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Thought for the Week: Whoever cares to learn will always find a teacher. German Proverb

100th BIRTHDAY

An Open House will be held at United Methodist Memorial Home celebrating Opal Bonifield's 100th Birthday. It will be held in Activity Room 2A from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25th.

No presents please – just your presence requested.

Cards may be sent to her at 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.

(Editors note: Congratulations Opal.)

DINNER PLANNED

The Salamonie Church of the Brethren Men's Work will sponsor a Fish & Chicken Supper (prepared by Dan's Fish Fry) on Tuesday, March 6 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Advance purchase ticket prices are Adults \$6.25, Child (6-12) \$3.25 and 5 and under Free. Tickets purchased at the door are Adult \$6.50, Child \$3.50.

Carry-outs will be available. The church is located 3 miles west of SR 5 on State Road 124.

SHAKESPEARE AT THE PULSE

Shakespeare has never been so accessible. The Pulse Opera House "Midsummer Night's Dream" is the perfect show to introduce the entire family to the eloquent writing of William Shakespeare. This one act show is written in prose that is easily understood. Youngsters and adults alike are sure to enjoy this one act production. Elaborate costuming and ingenious set design are joined by original music and insightful direction. The cast of "Midsummer" includes area youth which round out a talented ensemble of experienced actors. "I never knew Shakespeare could be so much fun!" has been heard muttered amongst the laughter at rehearsals. The crew is having a great time. Which means this show is going to be a winner. Now is the perfect time to treat the whole family to some culture. The pre-season hit runs March 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. Special early season ticket prices are only \$5.00, available at the door or by calling the box office at 375-7017.

2 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Heritage Fund of Huntington Co., Inc is offering the Vincent M. Allman Scholarship and the Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship to Huntington County residents.

The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship will be awarded from the Joseph Lesh Fund administered by the Heritage Fund. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a Huntington North High School senior or graduate enrolled as a full-time college student majoring in LAW.

Applicants must demonstrate potential for scholastic excellence and indicate a desire to pursue a career as an attorney. Applications for the scholarship are available in the HNHS guidance office or by calling Marcia McClelland, executive director, Heritage Fund of Huntington Co., Inc. at 219/356-8878. Deadline for the application is April 16, 2001.

The Vincent M. Allman Scholarship will be awarded from the Vincent M. Allman Fund administered by the Heritage Fund. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a Huntington North High School senior or a college student enrolled in a four-year accredited school, and a VISUAL ARTS or VISUAL ARTS EDUCATION major. Applicants must have at least a B average.

Applications for the scholarship are available in the HNHS guidance office or by calling the Heritage Fund at 219/356-8878. Deadline for the application is April 16, 2001.

The scholarships were established by the families of Vincent Allman and Joseph Lesh to honor their memories.

The Heritage Fund of Huntington Co., Inc. is a community foundation which builds and maintains a permanent endowment. Earnings from the permanent endowment funds are used for charitable purposes in Huntington County. The Heritage Fund administers 51 permanent funds, 19 of which are designated for scholarships. For information about the Heritage Fund, to make a donation to any of the 51 funds, or to create a new fund, contact the Heritage Fund of Huntington Co., Inc. at P.O. Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750, or call 219/356-8878.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Arena Dinner Theatre will present "Death of a Salesman" on March 9 and 10, March 16 and 17, and March 23 and 24, 2001. For these evening performances the social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:15 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$22.00. The performances will take place at Arena Dinner Theatre, located at 719 Rockhill St. Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

To make reservations, please call the Box Office on Monday thru Saturday from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. at 219 493-1384. The Box Office opens for this show on Friday, February 23, 2001.

Lincoln Financial Group is the sponsor for this show – "Death of A Salesman" by Arthur Miller.

This long-acclaimed and award-winning play depicts the last days of Willy Loman, a failed salesman, as he seeks to find out, by a series of soul-searching revelations of the past life he has lived with his wife and two sons, and his business associates, just where and how he has failed to win success and happiness. A thrilling work of deep and revealing beauty that has astounded audiences throughout the world.

UMW WILL CELEBRATE

The Jefferson Center Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Innis Party Room at the United Methodist Memorial Home to celebrate "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Carolyn Winters will present the lesson, "Seeing the Harvest in Seed Time". Treva Holt will give a Mission Moment on the 2001 theme "From Poverty to Empowering Possibilities." Lunch will be served at the Home for \$4.00. If you plan to join us, please give your reservation to Rosalie Walter (375-3789) by February 28.

TOPS AT WELLS

Eva P. Witkamp has received the designation of "Top Producer" and "Top Lister" for the Huntington office of Larry F. Wells & Associates for 2000. This is the 2nd year in a row for "Top Producer" and 3rd year for "Top Lister". Eva closed over 2 million in gross real-estate sales in 2000.

