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Thought for the Week: *Never confuse movement with action.* Ernest Hemingway

HOHE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc. is offering the Dr. John W. Hohe & Marjorie H. Hohe Scholarship to Huntington North High School seniors and Huntington County residents currently attending Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne are also eligible for the Hohe Scholarship. The Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount of each scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship are currently being accepted and the awards will be made in May 2005. Applications are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation office, 356 West Park Drive, 356-8878, at the IPFW Financial Aid Office from Vicki Dahl, and at the Huntington North High School guidance office beginning February 25, 2005. Application deadline is April 1, 2005.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a high school senior enrolled at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for fall 2003, or a full-time student at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for the school year 2003-2004 is also eligible for the scholarship. Nontraditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C average).

Past recipients of the Dr. John & Mrs. Hohe Scholarship are: 2004 - Carlee Hedrick, Danielle Hensley, Nathaniel Hubley **2003 - Aaron S. Kiefer, Gavin Schenkel, Carlee Hedrick **2002 - Liane Marie Hildebrand,

Aaron S. Kiefer, Gavin Schenkel **2001 - Liane Marie Hildebrand, Aaron S. Kiefer, Rudy F. Kosher III **2000 Liane Marie Hildebrand

The Huntington County Community Foundation builds and maintains a permanent endowment. Earnings from permanent endowment funds are used for charitable purposes in Huntington County. The Foundation administers 77 permanent endowment funds, 23 of which are designated for scholarships. For information about the Huntington County Community Foundation, to make a donation to any of the funds, or to create a new fund, contact the Community Foundation at 356 West Park Drive, P.O.Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750, (260) 356-8878, www.hccfoundation.com.

COLL SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to offer the Dorothy M. Coll Scholarship. This scholarship will be presented to a full time college student majoring in Science. The recipient of this scholarship must be a resident of Huntington County and exhibit financial need.

This scholarship was made possible due to the foresight of Mrs. Coll to create a Charitable Remainder Trust with a portion of her estate. A Charitable Remainder Trust is a gift plan that provides income to one or more beneficiaries. The donor transfers cash, property or highly appreciated securities to the trust. The donor retains the rights to its income and then specifies the charity to receive the income after her passing. Upon the death of the last income beneficiary, the Huntington County Community Foundation receives the remaining assets to meet the donor's wishes by supporting the charities chosen.

2004 was the first year the Dorothy M. Coll Scholarships were offered. Recipients se-

lected to receive the scholarships were Cody Smith, Brittani Lusch and Ryan Bouillon.

Scholarship Applications are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation at 356 West Park Drive, (260) 356-8878 or beginning February 25, 2005 at the Huntington North High School Guidance Office. The deadline to turn in completed applications to the Foundation office is April 1, 2005.

For more information on how you can create a scholarship fund by establishing a Charitable Remainder Trust or give to any other established funds available through the Huntington County Community foundation, please contact Marcia McClelland, Executive Director. The Foundation is located at 356 West Park Drive in Huntington. The web site at www.hccfoundation.com will also provide information about the Huntington County Community Foundation.

LESH SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation, Inc. is offering the Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship to Huntington County residents. The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship was established by Mr. Lesh's family in honor and memory of their father who practiced law in Huntington for many years. The purpose of the scholarship is to support and encourage students who wish to pursue a career in the legal profession.

The Joseph H. Lesh Scholarship will be awarded from the Joseph Lesh Fund administered by the Community FOW1danon. To qualify, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a Huntington North High School senior or graduate enrolled as a fulltime college student majoring in law or other law-related careers. Huntington County residents currently attending law school are also eligible for the

scholarship. Past scholarship recipients are also eligible to apply.

Applicants must demonstrate potential for scholastic excellence and indicate a desire to pursue a career as an attorney. Applications for the scholarship are available from the Huntington County Community Foundation office, 356 West Park Drive, 260-356-8878 and at the Huntington North High School Guidance Office beginning February 25, 2005. Deadline for the application is April 1, 2005.

Past recipients of the scholarship are Darek McMullen, Brittanie Rupel, Amber Gaskill, Cynthia Peters, Ashley Gick and Casey Eckert.

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NEW AT VB LIBRARY

There are many new books and videos available at the Van Buren Public Library. Please stop in and browse our selection of new items.

