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Thought for the Week: Have character - don't be one. Anonymous

CALLING ALL COOKS.....

The Salamonie Summer Festival Committee is publishing a cookbook to commemorate the 40th anniversary. The festival committee is calling on the citizens of Warren and the surrounding area to share your favorite recipes and help make this cookbook part of the grand celebration. There are some wonderful cooks in our community and the surrounding area. Take this opportunity to share your favorite recipes with friends. Please submit your recipes by January 26, 2007. You can take your recipes to Accent Interiors, Town Hall or mail them to: Salamonie Summer Festival, Attn: Cookbook, P.O. Box 40, Warren, IN 46792

ARCHERY LEAGUE

An Archery League will be held at Mt Zion Conservation Club starting January 15 at 6:30 p.m. If interested contact Jim Huffman at 375-2237 or Randy Musselman at 375-3728.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

Huntington County Farm Bureau, Inc., is offering six \$500 scholar-ships for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Applicants must be Huntington County residents and planning to attend, or currently attending a full time, four year program at any Indiana college.

The applicant's family must hold a current Indiana Farm Bureau membership.

Applications may be secured at the Huntington North High School guidance office or the Huntington County Farm Bureau, Inc. office at 2815 North Jefferson Street in Huntington.

Application deadline is March 31, 2007.

LEARN ABOUT OWLS

A one-of-a-kind event to learn about owls and their life will be held at J. Edward Roush Lake, Jan. 27, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Participants will see a live owl, build a screech owl nesting box, and enjoy a night hike and unique meal.

"The experience of walking through a cold winter's night listening for owls will be a favorite memory for our participants," said Marvin McNew, director of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. "The pause to listen for sounds from the wild and to notice nature's beauty can bring a wonderful sense of peace."

The program fee is \$10 per participant. Advance registration is required by calling (260) 468-2127.

This event is at J. Edward Roush Lake, property office address 517 N. Warren Road, Huntington, 46950. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services itself is located in the Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

For more information, contact www.in.gov/dnr/uwis/.

PITCH, HIT & RUN

This spring youngsters ages 14 & under will have the unique opportunity to showcase three fundamental baseball skills – pitching, hitting and running - for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete on-field at the 2007 Major League Baseball All-Star Game.

Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. PHR is a great way for youth organizations nationwide to put their town on the map and allow children in their community the opportunity to advance through two levels of competition to compete at a Major League ballpark. Organizations interested in hosting a

local competition may visit www.mlb.com/phr.

This free grassroots program is in its 11th year of existence and is designed to provide youth across North America with an integrated competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball skills. Children compete in four age groups: 8 & under, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including the Local, Sectional, Team Championship and National Finals.

Once advancing to the MLB Team Championship, participants will compete at a Major League Ballpark. From there, the top four competitors nationwide from each of the four age groups will win a trip to the National Finals to compete for the National Championship during All-Star Week in San Francisco, Calif.

WATER WELL LOANS

Certain low-to moderate-income individuals or families may be eligible for money to construct, repair or improve household water well systems through 1 percent interest loans from the Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water.

The Foundation was established through the National Ground Water Association.

Qualified applicants can borrow up to \$8,000 at 1 percent interest for a term not to exceed 20 years. To qualify, households must:

- * Own the home and use it as the principal residence.
- * Have as the primary drinking water source an individual household well system located on the property of the home.
- * Must meet income eligibility requirements.
- * Be located in a city, town or unincorporated area with a population of less than 50,000.

Currently, the program is available in Alabama, Colorado, Idaho,

Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and

Wisconsin.

The Foundation will not underwrite a loan once a project is underway or has been completed. Most new home construction projects are not eligible.

Another important aspect of the loan program is to educate loan recipients on the importance of regular well maintenance and annual testing of their well system.

Complete information, including application forms and requirements and income eligibility limits, can to accessed by going to www.ngwa.org and clicking on the link for Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water. Applications and additional information can also be obtained by contacting the Foundation at 800-551-7379, or email Paul Humes at phumes@fadw.org.

You also can learn more about the program by going to www.wellowner.org and clicking on "Financing."

"Water is essential, and the Foundation is committed to helping those in greatest need," said Humes, foundation director. "If you have a real need and meet the qualifications for this program, we encourage you to apply."

LIBRARY EVENTS

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

What is classical music? A lively discussion of the definition of "classical music" will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. One item we will look at is the question, "Who is in and who is out?" Do you know which of the following composers are "classical" composers: J.S. Bach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Neilsen or Tan Dun? To read up on the

topic before the meeting, read the NPR Listener's Encyclopedia of Classical Music (pages 133-134) or Classical Music for Everybody (page xi). Copies are available at the library reference desk. For more information, call the Wells County Public Library at 260-824-1612.

COMPUTER LABS

Need a little extra help with your computer? The Wells County Public Library is offering six weeks of one-hour computer labs to assist patrons with the basics. The labs are free, but limited in size. Additional labs may be added if needed. You must preregister. 260-824-1612.