Eva has been selling Real Estate for four years and is a full

time agent with Larry F. Wells & Associates. She specializes in the Warren and surrounding area and represents her husband Greg Witkamp, owner of GDW Construction & Design, in new construction sales. Greg & Eva are the developers of Langton Estates in Warren. The Witkamps are the parents of five children and reside near Warren.

Greg & Eva Witkamp are nearing 75% sell out of Phase I in Langton Estates and are announcing the development of Phase II which will include 18 (approx. ½ acre) lots situated around the four acre lake. There are seven lakefront lots and three walkout basement lots. All lots have underground city sewer, water, natural gas, cable TV, telephone, & local Internet access. Langton Estates is incorporated in the Town of Warren. All property owners have access to the stocked lake for fishing and swimming. For more information on Langton Estates please contact Eva @ 888-701-0156 or evawells@yahoo.com.

The Witkamps will also be hosting a "Chamber After Hours" March 14 from 5-7:30 pm at their model home. Chamber members should contact the Huntington County Chamber for reservations. The public is invited every Saturday from 1-3pm for Open house until the end of March.

PHASE ONE ALMOST COMPLETE

The first phase of the Pulse Opera House first floor lobby is almost complete. George and David DeWeese completed the final demolition work last week. The DeWeese's exposed the original brick of the north interior wall. The arched walk throughs left over from an early 1900's department store were discovered as the plaster was removed. The 19th century brickwork is intriguing and will add an interesting feature to the new gathering space. Larry Poulson has completed the electrical work for the overhead lighting and the drywall for the restrooms and office space installed by Marvin Zeller Construction is finished. The project is ahead of schedule thanks to the much appreciated efforts of many people around the community. The Pulse Opera House Lobby is

scheduled to be open to the public by the start of the regular season this spring.

CLICK IT OR TICKET

HUNTINGTON, IN - Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children a fact that can be linked, at least in part, to the reality that most children are not properly restrained in a vehicle. With this in mind, Law Enforcement Agencies in Huntington County are reminding parents and all adults to "Click It or Ticket!" in an effort to protect Hoosier children and parents Huntington County Law Enforcement Agencies will be reminding adults that the law states you must buckle up. If not, you'll receive a ticket. It's that simple.

According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), nearly half of the fatally injured children ages four to seven are completely unrestrained in a vehicle. "Properly securing a child in a correctly fastened seat belt improves his or her chances of surviving a crash by 50 percent," said Sheriff Rod Jackson.

Law enforcement officers in Huntington County will continue in their commitment with Operation Pull Over with increased traffic enforcement from February 25 through March 10. Enforcement focuses on child passenger safety in conjunction with National Child Passenger Safety Week February 11 through 17.

More than 180 law enforcement agencies from across the state participate in Operation Pull Over. The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving created Operation Pull Over to increase public safety in the state of Indiana. The Council along with Huntington County Law Enforcement is committed to increase seat belt usage and compliance with child passenger safety laws in addition to decrease impaired driving crashes, fatalities and injuries.

For more information regarding Operation Pull Over, please contact the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving at (317) 232-1295. For more information about child passenger safety, contact the Automotive Safety Program at (800) K-I-D-N-C-A-R.

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It is sent anywhere in the Continental United States for three (3) months for \$9.50, six (6) months for \$19 or \$38 for one year. Mail name, address, and payment to WARREN WEEKLY at: PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.
 Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

FISH FRY THANKS

The Council on Aging Held It's Most Successful Annual Fish Fry February 16th.

The Council on Aging wants to thank all those who came and supported our annual Fish and Tenderloin Supper February 16 at the Knight Civic Center in Warren. This was their most successful Fish Fry. A big thanks goes to the following sponsors and organizations: First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, Gebharts Floral Barn, Knight Civic Center, McDonald's of Huntington, P.J.'s Flower and Gift Shop, Randy Neff from Hostess, St. Peter's United Church of Christ of Huntington, Warren United Methodist Church and the Warren Weekly. The Council on Aging especially wants to thank all those volunteers who put in the extra effort to make this successful: Lilly Nutter, Warren Kiwanis, Warren Boy Scout Troop, the Jefferson United Methodist Church and the HCCOA board members.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY REUNION

Is a family reunion on your mind? If it is, you will be joining some 200,000 other American families who staged reunions last year.

The first step in planning is to decide what kind of reunion you will have. A good time will be had by all if you hold the reunion at a resort area where there are lots of activities, and family members can enjoy each other for several days.

If that's not in the cards, you could consider a picnic or a dinner. Either way, there are plenty of arrangements to be made.

Here are some tips on how to do it from Edith Wagner, author of *The Family Reunion Source Book* (Lowell House).