NEW VIDEOS Is This Goodbye, Charlie Brown?, The Bourne Supremacy, Blue collar Comedy Tour Rides Again, Benji: Off the Leash, Two Brothers, Thunderbirds, and Hero.

TEEN BOOKS Secret Dreams of Dolly Spencer by Rizzo, Bound by Napoli, A Sterkarm Kiss by Price, Girl in Blue by Rinaldi, and Pitch Black by Carlson.

ADULT BOOKS The Gift by

Roberts, Angel Fire by Balas, A Salty Piece of Land by Buffet, Lovers and Dreams by Roberts, Beyond Tuesday Morning by Kingsbury, Blue Dahlia by Roberts, and Life Expectancy by Koontz.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS Barbie: The Princess and The Pauper by Kong-man, Molly McGinty by a Really Good Day by Paulsen, The Sea of Trolls by Farmer, The Schwa was Here by Shusterman, and The Star of Kazan by Ibbotson.

The library also has available all Federal and State Tax Forms, including W-2's, 1099's, and 1096's.

WARREN LIBRARY

The Warren Public Library has received many new books. This is just a sampling.

ADULT BOOKS Bloodlines by Jan Burke, By Order of the President by Web Griffin, The Broker by John Grisham, Heaven by Randy Alcorn. Also, The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lilian Jackson Braun, Alone by Lisa Gardner, At Risk by Stella Remington, Unexpected Blessings by Barbara Taylor Bradford, Walk by Faith by Rosanne Bittner, The Language of the Sycamores by Lisa Wingate, and The Peacemaker by Lori Copeland.

ADULT NON-FICTION Good Debt, Bad Debt, The Success Principle by Jack Canfield, and Roberts Rules for Dummies.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS I Don't Want to Kiss a Llama, Proud Rooster and Little Red Hen, The Groundhog Day Book of Facts and Fun, If You'll by my Valentine, and The Bugliest Bug.

GED ON TV

Adults who dropped out of high school now have a second chance to earn a diploma. The GED ON TV program prepares adults to take and pass the GED tests and earn the Indiana GED

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

PUTTING WORDS TO THE DREAM

Like no other leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. demanded a better nation, one committed to breaking the back of racism without shedding blood.

During the 1950s and 1960s, his genius was to adapt the lessons of civil disobedience to America's core values of justice and fairness. His eloquence, combined with an irresistible sense of righteousness, helped harness his people's fury and turn it into action.

Kind did not invent nonviolent protest.

He studied the method of India's famed non-violent protester Mahatma Gandhi's methods, and King borrowed from the teachings of Jesus. But the miracle of King was that he not only understood the morality of nonviolent social change but also made it work.

He was a patriot. The black freedom struggle, he argued using reference to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, was a way to an improved republic. It became hard to disagree with his message.

Never losing sight of the economic basis of his cause, he stressed black earning power. By refusing to ride buses and buy cars and groceries from retailers hostile to blacks, King forced businesses to recognize black purchasing power.

By the time of his assassination in 1968, Wall Street was hiring its first black bankers, and President Lyndon B Johnson had signed the Civil Rights Act. The changes King helped to set in motion are still at work and progressing today.

TEACHING KIDS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

Gradually teaching a child to be a self-sufficient person is one of a parent's most important tasks. Some ways to start:

Teach brainstorming: When there is a problem, have him come up with solutions. Then help him choose one.

Encourage kids to take responsibility: Let them know they have to do their homework. Show them how to organize their schedule so they can plan for music lessons, field trips, and test. Use a calendar on the wall or a Palm Pilot.

Teach bargaining skills. Show how to resolve heated arguments. Teach them to walk away until they are calm. Show how to negotiate. Flip a coin to see who goes first; set a timer for three minutes in which to argue; make sure each one listens to the other. Create a penalty for not solving the argument, such as not watching TV today.

Show how to weigh decisions: Michele Borba, author of Don't Give Me That Attitude (Jossey-Bass) says that when a child wants you to make a decision, show her how to weigh the pros and cons, then decide for herself.

Teach kids to make choices based on reason instead of fearing friends' disapproval.

Show how to deal with failure. Acknowledge hurt feelings and show that failure isn't fatal. Teach him phrases such as "nobody's perfect," "everybody makes mistakes," and "you win some, you lose some." Have him practice so he can easily say them to his pals.