Senior Movement: Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m: Just for seniors who need guidance and practice with basic computer movement.

Beginning Internet: Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 2 p.m: Learn what the internet is in simple language and how to start searching online.

Storing digital images in a Photobucket: Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 2 p.m: Bring a photo on a disk and learn how to store it online to share with friends.

Sending online greeting cards: Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 1 to 2 p.m: See how easy it is to send a free online greeting card. Must bring email addresses!

Senior Movement: Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m: Just for seniors who need guidance and practice with basic computer movement.

Beginning Internet: Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m: Learn what the internet is in simple language and how to start searching online.

PBS WORKSHOP

The PBS workshop, Ready to Learn/Ready to Lead in Literacy will be held at the Wells County

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P C Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637 WARREN WEEKLY will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The firm assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will gladly reprint without charge that part in which an error may occur, provided that it is reported within five days of publication

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THANK YOU

Ed Campbell and Family want to thank all the churches in the area, neighbors and friends for their prayers, kind words, hugs, goodie bags and encouraging words while Ed was so sick.

He is now at Warren at Heritage Pointe and doing fine. We also want to thank the doctors, nurses, aides, therapists and staff at Heritage Pointe for their wonderful care. Ed enjoys seeing friends.

> Sincerely, Ed, Wanda & Family

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring



Holidays being over and I am enjoying the seed catalogs and day dreaming of the real spring and just how much I will be able to do this year outside. This weather is great so far as heating bills go but it can be quite a serious situation for vegetation. You may have perennials coming thru the ground, not much can be done to stop the growth. In past years I have waited until the ground froze and tried to cover the growth with mulch. That seems to help as

much as anything. Usually if the growth is not to severe the plants will restart in the spring.

This year I have resolved to not worry about it. Not much fun trying to handle a rake and cane at the same time. Just remember Mother Nature always has her way.

I did venture out to check the rose bushes and they were starting to leaf out so I decided to bring in some cuttings and try starting them to see if they will root. So far they look good. It was good to get my hands in some soil again. I surely enjoy my sun room and now have some beautiful geraniums blooming, really feels like spring out there.

I'm sure soon enough we will be blessed with plenty of winter weather.

So each of you have a great rest of the winter.

Here is a really good cookie recipe to share with you. Makes a lot and fills the cookie jar well. At our house you will hear the lid on the cookie jar being moved quite often, especially if the grandkids are here.

Neiman Marcus Cookies

2 cups butter 2 cups brown sugar 2 cups granulated sugar 4 cups flour 2 tsp. soda 2 tsp. baking powder 2 tsp vanilla 4 eggs 24 oz. package semi sweet chocolate chips 18 oz. size Hershey bar shaved. 5 cups rolled oats 3 cups nuts.

Cream butter add sugars, eggs, vanilla. Put rolled oats in blender and blend to fine (like flour). Mix the oats, flour, soda, baking powder together add to the butter mixture alternately with the chocolate and nuts. Take teaspoon of dough and shape into ball on lightly greased cookie sheet and pat down lightly with fork. Bake 350 about 8-10 minutes. Makes about 10 dozen. They freeze well if you have any left. I have also used the mini M&M's in place of the Hershey bar. ENJOY! Zeller Construction



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Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School10:45a.m.

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Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim 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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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m. VBUNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431 Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)...... 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

Gerald O. Moreland, Minister Todd Winkler, Youth Minister Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt. Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:45 a.m. WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

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Preaching and Discipleship Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life

Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt. Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m. **WARREN UNITED METHODIST** Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor

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Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.

Sunday School9:30 a.m. Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Evening Worship......6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.).....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Midweek Service......6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School8:45 a.m. Worship Service10:00 a.m. **LANCASTER WESLEYAN**

468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:30a.m. LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

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- all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m. Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies Wed - Circle of Friends

(3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m. HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship......9:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 2nd Worship......10:30 a.m. Mid-Week (Wed)

3rd Worship11:11 a.m. HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services9:00 a.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

SEND YOUR FAVORITE OUT-OF-TOWNER, COLLEGE STUDENT OR RELATIVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE ${\it Warren \ Weekly. \ I}$ t makes a treasured $\it gift$ EVERY YEAR. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS)

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AREA NEWS

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Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Susie Peirce, **Education Outreach Coordinator** at WFWA, PBS 39, will show adults how to choose the right shows, how to use the VCR to save quality programming, and how to boost kids from coach potatoes to active viewers who can put to use what they see. Who should sign up? Dads, moms, grandparents, caregivers...anyone who want to take control of their kids' TV. Be prepared to "play" at this fun workshop! Participates will learn how take TV to the next levels with their own hands-on games and activities. The workshop for adults is free, but class size is limited so you must pre-register. 260-824-1612.