- Plan far ahead. A year is best for family members who live far away. They'll have time to schedule the date and save money for the trip.
- Avoid holidays, when prices are high and family members may have other commitments. Set a date and stick to it no matter what.
- Line up your helpers. Find those who are willing to send notices, book reservations, arrange meals, and organize activities. Name a treasurer to keep track of costs that will have to be shared.
- Make a Web page. To get a free family reunion Web page and use it to post information, go to: www.myfamily.com
- Be practical. The easier and more affordable your location is, the better your turnout will be.
- Plan around food. If you have a lot of good cooks, consider renting a big house and taking turns in the kitchen. If people don't want to be bothered, hold your reunion at a resort where there is a flexible meal plan. If many family members are local, a carry-in dinner is a simple solution that requires little planning.
- Make a family tree. Everyone will be interested in seeing where they fit into the history of the family. Give a copy to each clan member.
- Have a story time. In your reunion notice, ask members to recall interesting, funny, or sentimental stories about relatives who have passed on.

UNCLE SAM ONLINE

Want to travel safely, educate your children better, cut your fuel bills, track your Social Security benefits, or apply for some of the \$500 billion available in governments grants? Information on these and many other subjects is available from government Web sites. For example:


- www.firstgov.com has excellent search features and can scan more than 100 million Web pages in a second and recommend the best site.
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 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Hours 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00 p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Van Buren, Indiana
 765-934-2199
 Todd Lamkin, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Bible Study, Monday 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Night, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica

468-2160
 Rev. Kelly Willey
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 6:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

219/468-2148
 Rev. Tim Prowse - Pastor
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST

Corner of 900S & 300W
 Kathie Jones, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022
 Stephan Leininger, Pastor
 Kurt Hippensteel, Supt.
 Bible School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Meetings (Aug-May) 5:30 p.m.
 Choir (Aug-May) 7:00 p.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren
 375-2779
 Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
 Sun - Pastor's Prayer Closet...7:30a.m.
 1st Worship Service... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (Jr/Sr)... 5:30p.m.
 Prayer Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 Adv. Club (4yr-6th) 6:7:30p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH

375-2330
www.hows.net/46792WCT
 Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sue Brown, Children's Ministry
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
 Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622
 Pastor Jeff McNicholas
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15p.m.
 Mon. Bible Study (women).... 9:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412
 Mark S. Bendes, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

758-2085
 Nathan Doyle, Minister
 Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8294S 900W 35
 Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Thu) Noon
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Bard, Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

375-2510
 Keith Bateman, Pastor
 Curtis Allen, Supt.
 Bus Service 375-2510
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Sun.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102
 Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youthquake (grades 7-12)... 6:30 p.m. Sun
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.
 Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs). 7:00 p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-2031
 Pastor Blake J. Neff
 Traditional Worship 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
 Contemporary Worship 11:00a.m.
 MYF 5:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Carol Irick, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 Dan & Patsy Bryant, Assoc/Youth Pastor
 1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Kids Klub (3rd/4th grade) 6:00 p.m.
 Klub 56 (5th/6th grade) 6:00 p.m.
 Cornerstone (youth 7-12 gr) .. 5:45 p.m.
 Thur: Terrific Thursday (Bible study, choir, kids activities)..... 6:30 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691
 Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Church 11:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

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

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Pastor - Steve Gray
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE

Would you like to have a rummage sale but you don't have a good location or don't want to deal with having it at your home? The Blackford County 4-H & Open Fair Board is sponsoring a community rummage and flea market on March 31st. The fee is \$10.00 for your booth space, which includes three tables. All proceeds will be used to benefit the fair grounds and the 4-H program.

RABBIT WORKSHOP

Youth and adults interested in the 4-H Rabbit project are invited to attend the various workshops scheduled for 2001. Workshops will be held March 8, April 8, May 10, and June 14.

Workshop topics will begin with "Selecting a Rabbit Breed", "Care and Feeding", "Housing & Equipment", "Grooming and Preparation for Show", and "Showmanship Tips".

4-H membership forms will be available at the March meetings and are due April 1st. Animal forms will be due May 15. Youth in grades three and above may join 4-H and participate in the Rabbit project. 4-H Rabbit Committee members will be conducting the workshops and answering questions.

For more information about 4-H and the Rabbit project, contact Rick Hipsher, 638-4204, Leon & Louella Kilander, 375-3651 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

DOG OBEDIENCE

The Wells County 4-H Dog Obedience Club will begin their 2001 series of meetings on March 8, 6:30-7:30 PM at the Wells County 4-H Park (Quonset Building) in Bluffton.

The second meeting will be March 22, same location and time. Topics at these meetings will include: sign-up, explanation of the 4-H dog program, training tips to try at home, equipment and dog obedience demonstrations.

The first meeting with dogs will be April 5, 6:30-7:30 PM. Meetings will continue April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, June 7, 14, 21, & 28, and July 5 & 12.

The dog show at the Fair is tentatively set for Wednesday, July 18th at 6 PM.