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Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. <i>Come As You Are</i> Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathie Jones, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i></p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Joe Hartley, BS Supt.</i> Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Interim Pastor</i> Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30 p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) ... 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p>McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i> Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i> <i>Sue Brown, Youth Worker</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i> Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</i> 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.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i> <i>Youth Pastor Adam Pierce</i> Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:30 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i> Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i> 1st Worship 8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship 9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth Programs</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.</i> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Student Pastor - Eric Dubach</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>
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AREA NEWS

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High School Diploma. Students will watch 39 half-hour lessons from home on their local public television station, brushing up on the reading, writing, social studies, science, and math they will need to pass the GED Tests. The television programs for this semester will start the week of February 20, 2005.

The \$45 enrollment fee provides the student with a pre-test, three workbooks, a Casio fx-260 solar calculator like the one they will be permitted to use on the first half of the GED test, newsletters, a toll-free telephone Helpline, the official GED Practice Test, and a Test Fee Voucher worth up to \$60 that will pay for the student's GED test at any local testing center in Indiana.

Fifteen per cent of all high school credentials issued in Indiana are GED diplomas. Over 7,000 Hoosier adults have earned a GED with the program since 1990. GED ON TV students say that they like being able to learn from home because they do not have to have child care or transportation, and no one needs to know that they are preparing for the GED tests. GED ON TV students who have taken the newest GED Tests are saying they do not seem to be more difficult than the old series and the Indiana Department of Education notes that the passing rate is exactly the same on the new tests.

A toll-free telephone, 1.877.433.6688, is available for enrolling from 8:00 a.m. until

5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and voice mail is available at all other times.

HONOR COMMUNITY

Pathfinder Services, Inc. will hold its annual community recognition dinner Friday, February 4th, 2005, at Huntington College. A dinner and concert package is being offered to those who also wish to attend a concert featuring Cheri Keagy. This public concert at the Merillat Center for the Arts will serve as entertainment following the dinner.

Pathfinder Services recognition dinner will be held at Habecker Dining Commons, adjacent to the Merillat Center. The package price for the dinner and concert is \$20. The cost to attend the dinner only is \$15. Anyone interested in attending should call Pathfinder Services at (260) 356-0500. The reservation deadline is January 31st.

At the dinner, Pathfinder Services will provide a brief report on its recent accomplishments. It will also recognize individuals in the community who have supported the organization and its customers including the recipient of the prestigious Herbert LaMont award. The Business Partner of the Year award will also be presented. A direct service employee will receive the Timothy Hancher Award.

ANGELS HAVE WHEELS

All Medicare Recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they maybe eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council held their first meeting of 2005 on Monday evening, Jan. 10th. President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the Dec. 28th meeting were approved as submitted.

The Wastewater Project had been completed. Council voted to release the retainage contract: \$3,500. contract A1 and \$9,678.95 for A2.

Workers compensation insurance for the Fire Department was reported to cost 1,000. It will be underwritten before the February 25th cancellation date.

Council was advised of AEP Notification of contract termination as the current contract is due to expire in 2006.

Mark Jones had requested

sewer credit and no trash pick-up during the next several months while they are out of the country. The water and electric utilities are to remain on. Council voted to honor the request with charge at base sewer rate, at the recommendation of Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison.

Council voted to accept a resolution to establish holidays during 2005. Those will be Christmas, Dec. 22, 23, and 26, with New Year's Dec. 30 and Jan. 2.

The January W.H.A.R.M.N. supper meeting will be held in Andrews on Jan. 17th at 6pm.

Council agreed to retain Ted Bendall as the Town Attorney for 2005. They also agreed to retain Schnelker Engineering for 2005 at a cost of \$2,800.

Council voted to pay \$1,049.03 dues (Indiana Municipal Electric Association).

Carol Pugh asked for a volunteer from the Warren area to attend VIP meetings to serve on the Communications and Technology committee.

Ron Neff reported on a Solid Waste meeting he attended on Monday.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the December Financial report and the 2004

investment report.

Town employees were commended by Council for a good job of snow removal and picking up downed tree limbs.

Curtis Day reported on activities of the Utility/Street Department.

Council then held a work session with Utility Manager Day and his assistant.