LITTLE BOOK CLUB

Little Ones Book Club for children ages 0 thru 3 February 7th, 10:00-10:30 at Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Songs, snacks, stories, and a free book for every child. For more information call 765-934-4372

SUNDAY BRUNCH

11-1:15 at Dogwood Glen Golf Course

Dogwood Glen Golf Course is planning a brunch on Sunday, January 21, 2007. The event will feature a menu catered by Kim's Katered Affair.

Menu: Egg Casserole, Ham, Hash Brown Casserole, French Toast Casserole, Breaded Chicken, Green Beans, Salad and Fresh Fruit, Dessert and Beverages

Cost: Adults - \$8 Children 10 & Under - \$4.00

Seating #1: 11am - 12pm or Seating #2: 12:15 - 1:15pm

Interested Parties please call Dogwood Glen Golf Course at 375-4750.

LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER

Parkview Huntington Hospital will be the site for a Look Good ... Feel Better program on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., in classroom three on the lower level. The hospital is located at 2001 Stults Rd. in Huntington.

Look Good ... Feel Better is a free program that teaches beauty techniques to women cancer patients in active treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment.

The programs are offered nationwide in comprehensive cancer centers, hospitals, American Cancer Society offices and other community settings.

In the sessions, Look Good ... Feel Better trained, volunteer cosmetologists teach women how to cope with skin changes and hair loss using cosmetics and skin-care products donated by the healthcare industry. The free cosmetic kits provided at these group sessions are available in light, medium, dark and extra dark shades to enhance all complexion types. Women also learn ways to disguise hair loss with wigs, scarves and other accessories.

Look Good ... Feel Better is a free, non-medical product-neutral program offered in partnership with the American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association and the Cosmetic Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CTFA) Foundation, a charitable organization supported by the cosmetic industry.

Space is limited and RSVPs are required. To make a reservation, contact the local American Cancer Society at (260) 471-3911 or (800) 509-7543.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

On Friday, Feb. 2, dentists across the state will offer free dental treatment to children from low-income families. The event is the fifth annual Give Kids a Smile Day, and local dentists are seeking children who meet the following criteria:

- -Are ages 16 and younger
- -Do not have access to dental insurance OR are on Medicaid but do not have a dental provider.

Families wishing to make an appointment for their children should call (800) 694-8851.

Pain from untreated tooth decay does not go away; it only gets worse, and makes it difficult for children to eat, sleep and pay attention in school. The Indiana **Dental Association recommends** children see a dentist before their first birthday, but only three out of five children have seen a dentist before kindergarten. By then, more than half of 6-8 year olds have tooth decay, according to Healthy People 2000 oral health update. The U.S. Surgeon General has called dental disease a "silent epidemic."

"Children's oral health is everyone's business – not just dentists," said Dr. Catherine Periolat, Indiana's Give Kids a Smile chairperson. "With Give Kids a Smile, we can help some children get the dental care they need, but a one-day event will never be enough."

Dental disease can be prevented through regular brushing, flossing and dental visits. Fluoride and sealants are also inexpensive ways to prevent dental disease. When it comes to dental care, money spent on prevention saves a lot more money in the long run.

HCCS Forums

Huntington County Community Schools is offering four Community Forum Meetings to discuss and gather input from the community on the construction of the new YMCA facility and how that could affect the use of the Salamonie pool. Those meeting dates and times are:

- Monday, January 15th at 9:00 AM in the Salamonie cafeteria
- Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM in the Huntington City Township Public Library
- Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 PM in the Salamonie cafeteria
- Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 PM in the Knight Civic Center Auditorium

PowerSchool

HCCSC currently uses a software system called PowerSchool to manage student information such as demographic information (parent/guardian's name, address, phone numbers, etc.); emergency contacts; health information; attendance; and an electronic gradebook that produces the report cards. PowerSchool will allow parents to access some of their child's school information online with a username and password. You will be able to access:

- * Grades current and historical
- * Attendance records
- * Teacher comments
- * School announcements

More options may be available in the future, such as access to homework assignments and school lunch balances.

HCCSC is currently working to make this feature available beginning Monday, February 5, 2007. In order to provide parents access to their child's information, usernames and passwords must be assigned to each child. Each child's username and password, along with detailed directions for accessing the information, will be mailed home by February 5th based on the mailing address provided the school this fall or when the child was enrolled. If you need to update your mailing address, please do so by contacting your child's school by Friday, January 19th. If you would rather pick up your child's username and password in the school's office instead of having it mailed to you, contact your child's school to make arrangements by Friday, January 19th. If you have any questions, please contact the front office of your child's school.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Tickets for Wells Community

Theater's production of Disney sHIGHSCHOOL MUSICAL, are currently available by mail order. You may obtain a copy of the ticket order form by going to the City of Bluffton's web site which located www.blufftonindiana.net. After logging on to the web site go to, "Upcoming City Events" at the top of the page and then click on "High School Musical-Mail Order Ticket Reservation Form" and print out the ticket order form and mail your order to the Wells Community Theater at PO Box 511, Bluffton, IN 46714. The best way to get the seats of your choice is to order the tickets by mail and not wait until the box office opens for over the counter purchases.