Youth in grades three and above may join the 4-H Dog Obedience Club. 4-H enrollment forms are due April 1st. Members may bring their family dog or their own dog. It can be a young or older dog. The club has had a wide variety of breeds that range from beagles to German Shepherds to mixed breeds.

For more information about the 4-H Dog Obedience Club, contact leaders David and Debris Carpenter, 622-7943 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

BEEF ID DAY - MARCH 3

The Wells County 4-H Beef Identification Day will be held Saturday, March 3, 2001, 9 AM - 12 Noon. The event will take place at the 4-H Park Multi-Purpose Arena located behind the Horse Barn. Snow date will be March 10th at the same time and place.

All beef steers, dairy steers, and market heifers must be ear tagged, nose printed, and weighed to be eligible to show at the 2001 Wells County 4-H Fair, July 14 - 19 and the Indiana State Fair, August 8 - 19.

Commercial heifers (excluding those with a tattoo that is verified by a registered paper) must also be brought on March 3rd to be ear tagged and nose printed. All steers and commercial market heifers will be weighed for the rate-of-gain contest.

Registered heifers do not need to be brought to the ID Day. These animals will be identified by their registration papers which included the animal ear tattoo number.

Official livestock enrollment forms will be available at the ID Day and may be completed there for turned in to the Extension Office by March 9, 2001.

Members who participated in the Dairy Feeder Steer Calf project are also encouraged to enroll their animals in the Beef project. These animals will show in a dairy steer class at the 4-H Fair. A dairy beef class will again be included at the 2001 Indiana State Fair. The Beef Show at the Wells County 4-H Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

BENEFIT SUPPER

The Wells County 4-H Association will hold their 2nd Annual Fish & Tenderloin Supper, Saturday, March 3, 4-7 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park.

Proceeds from the supper will be going to the Community Center Endowment Fund established with the Wells County Foundation. 4-H has raised about \$50,000 by March of 2006 to meet a 50/50 match from the Foundation. So far, 4-H has raised about \$21,000.

Tickets will be available at the door. Prices include: Adults, \$7; Youth (6 - 12 years of age), \$4; and Children 5 and under are free.

Menu will include: All You Can Eat Fish and Pork Tenderloin prepared by Dan's Fish Fry of Andrews, green beans, applesauce, bread and butter, dessert, coffee and lemonade. Carry outs will be available.

Numerous 4-H volunteers will be serving the meal in the Expo Hall.

For more information, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, members of the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Tony Manry called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Waneta Linton, representing the Van Buren Ladies Auxiliary, was in attendance and asked that a plaque be hung in the new Town Hall acknowledging that the Auxiliary had donated a new flag. The request was granted.

Officer Pat Collins reported that to date there had been four burglaries from vehicles during February. Items taken included: two purses, one wallet, one cell phone, one palm pilot. Collins said residents should refrain from leaving items in their vehicles and should keep vehicles locked.

Engineer Kent Bryan from Fanning-Howey gave a report and presented Superintendent Jim Webb a revised set of plans for new water lines in Van Buren. The plans were discussed.

Dean Baker reported he had received numerous phone calls concerning poor cable reception in Van Buren. Council is reported to be unable to help the situation due to a contract with Galaxy Cable Company. President Tony Manry suggested dissatisfied customers purchase a satellite dish.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 7.

ANNOUNCE NEW NAME

Officials of the former Caylor-Nickel Medical Center and Wells Community Hospital today introduced the name they will use beginning March 1 to reference the newly consolidated health care organization. The merged entity will be called Bluffton Regional Medical Center and will include north, downtown and south campuses located in Bluffton, along with West Jay Clinic, a primary care office in Dunkirk.

Caylor-Nickel Clinic, P.C., Markle Medical Center, Dr. George Merkle and Drs. Washington and Luisa Sumabat each remain independent physician practices apart from the medical center.

The name Bluffton Regional Medical Center was chosen by a focus group that included community leaders, as well as hospital board members, medical staff and administrative personnel. The president of a regional advertising and marketing firm led the focus group.

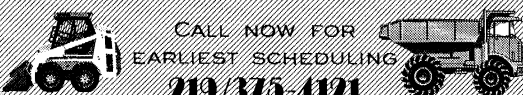
"Unveiling the new name is the culmination of nine months of consolidation and relocation efforts by everyone involved with both hospitals," said William F. Brockmann, president and CEO of Bluffton Regional Medical Center. "Although we still have a number of business areas to consolidate, I'm pleased to report that inpatient care, as well as numerous other departments, has been successfully merged."