Manager Lee Poulson to review and plan for future projects and to establish maintenance schedules with the Utilities/Street/Park Departments.

The next council meeting will be January 24th.

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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 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Annex
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Salamonie Valley Museum** Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC **Walking in the Gym** 7 - 11 a.m. daily

TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

Why do the corners of my mouth crack??

This is called angular cheilitis. This condition is something patients encounter, as they get older. As skin ages, it cells contain less water and its tissue hold less fat. One result of this is the series of wrinkles that radiate from the lips, are possibly contributed to by tooth wear and smoking. These wrinkles can become especially deep at the corners of the moth. The repeated wetting and drying from licking, especially in the winter, contributes greatly to this inflamed, chapped condition. The condition can also be aggravated by vitamin deficiencies, particularly lack of Vitamin B2. It is not uncommon for angular cheilitis to be accompanied by an infection like candidiasis, which is a general term for disease that include a variety of fungi referred to as yeasts. The most common of these fungi is called candida albicans that is normally found in the mouth.

Candidiasis in the mouth is commonly referred to as thrush. Denture patients sometimes exhibit this condition. Also, patients that have been taking numerous antibiotics. Ask your dentist if you have any questions about these conditions.

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It's GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

On Friday, January 14, Girl Scouts across Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben and Wells counties started selling Girl Scout Cookies. The sale will continue through Sunday, March 13. Cookies will be available immediately from Girl Scouts through Cookies-in-Hand, and order forms will be used for later delivery.

For \$3.50 per box, customers can buy all of these favorite Girl Scout Cookie varieties:


Thin Mints Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel deLites, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treatures, Pinatas

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is fortified with character building, with teamwork and leadership skills built right in. It provides incredible opportunities for girls ages 6-17 to acquire business and financial skills, explore the creative worlds of advertising and marketing, and learn about the fun, friendship and power of girls working together. In addition, by following the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouts are developing a strong sense of business ethics.


To reward girls for their efforts, Girl Scout troops earn profits from their sales. They can use these profits for activities and community service projects they choose. Girls also earn credits which can be used toward Girl Scout membership and summer camp fees.

"Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program activities, girls are able to practice what it takes to be successful in business. It's exciting to watch girls identify new and innovative ways to reach the goals they have set," says Sherri Weidman, CEO, Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council. "This annual program is an important opportunity that allows girls to experience the world of commerce within the safe, supportive Girl Scout environment."

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The Salamonie Summer Festival Fundraising Bus is on the move again! We are once more planning to go the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond IN on Feb. 19th. We will be leaving from the Knight Civic Center at 8 am and returning at 9 pm. Snacks will be provided on the bus both ways and there will be plenty of raffles and giveaways. Your trip will also include lunch buffet and \$10 in chips. Please send your check or money order for \$40 payable to: Salamonie Summer Festival, PO BOX 40, Warren, IN 46792. Be sure to include your name, address, date of birth and phone number. Seating is on a first-paid, first come basis. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Grim at (260) 375.3900.

Deadline for registration is February 3, 2005.

4-H JR. LEADER NEWS

Events listed below are for Huntington County Junior Leaders.

LOCK-IN - Friday, January 21 through Saturday, January 22. The fun begins at 7:00 pm at Salamonie School, Warren and will end at 7:30 am. Cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 19. Anyone signing up after Wednesday will pay \$15 to participate in the Lock-In. Parent signatures and emergency contact numbers must be turned in with reservation money. Pizza served at 7:30 pm. Bring your swimsuit, sleeping bag, pillow, games, snack foods and G/PG rated movies.

. Area XI Junior Leader Beach Party - Friday, January 28, 6-9 pm, IPFW Walb Union Building. Here's a great chance to meet 4-H junior leaders from Northeastern Indiana, learn about your "personality color", get involved in a community

service project and learn some new moves on the dance floor. Reservations must be made and paid for no later than Friday, January 14. Transportation will be arranged for those attending from Huntington County. Reservation forms are available in the County Extension Office.

4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

1st Annual 4-H Dairy Youth Conference - Saturday, March 12, 2005.

Activities will be from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. The \$15 registration fee includes a noon meal and all youth ages 8-18 are welcome! For more information, contact Kelly Easterday at (574) 372-2340 or keasterday@purdue.edu.