Ticket prices are \$10, \$12 and \$16. Patron Tickets will be \$30. Patrons provide valuable support to the Theater. Patrons purchasing tickets by January 12th will have their names listed in the program. Patrons may select any available seat in the auditorium. All seats are reserved.

Payment by Master Card or Visa is available. However, the theater would prefer to receive the payment by check. When mail ordering tickets, please provide a self addressed stamped envelope and your tickets will be mailed to you.

The Box Office, which will be located at the Bluffton Inn and Suites, will open for over the counter sales at 10 am on Monday January 22nd. Box Office hours will be 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday. The phone num-

berforthe Box Office will be (260) 827-9900.

All performances will take place at the Life Center 428 S. Oak St in Bluffton. The dates of the performances are January 26-28 and February 2-4. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 pm Sunday matinees will be at 4 pm.

MS WALK

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers of Northeast Indiana are thrilled to announce that registration for the Christopher & Banks Northeast Indiana MS Walk is now open. Each year, more people in Allen. DeKalb, Steuben, Noble, Whitley, Huntington, Wells, and Adams counties rally to fight MS and join in the Walk. Whether you are in top physical shape or not, joining the Indiana State Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on Saturday, May 19, 2007, for the annual MS Walk is a fun way to meet people and work together for a worthy cause.

Chat with your friends and family as you walk down the 2 or 4 mile course through beautiful Headwaters Park, River Greenway, the Historic Fort, and Lawton Park towards a cure for MS. Teams of walkers can be any group of four or more people who collect contributions for 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.

Jan 13 Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 8 a.m. @KBC

Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
Jan 17 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

Jan 19 Warren Recycle Day

Jan 22 Warren Town Council, 8 a.m., Assembly Hall
Jan 28 Sunday Lunch, sponsored by PROS at KBC 11-1

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 After School Adventure - Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene Preschool Story Time - Warren Library 10:30 Fridays Walking in the Gym - at KBC 7-11a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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event. Individual walkers are welcome too.

"All of the volunteers and staff are activists who want to do something about MS now. The MS Walk is a fundraiser for much needed MS programs, research, and professional education. In 2006 we raised over \$786,000 statewide and this year we've increased our goal to \$875,000. Our goal is bigger and our vision is brighter," states Cindy Betts, the National MS Society Northeast Indiana Community Development Manager.

Register today for the MS Walk through the website and gain access to helpful fund-raising tools or you can also register by phone. For more information about MS, the MS Walk, and registering, volunteering at the Walk, or to sponsor someone in the MS Walk, please visit www.nationalmssociety.org/ini or call the Indiana State Chapter of the National MS Society at 317-870-2500 or call I-800-FIGHTMS.

TAXIDERMY EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION

A wide-ranging taxidermy display representing the work of an area father-and-son team will be featured January through March at the Sheets Wildlife Museum and Learning Center in Hunting-

Bob Sutton has been doing taxidermy nearly 40 years and his son, Rob, now 36, has been involved "most of his life ... since he was old enough to work in the shop." Each now has his own shop (Rob commercially for the last 15 years) and separate clientele, but they also share some customers and work together on some projects.

The Suttons' first involvement with the museum came before its opening, when the duo donated work and talent to replace and repaint a shark fin that had to be cut off to remove the big creature from Sumner Sheets' basement. Now, Sutton's Taxidermy is providing a display of their work to give museum visitors a better idea of how wildlife is preserved. One of the ways they'll be doing

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that is with a demonstration by Robon Saturday, Jan. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. During that time he will be preparing a deer shoulder mount

Museum customers will be able to watch that work as part of the regular admission price for the day.

Among the specimens the Suttons expect to display are ducks, deer, coyote, fox, javelina and antelope, as well as some of the forms and other tools of the taxidermy trade. They also will have photos illustrating some of their work.

"People are always interested in the range of things we've done and the answer is everything from hummingbirds to grizzly bears," says Bob. "We've done several different African animals, also a musk ox~just about everything."

The most unusual taxidermy job done by the business was the preservation of a two-headed calf. Both men have a lifelong enthusiasm for hunting and fishing.

Bob, who provided hunter guide services for a couple of years, has hunted in several states, the Northwest Territory, Newfoundland, Canada and the Arctic, with game taken including moose, caribou and musk ox.

His bow hunting experience has included taking elk, bobcat and javelina.

Rob's hunting experience has been primarily in this part of the country, but he also has hunted in Iowa, South Dakota and in Missouri, where he and his father own land that features some good deer and turkey hunting opportunities.

For Bob, his most interesting experience was the musk ox hunt. "It was not just for the hunt, but because of where it was, 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle. It was something different than I'd ever seen before.