"We appreciate the ongoing support of our patients, as well as the communities we serve," he continued. "This support, coupled with the teamwork exhibited by our associates and our medical staff, has helped us realize our goal of

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Feb 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 23	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 26	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Firestation
Mar 7	Warren Chamber of Commerce, 7a.m., Morrison's
Mar 7	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Mar 9	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 10	KCC Board Meeting, 8a.m. at KCC
Mar 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Firestation
Mar 15	Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting, 7 p.m., KCC
Mar 17	Poneto Chill Supper, 4:30-7 p.m., Poneto Fire Station
Mar 17	Spaghetti Supper, United Church of Christ, 4:30-7:30p.m. Corner of 2nd & Main
Mar 20	Dan's Fish/Tenderloin Supper, 4:30-7:30, Banquo Christian Church
Mar 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Mar 23	Warren Recycle Day
Mar 24	Spring Craft Show, 9am to 3pm, KCC
Mar 26	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Firestation
May 12	Warren Alumni Banquet - contact Jim Howell 375-3048 for reservations.

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC STORYTIMES: Warren 10:00 Friday, Van Buren 2:45 Walking In the Gym 6-Noon Monday-Friday

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creating a consolidated health care entity."

"The amount of planning, implementation, cooperation and hard work has been intense, but we're very pleased to be able to move into the future as one strong health care organization rather than two competing hospitals," added Toni Clark, chief operating officer for the new medical center. "Our consolidation blends the strength of two rich traditions into a single source for health care."

As the medical Center moves into the future as one entity, Brockmann said he looks forward to focusing more heavily on service enhancements and the development of additional services that benefit our patients and communities.

An open house to celebrate the consolidation and new name will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the downtown campus (303 South Main Street). A short ceremony will take place at 1:15 p.m., with tours of the medical center, plus cake and punch, to follow. Attendees are encouraged to register for the door prizes, which will include a DVD player, a digital camera and a George Foreman grill.

LOAN OFFICER HIRED

Travis Holdman, President and CEO of State Bank of Markle is pleased to announce that Mr. Jason White has joined the State Bank of Markle family as the loan officer for the Bank's newest office being constructed in Huntington, Indiana on Guilford Street. He will be located at the Bank's Warren office until the Huntington office is open near the first of April.



White comes to State Bank of Markle with five years of banking experience in lending, operations and management. He was previously employed in a Corporate Officer position as an office manager at a bank in Findlay, Ohio. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL, White has a BA in mathematics. He will graduate from Winebrenner Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies in April 2001.

White and his wife, Jessie, are the proud parents of 18 month old, Grace. In his spare time he enjoys tennis, church activities, music and family time. He is looking forward to settling into and becoming involved in the Huntington Community.

State Bank of Markle is a locally owned, independent bank that has been in operation since 1947, boasting assets in excess of \$159 million. State Bank of Markle currently operates a total of four convenient banking locations, with the

main office in Markle, two offices in Bluffton and with the most recent office opened in Warren. State Bank of Markle is a full-service bank, offering in addition to regular banking services, Trust Services and Investment opportunities through Investment Centers of America, Inc. State Bank of Markle has also partnered with Business Manager, a company headquartered out of Tennessee, to assist small businesses with cash flow needs.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Farmers should not underestimate the importance of comprehensive risk management as key to maximizing financing options, as well as net returns, Bill Needler the Huntington County Finance Pro for John Deere Credit says.

"Many producers mistakenly develop their risk management strategies after they determine their production plans and their input financing requirements. Risk management should be the first focus in the planning process because it directly impacts the bottom line," Needler says.

Needler advises producers to start by setting a gross income target and identifying marketing strategies, using tools such as production contracts, forward selling, hedging and the various government programs available including loans and crop insurance that can help meet their income target. Producers then should carefully consider their insurance needs, not only policies that reimburse input costs in case of disaster, but also whether revenue assurance may be appropriate.

"This kind of analysis is one focal point of the Finance Pro program. We spend considerable time with our clients to make sure they have a solid risk management foundation because it directly impacts the rates, terms and amount of financing our clients can obtain," Needler adds.

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CONSTRUCTION TRADE SHOW

Indiana's oldest and largest construction trade show is coming to the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana March 20 and 21, 2001. The event showcases 108,000 square feet of construction products and services for building industry professionals throughout the tri-state area. It is sponsored by the Building Contractors Association, a nonprofit organization serving northeast Indiana.

For tradesmen, architects, property managers or buyers, contractors and government officials, the 24th BCA Construction Trade Show offers a wealth of ideas about the latest construction tools, trends and methods. Free seminars are offered throughout the two-day event on OSHA compliance issues like scaffolding, fall protection, and safety on the internet.

The Construction Trades Exhibit will provide presentations and hands-on trade demonstrations to educate nearly 1000 high school

students on the benefits of entering a career in the construction industry. BCA invited 107 high schools to participate.

The 24th BCA Construction Trade Show will be open 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21. There is no charge for admission.

For more information about the event, call Lori Harvey, BCA Executive Director, at 219 483-9596.

IT ONLY COMES AROUND ONCE A YEAR

Many exciting events can only be enjoyed once every year. Think about the list: your anniversary, Christmas, New Year's Eve, your birthday, the MS Walk. If that last one does not sound familiar, you have been missing out on one of the greatest annual events. But don't worry; it is never too late to start a new tradition.

