the chair,

For hopes of St. Nicholas were no longer there.

The children were restlessly tossing in bed,

For the pie and the candy were heavy as lead;

While mamma in her kerchief, and I in my gown,

Had just made up our minds that we would not lie down,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I went with a dash,

Flung open the shutter, and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the

new-fallen snow,

Gave the lustre of noon-day to objects below.

When what to my long anxious eyes should appear

But a horse and a sleigh, both old-fashioned and queer;

With a little old driver, so solemn and slow,

I knew at a glance it must be Dr Brough.

I drew in my head, and was turning around,

When upstairs came the Doctor, with scarcely a sound,

He wore a thick overcoat, made long ago,

And the beard on his chin was white with the snow.

He spoke a few words, and went straight to his work;

He felt all the pulses,—then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

With a nod of his head to the chimney he goes:—

"A spoonful of oil, ma'am, if you have it handy;

No nuts and no raisins, no pies and no candy.

These tender young stomachs cannot well digest

All the sweets that they get; toys and books are the best.

But I know my advice will not find many friends,

For the custom of Christmas the other way tends.

The fathers and mothers, and Santa Claus, too,

Are exceedingly blind. Well, a good-night to you!"

And I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight:

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