TRI KAPPA MET

The Warren Tri Kappa met on January 4, 2005 at Jennifer Plummer's home.

Our annual Bake Sale at the United Memorial Home will take place on February 5, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Many requested items will be on sale such as fudge, pies, fried chicken and many other items.

This year Tri Kappa members will be making Easter Eggs.

These delicious creamy eggs will be ready to buy later in March.

You may purchase Easter Eggs from any Tri Kappa member.

We will have our next meeting at Kristina Smecken's home on Feb. 1, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present at the meeting were Rita Bolinger, Karen Campbell, Eula Conwell, Karen Hunnicutt, Jane Lieurance, Karen McCoy, and Jennifer Plummer.

BAYVIEW READING

The Bay View Reading Club met in the Calico Room at the United Methodist Memorial Home on January 11 with 15 members present. Luncheon was served at noon at beautifully decorated tables, carrying out the theme for the day. "Gay Nineties." The five members who were 90 years or older of age, were in charge of the day. Dorothy Garretson won the door prize which was also in keeping with the theme.

Helen Stokes, president, conducted the business meeting after which Mabel Fields and Mary Wiley had the program. Mabel gave a historical review of important events that happened over the last 90 years. Mary gave some humorous readings about aging and closed with a devotional declaring "This is the Day the Lord Has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

The next meeting will be February 8th. All members are asked to bring materials to be used in making Valentines for our Child Care Department.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter met January 4 in their room at the Knight Bergman Center. President Sondra Zabel presided over the business meeting and read correspondence from Alpha Province President Amanda Allen, reminding us of several report due dates. Secretary Susan

Ralston read the minutes from the December meeting.

Treasurer Tara Korporal gave the treasury report. Peggy Sue Clark announced the Cub Scouts as of February 25th will be celebrating 75 years of Scouting. Finance Chairman Rosemary Zeller asked is we were interested in having a Longaberger Basket Bingo? The Chapter voted in favor of one and scheduled it for July 2. Chaplain Georgia Poulson closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were: Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Susan Ralston, Tara Korporal, Shelly Stafford, Suzette Gephart, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Booher, Carol Irick, Sandy Eichhorn, Georgia Poulson, Peggy Sue Clark, Rosemary Zeller and Sharon Gebhart.

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma had their December 2004 social at the Knight-Bergman Center. Hostesses were Beth Ostermeyer, Georgia Poulson and Suzette Gephart. The game of 7-Up was played. Gifts were exchanged from Secret Sisters.

Refreshments of several delicious munchies with punch and sprite were served by the above hostesses to: Betty Yoder, Sharon Gebhart, Susan Ralston, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Sondra Zabel, Sandy Booher, Sandy Eichhorn, Peggy Sue Clark, Elise Smith, Shelly Stafford, Peg Maddock and Opal Brubaker.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

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We wish to thank all the friends and neighbors for their gifts, flowers, prayers and especially the Plum Tree church for their good food and prayers and Jean Spoor for her calling and kind services.

Thank you to the Glancy Funeral Home for making things run smoothly.

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SHEETS

A resident of Warren, Maxine M. Sheets, 87, died at 6:05 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005 at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

She was a former employee at the Plumtree tomato factory and the Red Gold Corporation in Warren. She was a 1935 graduate of Rockcreek High School in Huntington County and attended the First Baptist Church in Warren.

Born Aug. 8, 1917 in Allen County to Adolph and Blanche Leonard Westrick, her marriage on Oct. 24, 1936 in Huntington was to Gerald R. Sheets, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronny Sheets of Warren; three daughters, Carol Tribolet, Joyce Buzard and Deb Baker all of Warren; two sisters, Ruth Lawson of Wabash and Rita Shideler of Warren; nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Westrick.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home with Rev. Bob Bothast officiating and burial in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Warren.

Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Warren building fund or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren.

ELZEY

A sister of Margaret Redding of Liberty Center, Annabelle C. Elzey, 72, of North Manchester died Dec. 30, 2004 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Born June 21, 1932 in Huntington to Rue H. and Goldie Feightner Hunnicutt, she was married Sept. 5, 1981 to Robert L. Elzey, who survives.

She was a retired accountant and a member of the Fort Wayne Doll Club.