"In fishing, one interesting experience was two years ago when I caught an 8-foot sturgeon in Washington state.

"One fishing experience I had always wanted to do never happened because it was scheduled for just a few days after 9-11. It was to the Amazon River. My wife Linda was going to go along and I was going to fish for Peacock Bass, but all flights were canceled because of 9-11 and we couldn't go."

The Buttons' educational taxidermy display will be in place Jan. 9 through the end of March. New museum hours are Tues-

day through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 260-356-9453, the web site is www.wildlifemuseum.org and the e-mail address is sheetswildlife@localnet.net.

Museum Manager Shirley Schug will be able to answer questions about the museum and assist those interested in arranging group tours.

WARREN COUNCIL

By Bonnie Lloyd

On Dec. 21 the Warren Town Council held their final meeting of 2006. The meeting was held in Assembly Hall. President David Scheib opened the meeting with all in attendance repealing the Pledge to the Ameri-can Flag.

Minutes of the Dec. 11 meeting were approved as submitted.

Council accepted Heartland Aluminum's request fortax abatement. Heartland plans to expand and hire more people.

Council had received a letter concerning a request from the rail-road wanting to charge the town rent. The letter noted the railroad cannot charge rent.

Council organized for 2007 and elected the following officers: president, Bill Cartwright; vice president, Julie Glessner. Ron Neff will work with the electric department; sewer Julia Glessner; water, police and Fire Department, David Scheib; roads and streets, Bill Cartwright.

Council meetings will remain the same, the first Monday meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. and the second meeting at 8 a.m. Council named Brady Smekens, Cynthia Smyth Wartzok, and Kathy Scheib to the Redevelopment Commission.

Curtis Day reported from the Utility/Street Departments. Mike Spahr had requested connection to the municipal system. Council was in favor.

January meetings are scheduled for Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 8 a.m.

VAN BUREN COUNCIL

By Bonnie Lloyd

Severa people were in attendance when the Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20 for their final meeting of 2006. President Tony Manry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Council reported there were no corrected papers to be signed for CAFO.

Trash hauling bids were submitted by Wabash Valley Refuse, A&A Dispos-al and Marion Service. Council accepted Marion Service bid.

Council approved Resolution 2-2006, Operating Budget.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police report.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported all November and December meters had been read and water samples completed.

A fire hydrant in front of the Fire Station had been demolished, believed to have been hit by a semi.

Snow plows were ready.

Three dogs had been picked up at a vacant house, one inside the house in a cage.

Senator Ford is expected to be at Town Hall on Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Water rates will show an increase on the January bill along with a new \$6.00 storm water fee. Council held their first meeting of 2007 on Wednesday evening, January 3. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with all in attendance re-

peating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. A new contract was signed with

Marion Services. They were expected to make their first pick up in Van Buren on Friday.

Council agreed to continue with Cintax Uniform Co.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police report. He reported the department can apply for a grant to purchase mobile radios. Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. He said storm drain on East Main Street is in need of repair. Hydrants had been flushed and water testing had good reports for the year.

Christmas decorations for the Town were expected to be taken down on Friday.

Senator Ford is scheduled to be at Town Hall on February 10 and March 10 at 1:30 p.m.

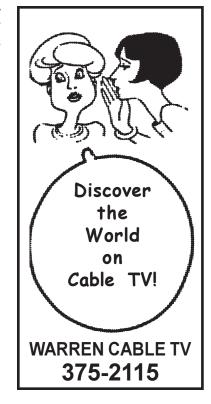
Tony Many was reelected President of Council. Named to the Fire Board was Marvin Surber. Representative for Emergency Management is Dean Baker. Tony Manry will represent Area Plan.

The next Council meeting will be held January 17.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township met at Heritage Pointe with Joan Huffman as hostess. After a delicious meal in the Fahl Dining Room we went to the Calico Room for an evening of Euchre. Doris Tyner won High, Phyllis Dickey won Low and Mary Jo Zoda had the most lones. Others enjoying the evening were Mildred Gilbert, Carolyn Carroll, Diane King, Sharon Gebhart, Marge Jones, Mary Ann Monce, Marjorie Michaud and Joyce Willman. Next month the hostess is Joyce Willman.





GENEALOGY REPORT

LEWIS

A former employee of Franklin Electric, Corning Glass and Sterling Casting Company in Bluffton, Delphur F. Lewis, 69, of Bluffton, died at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lewis was a 1955 graduate of Chester Center High School. He also earned an associates degree in small engine repair. Following his careers in Bluffton, he worked for Fasson Roll Materials in Fort Wayne for 18 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church since 1978.

Mr. Lewis enjoyed running. He ran in several marathons and mini-marathons. At one point, he ran every day for more than a three-year period.

Born April 14, 1937, in Muncie to the late James R. "Red" and Eunice E. (Weaver) Lewis, his marriage on May 29, 1959, in Bluffton at the First Church of Christ was to Gae White, who survives.