This year the Indiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold its annual Walk on May 20, 2001. The Walk presents an opportunity for you to help the over 7,700 Hoosiers with MS. The Society is always looking for first-time walkers and volunteers to join the legions of seasoned veterans.

"The Walk is very important to our organization," said Theresa Brun, President. "Every year it helps raise the money we need to fund breakthrough research as well as programs for people with MS." Past research has led to the development of three drugs for the treatment of MS, Avonex, Betaseron, and Copaxone. Anyone diagnosed with the most common form of MS should see a physician about one of these treatments. "This year's Walk has two

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BLANKENBAKER

Betty B. Blankenbaker, 75, a resident of the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, since February of 2000, died there early Friday, February 23, 2001 following an extended illness. She was a homemaker and former resident of 417 North Ship Street, Portland. Betty and her husband Max are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Portland.

Mrs. Blankenbaker was born October 15, 1925 in Bluffton, Indiana the daughter of Roswell and Bessie A. (Pace) Templin. She was married on December 31, 1944 to Max E. Blankenbaker who survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are: two sons, Charles

"Chuck" of Greenwood and Mark Allen (Joan) of Ledyard, Connecticut; one daughter, Lynn (Larry) Barger of Marion; one sister, Pearline (Elmer) Stroud of Phoenix, Arizona; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor John Bellante and Pastor Mike Turner officiating. Burial followed in the Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wayne (Karen Denise Nunley) Heiniger of Liberty Center are the parents of a daughter, Karissa Alice, born Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 at 8:39 a.m. at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. The family also doctors at Markle Medical Center. Karissa weighed 9 pounds, 2 ½ ounces and measured 20 ½ inches. She joins Kenneth Steven, age 2 ½ and Betty Alice Thompson.

Grandparents are Dorothy Nunley of Poneto, Wayne and Phyllis Heiniger of Craigville and the late Frank Nunley. Great-grandmother is Edna Nunley of Tracy City.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. (Kelli Cassiday) Wood Jr. of Warren

are the parents of a son, Kaleb Joseph, born at 1:56 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2001 at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches. He joins siblings Colby Wood, age 6 and Landon Cassiday, age 4.

Grandparents are Tim and Kim Cassiday of Liberty Center and William and Cathy Wood of Wabash. Great-grandparents are Dean and Phyllis Cassiday, Mack and Jody Buckland and Allen Buckland.

Heather Humphrey of Bluffton is the mother of a son, Deakota Michell Humphrey, born at 2:45 a.m. on February 16, 2001 at

Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 22 inches.

Grandparents are Sheryl (Humphrey) Delmas of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are James and Allive Simmons and the late Louis Humphrey of Bluffton. Eunice Lewis of Bluffton is the great-great grandmother.

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goals: in addition to raising funds for research and client programs, we are trying to educate people with MS about the option of these drug treatments," she added.

To raise the funds necessary for the continuation of such research and empowering programs for people with MS, Walkers collect pledges for completing the route. This year's course begins at the beautiful Franke Park and continues through the Ft. Wayne Children's Zoo. Walkers enjoy each other's company as well as the dedicated supporters that they run into along the route. MS Walkers will be pampered! "This event is always so much fun. Sometimes I find it hard to believe that it is this easy to help so many people," said Jeannette Streeter, veteran of many Walks. Sixty cents of every dollar raised from the Walk will stay in the community to help the over 7,700 Indiana residents who live with MS. The rest goes toward research and national programs for people with MS.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. People with MS, which is usually diagnosed between the ages of 20-40, face unpredictable symptoms that can range from numbness and blurred vision to paralysis and blindness. Because of its unpredictability, the age at which it manifests itself, and the fact that over 70% of people with MS are women, the disease often has a devastating impact on families. People with MS are often young mothers worrying about whether or not they will be physically able to raise their children or continue their careers. The National MS Society supports programs that help ensure people with MS will live their lives with as little disruption as possible. The Society advocates for the empowerment of people with MS.

With all of its efforts in research and programs, the National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS. Last year alone, the Walks in Indiana raised over \$425,000 toward MS research and programs for people with MS. If you would like to know more about multiple sclerosis, the Walk, or the Society, contact the Indiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 317/870-2500 or 1-800-FIGHT MS, or you can register for the MS Walk at our website www.msindiana.org.

EASTBROOK MENUS

Breakfast
Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice
March 5
Cinnamon roll
March 6
Toast w/butter & honey
March 7
Peanut butter/jelly bar
March 8
Cereal, toast w/butter
March 9
Scrambled eggs, toast w/butter
Lunch
Each meal includes milk
March 5
Pizza, buttered corn, sliced peaches, cookie
March 6
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, sliced pears, bread stick
March 7
Hot dog, baked beans, applesauce
March 8
Burrito, mixed vegetables, pudding dessert
March 9
Panther burger w/cheese, french fries, mixed fruit, brownie

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast
Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal
March 5
Orange juice, Tony's pizza
March 6
Chilled fruit, blueberry muffin
March 7
Apple juice, waffle stix w/syrup, sausage
March 8
Pears, french toast w/syrup, sausage links
March 9
Pineapple juice, cinnamon rolls
Lunch
Each meal includes milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/crackers and fruit basket choice.