In addition to the sister in Liberty Center and the husband, others survivors include a daughter, Christina Sharin of Fort Wayne; stepsons Terry Elzey of Muncie and Randy Elzey of Geneva; stepdaughters Mrs. Jay

(Sherry) Studebaker of Geneva and Mrs. Tim (Pamela) Johnson of Portland; brothers Vaughn Hunnicutt of Columbia City and Max Hunnicutt of Costa Mesa, Calif.; three other sisters, Ruby Bell of Syracuse, Eva Slusser of Marco Island, Fla., and Luann Hughes of Thousand Island, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Howard, and a brother.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Baptist Church in Pierceton. Arrangements were handled by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

FORD

A retired former Franklin Electric employee who farmed in Chester and Liberty Townships, Sarah "Ruth" Ford, 78, of rural Poneto in Chester Township, died at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at the United Methodist Home in Warren, where she had been residing since last September. She was a lifetime homemaker in Wells and Blackford Counties and formerly attended the First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

Born Feb. 28, 1926 in Blackford County, she was a daughter of Walter and Anna Murl Rix Emshwiller. Her marriage was on Feb. 2, 1946 in Blackford County to Robert R. Ford of rural Poneto, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Elaine) Scott of Poneto; a son, Duane Ford, of Bluffton; a sister, Gladys Reed of Denver, Colorado; three brothers, Rev. Floyd Emshwiller of Muncie, William Emshwiller of Clarksdale, Ariz., and John Emshwiller of Petoskey, Mich.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were five sisters, Murl Schooley, Helen Myers, Agnes Daniels, Mary Ford and Hulda Captain; four brothers, Woodrow, James, Warren and Walter Jr. Emshwiller, and a grandson, Matthew Scott.

Funeral Services and calling hours were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, with Rev. Herbert Edwards officiating. Burial was in McFarren Cemetery, Bluffton. Glancy Funeral Homes-Walker Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, Ind. 46634.

BOLTIN

A native of Liberty Center, Robert Boltin, 95, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and formerly of Flint, Michigan, died Dec. 30, 2004,

at Arbor Hospice residence in Ann Arbor.

Services were Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Muehlig Funeral Chapel there with Pastor Michael Wentzel officiating. Burial was in Washtenong Memorial Park there.

He was born June 15, 1909 in Liberty Center of Wells County to Fred and Ava Ware Boltin. His marriage was on June 21, 1931, to Ruth Reinhart at Toledo, Ohio. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Boltin retired on Dec. 1, 1973, from the General Motors V-8 Plant where he was a production supervisor with 45 years of service. He was a member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and the Masonic Lodge at the Michigan location.

Surviving are a special niece, Denise Gnodtke, and several other nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were a brother, Ralph, and five sisters, Muriel, Mildred, Mary, Margaret and Esther.

Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor.

MATTSON

Jayne D. Mattson, 89, died at 1:12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Born in Montpelier on Sept. 18, 1915 to William J. and Marian Waltz Davies, she married Warren N. Mattson on Jan. 7, 1940 in Marion; he died Sept. 27, 1984.

A homemaker, she was a graduate of Montpelier High School and a lifelong resident of the Montpelier area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Montpelier, a charter member of the Psi Iota Xi and a member of the Brass Latch and the Dinner Bell Band.

Survivors include three sons, Willard D. Mattson of Windfield, Ill., Warren Mattson II and Allen Mattson, both of Hartford City; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret Walker and Grace Wright.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier. Burial was in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Preferred memorials are to the church.

COOK

A retired truck driver, Kenneth L. Cook, 79, of rural Bluffton, died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 at his home.

Born June 27, 1925 in Lawrence County, Ill., to Clarence G. and Florence Irene

Wilson Cook, his first marriage in 1946 was to LaVeda Brown, who died in 1993. A second marriage on Jan. 3, 1994 in Warren was to Eilene H. Steffen, who survives.

He retired from truck driving in 1986 after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II with the Navy Sea Bees in the 123rd Construction Battalion in the Pacific Theatre, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in Markle. He attended the Apostolic Christian Church.

Surviving in addition to the wife are a son, Gene A. Cook of Liberty Center; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Eilene) Hitzeman of Springfield, Ohio; a step son, Tim Williams of Bluffton, a step daughter, Sheri Smith of Columbia City; three sisters, Doris Meyers of Marion, Sylvia Flynn of Celina, Ohio and Mrs. Norm (Shirley) Lawrence of Eudora, Kan.; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis L. Cook.