Additional survivors include three sons, Sterling (Kelly) Lewis, Mike Lewis and Steve Lewis, all of Bluffton; a daughter, Mrs. Ivan (Wendy) Beeks of Bluffton; siblings Evelyn E. Foreman of Liberty Center, and Emma L. Lewis, Dorrence W. Lewis and Ollive L. Simmons, all of Bluffton; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James E. Lewis, and a grandson, Andrew Paul Lewis, in 1990.

Services were held at Thoma/ Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home with pastor Doug McClure of Grace Baptist Church officiat-

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ing. Burial was at Six Mile Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to the family through the funeral home.

SCHWEIKHARDT

A longtime Jackson Township Trustee, Fred L. Schweikhardt, 91, of Warren died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Heritage Point, Warren.

Mr. Schweikhardt was a prominent and well-known retired Wells County and Grant County farmer. He was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent at the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church, where he served as a church board member.

He served as Jackson Township Trustee for 16 years and was a member of the Wells County Farm Bureau and Wells County 4-H. He was a member of the Southern Wells School building committee.

Born on Sept. 6, 1915, in Van Buren Township, he was a son of Frank B. and Lovie (Roush) Schweikhardt, and was a 1934 graduate of Warren High School. His marriage on July 3, 1942, in Muncie was to Bernice Wisel (Davis) Schweikhardt, who sur-

Other survivors include a son, Frederick K. (Carol Lynn) Schweikhardt of Warren; two daughters, Sheryl J. (Jim) Brown of Bluffton and Carol K. (Robert) Galbraith of Lafayette; a sister, Vera (George) Spahr of Warren; a brother, Norman (Peggy) Schweikhardt of Warren; eight grandchildren; and 11 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Franklin B. Schweikhardt and Boyd W. Schweikhardt.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel,

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church with Pastor Dick Case and Pastor Dick Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Van Buren Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church.

Bread of Life Food Pantry Hours Wednesday 4-5:30 p.m. Sa<mark>turday 10 to 11:3</mark>0 at Knight Civic Center or Call for an appointment 375-2381

TRAVELED

Mr and Mrs George Brown have returned home from Illinois after attending the funeral of their 87 year old sister Bernadine Hollandsworth.

BIRTHS

Douglas Todd and Mary Beth (Sisson) Hill, Warren, are the parents of a son, Luke Douglas Hill. The baby was born at 3:17 p.m. December 19, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. He measured 20.5 inches in length and joins siblings, Cora (8), Evan (5 ½) and Joshua (2).

Grandparents are Rex and Sharon Sisson of Warren, Nancy Hill of Cayuga IN and Rick and Sally Hill of Newport IN. Donna Hill of Cayuga is the great-grandmother.



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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

Twenty-three children were at the Van Buren Public Library after school New Year Party for 2007.

The children signed in and received a New Year picture to color and decorate to be their cover sheet for their 2007 calendar. The 2007 calendar is a gift to each child from the library.

Amy Smith read the book "New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Bumba" by Pearl Harwood.

The children played a relay game of putting on a Santa clause hat, a shirt, swinging a noise maker and saying happy New Year! The children had a good time as they played this game.

Refreshments were candy and cool aid.

Those attending were Jacob Clupper, Autum Smith, Jarren Griffith, Zariduh, Eddie Quick, Emily Henning, Nixon Smith, Emilee Morgan, Kaylee Morgan, Zach Jones, Joseph Dailey, Cathryne Anderson, Emily Webb. Hannah Hutchinson, Aurora Follis, Bethany Holman, T.J. Holman, Gracie Pluimer, Joshua Pluimer, Phillip Dailey, Autumn Harmon, Kaley Kitts and Savan-

Next After School Story time will be January 12th. Our Special Guest will be Kris Goff from the **Grant County Extension Office.** She will be sharing information about 4-H and how to join. Hope to see you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining room for lunch on Monday, December 4, 2006.

The Christmas party was held in the Calico Lounge. Georgia Poulson read some writings of Erma Bombeck. Ruth Brooks had two games. One that pertains to Christmas and one on songs. Mildred Gilbert High and Georgia Poulson low. Minutes and secretary reports given. It was decided to give the \$50 Christmas money to the Ministerial Association.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses Edna Alfeld, Ruth Brooks and Georgia Poulson served cookies and ice cream.

CLUB NEWS

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary met January 4, 2007.

President Lori Linton opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Waneta Bald gave opening prayer.

Secretary Carol Ritter read minutes from last meeting. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report.

Terry Linton, Legion/SAL member came to meeting to ask for help on garbage disposal. Waneta Bald made motion we do so. Linda Long second.

President Lori asked that we meet Sunday 7th at 1:00 at Post to redo the front entrance.

Fish Fry January 12th, ask for help and desserts.