March 5
Cheeseburger on a bun (burrito w/cheese), french fries, applesauce, pudding
March 6
Hot ham/cheese on bun (quarterpounder w/cheese), pasta salad, orange wedges, cookie
March 7
Chicken 'n noodles (tuna salad on wheat), whipped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll/butter, fruit snacks
March 8
Hot dog (quarterpounder w/cheese), tater tots, sliced peaches, chocolate chip cake
March 9
Grilled cheese sandwich (soft shell tacos), caesar salad, apple wedges w/peanut butter, mini ice cream sandwich

MAKE DEAN'S LIST

David Lee Shuttleworth of Van Buren has been named to the January Dean's List for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio at Lima.

PRESIDENT'S DAY CELEBRATED

Eight children attended Storytime Wednesday. David Irwin shared some jokes with the children. He showed us some live tiny Sea Monkeys and told us a little about them. They are very interesting Creatures.

Karen Conwell shared some information about different presidents. We discussed Presidents like Abraham Lincoln, George Bush and the former president Bill Clinton. We also talked about how the present president, George W Bush, is the son of the past president George

Bush. The Children enjoyed playing a President's game. They also received a \$20 book marker (out of construction paper) with President Andrew Jackson's picture on the front.

The children also wrote post-cards to Amanda Brooks. She lives in Medford, Oregon. The library fixed up a package of different articles along with a shirt from the library. We hope Amanda will enjoy it.

The children received a treat from the library. Next storytime will be Wednesday, February 28th. 2:45pm to 3:30 pm.

Those attending were: Kayleigh Hylton, Cady Swagger, Destani Greene, Kayla Purvis, David Irwin, Stephen Greene, Loren Blessing, and Josh Anson.

STORYTIME AT WPL

Jane Ruble led story time at the Warren Public Library February 23. She read Twinkle, Twinkle

Little Bug, Parts, When Will It Be Spring and Does Anyone Have a Spare Bear? to Kory Miller, Kyle Wallenburg, Olivia Bolinger, Sam VanHaften, Alex Tolen and Amanda Tolen. They also did a bear finger play and Ms. Ruble made darling spool bears for the children.

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Come to an information/registration night on Tuesday, March 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor education center. There's no cost or obligation.

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THE US MAIL SERVICE - PAPER AND MORE PAPER!

Everyone has heard the news. The US Postal Service wants another raise in postage? They just had one the first of the year. I have my idea why they need the increase. E-mail might be part of the problem; telemarketing might be another part of the puzzle.

I live back from the place where our mailbox is located. One half mile to be exact. Even if I lived closer to the mailbox I would still need a two wheeled cart or in our case an auto to pick up the mail. I swear that all the retail and wholesale companies are using this service for the main sales income and advertising campaign. They want to compete and they are using this means to combat their competition. They are flooding the mail service with "junk" brochures and out of this world "crazy" items for sale.

This is an example of what we got today. Listed below are the items we could purchase.

- Pill Stacker - puts daily pills in a seven-day plastic stacker for use by pill taker.
- Tush wipes - flushable moist wipes leave you truly clean.

- Bra Wallet - Hides valuables to protect against theft and loss
- Talking Calculator - confirms each entry and answer with an audible response
- Facelift Gel - firms and tightens sagging skin
- Pill Splitter & Crusher - make medication easier to swallow
- Screen Patch - an inexpensive way to fix screen door or window screens.
- Button Extender - expands your waistband or collar size by one full inch
- Toenail Softening Cream - make tough toenails easier and safer to trim.

I took my mail into the bathroom and weighed in on the scales. Two and 3/4 pounds! No wonder all employees are wearing those black wide banded belts. Clerks in the Postal Service must be able to life a large amount of weight just to keep their jobs. Thank goodness no tombstone companies use their service.

Take it from me - getting mail today is quite a treat. Meanwhile I'm airing my tires for tomorrows run.

TRI KAPPA STORYTIME

Books about airplanes and counting numbers were the books read by Marilyn Morrison at the Warren Public Library, February 21, in recognition of Tri Kappa week. Airplanes were flying everywhere as Jodi Stanley led the group in

making candy airplane treats with gum, life savors and smartees. Airplane cookies and rice crispy treats were served to the group.

Those attending were: Olivia and Carson Bolinger, Alexandra and Brayden Stanley, Matthew Shaffer, Debbie Shaffer. Treats were served by Jodi Stanley, Marilyn Morrison and Karen Hunicutt.