Funeral services were held at Apostolic Christian Church North with Phil Stettner and Nile Bucher officiating and burial in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Preferred memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

SWAGGER

Dale E. Swagger, 81, Van Buren, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, January 6, 2005 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born February 11, 1923 to the late Ira and Clara (Schweikhardt) Swagger on the same farm in Van Buren Township where he spent the rest of his life. He attended Van Buren schools. In 1941, he married Eloise C. Reed, who died in 1996. He had spent the winters in Florida every year since 1971. Mr. Swagger retired from farming and from Eastbrook Community Schools after 10 years as a school bus driver.

Survivors include sons, Roy G. (Donna) Swagger, Port St. Lucie, Fla., Terry R. (Pat) Swagger, New Braunfels, Texas, and Lynn (Kim) Swagger, Van Buren; grandchildren, Scott (Cherish) Swagger, Winder, Ga., Rob Swagger, Marion, Jeffrey Swagger, San Antonio, Texas, Greg Swagger (Marine Corps), Heather (Ryan) Conwell, Van Buren, and Dana (Michael) Obuch, Garden Ridge, Texas; and a great-granddaughter, Melenie Obuch, Garden Ridge, Texas.

He also was preceded in death by brothers, Howard and Ira C.

Swagger; and a sister, Berlie Banter.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., with the Rev. Lynn Mefferd officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

TIDWELL

Kevin J. Tidwell, 41, Van Buren, died of injuries sustained in an auto accident Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

He was born October 19, 1963.

The Michigan native worked in sales for TruGreen Co.

Survivors include children, Thomas and Amelia, both of Churubusco; father, Thomas, Tennessee; siblings, Kerry, Fishers, Keith, Tennessee, and Kim Ford, Kelly Salow and Rebecca Cooper, all of Michigan.

Services were held at in Klaehn, Fahn & Melton, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a college fund for Thomas and Amelia Tidwell.

BAKER

Chloe Evelyn "Cody" Baker, 86, Warren, died Sunday, January 16, 2005 unexpectedly at her home.

She was born July 23, 1918 in Wells County, Liberty Township, to the late Ora and Gertie Mounsey. She married Forrest A Baker on Thanksgiving Day in 1937. He preceded her in death on November 23, 1978. She was an office assistant at the Riverside Veterinary Clinic. She was a graduate of Liberty Center High School and a member of the United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Jerry (Dorothy) Baker of LaPorte; and two grandsons, Stephen Baker of Noblesville and Joel Baker of Lindenhurst IL.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel, 203 N. Matilda St., with the Rev. Charles Dye Jr., officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Helping Paws Pet Haven, 2242 S Marion Road, Huntington, IN 46750.

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SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise 90th birthday party was held for Ruth Wehr on January 9, 2005 at the United Methodist Memorial Home in the Activity Center.

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Watch for further notification. It may be 6 to 10 weeks. So very sorry for the inconvenience.

Mary & Joan

RED HATTER REPORT

Celebrated the last month of 2004 with as much gusto as the first month of the year. Were the guests at a lovely buffet luncheon at the River Terrance Estates in Bluffton. Enjoyed the tasty cuisine and the fellowship of sister Red Hatters. This was followed by a tour of their elegant home. Our group consisted of Velma Lindstrom, Virginia Olson, Helen Jo Strassner, Mary Brown, Marge Harris, Maro Wall, Willy Hethcote, Mary Palmer and Lilly Nutter.

Later in the month we attended our annual Christmas tea, so graciously hosted by Dee Pattison for the 3rd. year. She's our Betty Crocker, for the lovely table was loaded as usual with her baked goodies and outstanding tea. She entertained us with

more of her delightful readings. There's always a wonderful turn out for her tea parties...Miriam Rice, Chris Knox, Willy Hethcote, Velma Lindstrom, Helen Jo Strassner, Helen Stokes, Mary Brown, Irene Henderson, Martha Buzzard, Jo Chatham, Maro Wall, Mary Palmer, Barbara Kleinhans, Virginia Olson and Lilly Nutter. It's been an eventful year for us, filled with many joyous gatherings and events. We are working on our 90th box for our troops and treasure the responses we receive from them. May 2005 bring Peace to the world and joy to our hearts.