Linda Long reported on our boy Aaron Hammons at Knightstown Home.

It was discussed that we have our April meeting at 6:00 so we can do year end reports at the meeting.

Waneta Bald asked for prayers for her prayer book.

Anna Pickard reported of the five care packages we sent to our boys overseas.

Those attending: Linda Long, Waneta Bald, Anna Pickard, Jere Edwards, Joyce Loftis, Barbara Stevens, Ruth Bole, Flo Doyle, Carol Ritter, Lori Linton, Irene Pickard, Jennifer Gray.

Next meeting February 1st, 2007.

LACE UP THOSE SHOES

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley Since starting FlyLady, I have continually harped on putting your shoes on your feet each morning. I want you to do this and you are not the exception to the rule.

Several years ago I sold skin care products for Mary Kay. One main rule for that company was that you could not make a single phone call in the morning unless you were totally dressed, and I mean really dressed, all the way to dress shoes. The reason behind this duty was that you act differently when you have clothes and shoes on. You are more professional. The customer can tell when you don't feel good about the way you look, even when you think you do. So if getting dressed makes that big of an impression on someone that can't even see you, then what is going to happen to those that can see you; mainly yourself.

Putting shoes on your feet that lace up are better than slip-ons or sandals, because they are harder to take off. Instead of kicking your shoes off for a quick snooze on the couch, you actually have to go to a bit more trouble. Maybe in that short instant you will realize that there is something more that you can do. With shoes on those feet of yours, your mind says it's time to go to work. You have no excuse for not taking the trash out or putting that box of give-away stuff into the car. You are literally ready for anything. Believe me, when you get that call from school that your child needs you, or that dear friend calls up and says that she needs to talk, "can we have lunch?" You are ready! including shoes.

I see this problem more in the Stay at home Moms because they don't leave home for their job and it is not necessary to get dressed every morning, only their children are going to see them. I want you to listen very closely. You have the most important job of all, raising productive adults. NOW do you want your children to remember that mom didn't get dressed until it was time for Dad to get home or do you want them to have to answer the door because you are still in your gown tail and bathrobe. If you would look at your day just like other people who leave the house, get up and get dressed all the way to shoes because it is time to go to work. Your day will be more productive with shoes on.

I don't want to hear that you don't wear shoes in your house. Buy or clean up a pair just for that reason. It's not going to be you who tracks in the dirt anyway. You are still the boss and you can require your children to remove their shoes. What is the problem here? In most homes you have had trouble even finding the floor, much less keeping the carpet clean. Do you even know what color it is supposed to be? And when you vacuum once or twice a week the dirt goes away. Teach your children to not track in stuff. Have a mat outside the door for them to remove unwanted dirt and mud. I bet you have 10 pair of shoes at the door right now. What does that do to your vacuuming schedule? Make the kids take their shoes outside and clean them up, then take to their rooms. If they had to pay for those expensive tennis shoes they would take better care of them.

That is enough of my rant today. Now get dressed and put those shoes on your lovely on your feet. No excuses! Lace up your shoes and start to FLY! For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her new book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

MEAL MAKING BEGINS WITH BASIC SKILLS

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely Losing weight is by far, the most popular New Year's resolution. A lot of people start fad diets in the New Year but give up before long and go back to old habits. One healthy practice that will make a big difference is cooking your own food. To do that, you need to cook and in order to cook, you need some basic skills.

Basic skills translate into meal making, which is also a crucial component to running a home. Now before you start to panic, rest assured knowing that you don't need a degree from Cordon Bleu in order to make dinner for your family! You need skills - that is all. That and a good recipe or two. (I can help you with that!)

Cooking skills fall into two different categories: preparation and actual cooking. Preparation involves getting the food ready to be cooked, using skills such as chopping, dicing, and other fun stuff with a knife. All of this translates into preparation or prepwork as we Dinner Divas like to call it.

The cooking part (this is where you dispense of the knife and start using the heat) can be a little tricky, but mostly it's because the cook doesn't know the stove. Getting to know your own stovetop is essential, as is understanding concepts like preheating (don't put the food in until the oven is heated to the indicated temperature), broiling (food cooked under the heat source), and my favorite, grilling outdoors on a barbecue grill.

I have noticed that inexperienced cooks either overcook or undercook the food when they make their cooking goofs, so following the advice above should help eliminate that problem.

Another problem for cooks is the speed in which they chop. I once had someone email me saying that my recipes took too long to prepare. After corresponding with this gal a few times, I had her break down how long it took her to do everything. When I found out it took her a full five minutes to chop one onion, I knew what the problem was,she had no knife skills.