INCREASE IN DIABETES

INDIANAPOLIS - The number of Americans who have diabetes jumped 33 percent in the last 10 years, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Diabetes is the number one cause of chronic kidney disease and kidney failure in the U.S. and a leading cause of other health complications including heart disease, strokes and blindness, says the National Kidney Foundation.

"Type 2 diabetes, which is the most common form of the disease, is closely tied to obesity," says Tim Taber, M.D., president of the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana. "Many experts believe the higher incidence of type 2 diabetes is due in large part to America's weight problem," adds Taber. Some 97 million American adults, or 55 percent, are considered overweight. This increase extends across races and age groups but is sharpest among people aged 30 to 39.

"Overweight people also have an increased risk of developing high blood pressure and other illnesses," Taber says. Experts blame a sedentary lifestyle for the soaring number of overweight Americans. "In today's technology-based society, people spend too much time watching TV or sitting in front of computers. To make matters worse, many work at stress filled jobs that only allow enough time for fatty fast foods," continues Taber.

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, and the number is expected to rise to 22 million by

2025. Diabetes is responsible for more than 45 percent of the new cases of kidney failure in the U.S. each year. People who have kidney failure need dialysis or a kidney transplant to sustain life.

"To help prevent diabetes, it's important to maintain a healthy weight by eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise," Taber says. Early detection of diabetes is also important. When diabetes is diagnosed and treated early, the risk of complications such as chronic kidney disease and kidney failure can be greatly reduced. All Americans should have regular annual checkups that include tests for blood sugar, blood pressure and kidney function.

Most cases of diabetes occur because the body does not make enough insulin or is unable to use insulin properly. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that generally starts in childhood. Type 2 diabetes, which is frequently linked to obesity, usually starts in adulthood. Both forms of diabetes cause high levels of blood sugar, which eventually result in damage to many vital organs and tissues including the heart, kidneys, eyes, blood vessels and nerves. Depending on the type and stage of diabetes, the treatment may include: diet and exercise, medications and/or insulin injections.

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. For more information about diabetes and kidney disease contact the foundation at 1-300-382-9971.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Japanese exchange students have been coming to Hoosierland for 21 years. This summer 70 Japanese students and six adult

leaders will come to experience the Midwest as part of the 4-H/Japanese Exchange program.

All of these Japanese students and leaders need Indiana families to stay with during their visit. The hosting experience provides opportunities for learning within your own family.

Chris Cook-Leitz, 4-H International Program Coordinator, says, "Host families have a unique opportunity with this program. They get to experience the Japanese culture without leaving their home."

The Indiana 4-H/Japanese Exchange program has been hosting delegates since 1980.

The exchange students are members of Tokyo's Meiji Gaulkin High School and the Labo Foundation, a Japanese foreign language program. Exchange students and adults from Meiji Gaulkin High School will be staying with their host families from July 23-August 18. The delegates from the Labo Foundation will need hosts from July 26-August 21.

Host families are matched with students of the same gender and approximate age as a child living in their home. To participate, families do not have to be currently involved with 4-H or its programs. Exchange students and adults have a basic knowledge of the English language so speaking Japanese is not a requirement.

Host families are needed to house 76 participants this summer. For more information interested families are encouraged to contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Wells County at 219-824-6412 or roger.sherer@ces.wells.edu.

WARREN BASEBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP Boys & Girls Baseball & Softball

Warren Baseball is about to kick-off another great year! Every boy and girl, ages 5 thru 17 on June 1st will have the chance to play in every game.

Leagues include T-Ball (5 & 6 yr old boys and girls), Coach's Pitch (7 & 8 yr old boys and girls), Junior Girls Softball (ages 9 - 12), Senior Girls Softball (ages 13 - 17), Boys Little League (ages 9 - 12), and Boys Pony League (ages 13 - 17).

* Note: Only 13-16 yr. old boys will pitch in Pony League

* Note: The birthdate has been changed from August 1 to June 1

A fee of \$10.00 per player will be assessed for T-Ball and Coach's Pitch. We will also have a sales program to help defray the costs of running the league.

LITTLE LEAGUE, JUNIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL, SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL, AND PONY LEAGUE WILL PAY \$20.00 AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SALES PROGRAM!

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM!

Mail form and make payment to

Warren Baseball League

P O Box 719 Warren, IN 46792

* Make checks payable to Warren Baseball

Clip & Mail With Payment by March 26, 2001

Name _____ Circle: Boy or Girl

Parent Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (or how to be reached) _____

Birthdate _____ Age on June 1st _____

Team Last Year _____

Shirt Size, Circle: CHILD or ADULT S M L XL

List brother or sister you wish on same team _____

NOTE: Only Legitimate Transportation requests will be honored.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 26, 2001 MAY BE SUBJECT TO A WAITING LIST AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY THIS YEAR!

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