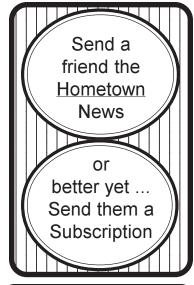
This is tough one to write about without showing you, but I will do my best. Believe it or not, this is easy. When you're chopping, you need to use both hands, -one for holding whatever it is that you're cutting (that will be the opposite hand you will be cutting with) and the hand that you are going to cut with. The hand that holds the food we will be transforming temporarily into a claw. Yes, a claw. Why a claw? Glad you asked. Because when you are holding the food in a claw-like fashion, if your knife accidentally gets too close to your fingers, the worst that will happen is your fingers will get too close a shave, but you won't be losing any fingers! Important safety precaution!

Now as far as making the chopping go smoothly and quickly like they do on Food TV; that just requires a rhythm, which will come as you get better at chopping. The idea is to "rock" the blade slightly as you chop. This will build a rhythm and eventually, your speed. Next time you're watching the Food Network, pay attention as Emeril chops effortlessly. He's got his claw going; he's a-rockin' and a-choppin'- the whole thing is an art form. Remember though, you're not Emeril. Go easy and slow and be careful. These are sharp knives we're working with here, not rubber spatulas.

If you need a visual of what this all looks like, I have a sketch of it all in my Saving Dinner Basics book. If you want to see me do it, you can see my DVD, Saving Dinner Basics, The How-To Part. I want to see you succeed in the kitchen. Developing skills and using them is your key to making that happen.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website). <u>www.SavingDinner.com</u> or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter, published by Fireside.. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.







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BY DENNIS STROUD

Before the Civil War, and for some years after, there was a small dwelling that stood on the northwest corner of Wayne and Second Streets. It was torn down to make room for the Exchange Bank building. The house stood back from the street and there was a small lawn in front. On the same lot was a small wood building, inside were boots and shoes that were made and sold by the owner of both buildings. Mr. Coles made a living in one house, lived in the other, and raised thirteen children. The seventh son and twelfth child was born November, 1859. His name was Albert Coles. Albert went to work in October 1877 for Dr. Samuel Hupp who had a drug store in a one story frame building which stood next to a three story building where Warren Service and Supplies drive is. Back in those days E.R. Smethurst had a hardware store in the three story building. In the building that Albert started his career in, before Dr. Hupp, was an upholstery shop owned by Moses Johnson and before that Jeff McElhaney had the Cloverleaf Cream Station there.

Dr. Hupp was busy with his doctoring and didn't have time to spend in his drug store. There were no pharmacy laws back then and Albert Coles could do medicine and fill prescriptions for anybody who asked for them. Dr. Hupp built the three story brick building where the outfit was. After Dr. Hupp built the building he caught the western fever and decided to sell his Warren property and go west. Albert formed a partnership with Elias Rinear and bought the stock. The building was sold to Dr. John S. Sprowl and Albert and partner had to find a new location for their stock. At that time Samuel Good had just finished the business block on the east side of the street and they moved into the corner room next to the alley.

The store was equipped with modern show cases for that period and had an up-to-date fountain in the front. After a year, the Rinear interest was sold to J.L. Priddy, who continued for a time and then sold his part to Albert to enter the Exchange Bank. That was in the 1890s and Albert ran the drug store until his death in 1936. The long service had earned him the right to call his business "The Pioneer Drug Store."

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Now that housing prices are cooling off, you may be considering taking the plunge into homeownership. Ready to take on the financial investment that comes with the new house? Whether you're buying a home for the first or the fifth time, the Your Home, Your Investment package from the Insurance Information Institute, FEMA, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Federal Citizen Information Center is sure to come in handy.

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When common causes have been ruled out, use the helpful information in the Difficult Diagnoses package from the Federal Citizen Information Center and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases to learn about other possibilities.

If a joint or muscle that used to be fine hurts now, it may not be arthritis. Fibromyalgia may be the culprit.

Fibromyalgia is a syndrome with symptoms that include fatigue, widespread muscle pain, and tenderness at specific points on your body. It's difficult to diagnose, since there aren't currently any lab tests that can identify what causes the pain and tiredness, and the symptoms are a lot like other more common medical conditions. Questions & Answers About Fibromyalgia can tell you more about the syndrome, its symptoms, and treatments.

Unexplainable joint pain, rashes, or tiredness could be lupus. Contrary to what many think, it doesn't matter what ethnicity, age, orgender you areit can affect you. This disease attacks healthy tissues in your body, but each person has different symptoms. One person may have swollen knees while another could have a rash. Like fibromyalgia, it's also hard to diagnose, since its symptoms are similar to those of many other diseases.

If your body doesn't feel right, pay attention to what hurts. Where exactly does it hurt? When? What seems to trigger it? The more information your doctor has, the better chance he or she will have to correctly diagnose your illness. Use the helpful chart in Many Shades of Lupus to track your symptoms. Doing research is also a great way to become an active participant in the healing process. The medical reference books and journals, computer databases, and medical directories listed in How to Find Medical Information can connect you to lots of information on knowledgeable health care providers, current research findings, and symptoms and treatments.

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