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RESERVATIONS EARLY

Don't get left out in the cold. More than 1,275 DNR campsites already have been reserved for Memorial Day weekend. And savvy campers know that now is the best time to plan your Memorial Day or July 4 celebration at an Indiana state park, reservoir or state recreation area.

DNR campsites sell out early for both holidays. July 4 will sell out even earlier this year because the holiday is on a Monday.

Reservations for the 8,000 state park and reservoir campsites can be made on the Internet at www.camp.IN.gov or by phoning toll free at 866-6CAMPIN [866-622-6746].

The Internet site is available 24/7. The operating hours for the toll-free number are noon to 8 p.m. EST Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Campsites for the July 4 holiday also are available for reservation online and at the toll free number.

Noteworthy for the 2005 camping season:

* 2005 is the first camping season at Prophetstown State Park near Lafayette. There are 55 full hook-up and 55 electric

campsites available.

* The completion of repairs on the dam at Mississinewa Lake in north central Indiana will allow the water level to increase to its normal summer pool, which means more boating, swimming and sunbathing on beaches.

* Indiana's newest state park, O'Bannon Woods, is open in scenic Harrison and Crawford counties with one of the state's best campgrounds, 100 miles of recreational trails, historic Wyandotte Caves and some of Indiana's best canoeing.

* At Indiana Dunes a brand new campground will open this summer. Keep checking the DNR home page at www.dnr.IN.gov for the grand opening announcement.

Campsite pricing again will be divided into weekend/holiday and weekday rates for 2005.

There also will be discount pricing on Indiana's Seven Jewels. This means additional discounts for camping at Charlestown, Harmonie and O'Bannon Woods State Parks as well as Mississinewa and Lieber Reservoirs and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow State Recreation Areas.

Reservations for state park inns, family cabins, shelters, recreation buildings and group camps already are available at online at www.indianainns.com or toll free at 1-877-lodges1.

Ask about the winter discount — two consecutive nights for the price of one (Sunday through Thursday) — at the inns until March 10, 2005.

To make a reservation using this special rate you must call the toll-free operator at 877-lodges1.

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Tobacco Freedom is a tobacco cessation series beginning in Wells County designed to educate and support you in your decision to be free of tobacco. The classes are taught by Bluffton Regional Medical Center respiratory therapists who are also certified tobacco educators. These professionals have received training on how to help people quit using tobacco. They understand the struggles and side effects of tobacco cessation, and they have an extended knowledge base to give people options on how to successfully quit using tobacco.

The classes meet on Tuesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. at The First Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Ave., Bluffton.

For more information about the Tobacco Freedom class series or to register, contact the Bluffton Regional education department at (260) 919-3806. A \$1 donation is requested for each class attended.

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2005 4-H FAIR DATES SET

The Wells County 4-H Association has set July 16 – 21 as the dates for the 2005 4-H Fair. Most of the 4-H Livestock shows are expected to remain on similar days as in 2004. The 4-H Auction will be held on Thursday, July 21st and the Parade is expected to be held Saturday evening, July 16th.

The various fair committees are working to finalize other events and times for the six day event.

Dates for the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis will be August 10 – 21.

For more information about the 4-H Fair, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED



HOMETOWN BOY RETURNS AFTER 5½ YEARS DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY

Randolph P Witkamp is our local hero who has served gallantly in the United States Coast Guard since 1999.

Randolph is the son of Charles and Cynthia Witkamp who live in Jackson Township, Wells County. His grandmothers Marry T Jones and Georgia Irey live in Warren.

Randolph moved to the Warren area with his parents in 1990. He attended school at Southern Wells and graduate from Community Christian School of Bluffton. Randolph joined the Coast Guard after graduation in 1999. He graduated from Coast Guard Boot Camp with above average grades and was chosen to be a fireman aboard the USS Polar Sea, home port of Seattle WA.

Pole Sea employment took Randolph to the Bearing Straits, Aleutian Islands, Hawaii, Brisbane Australia, Sydney, Melbourne, Tasmania, New Zealand and Antarctica.

While Randolph was in Australia he was fortunate to be entertained by an old policeman friend of his dad's, Inspect of Police Graham Puckridge, Royal South Australia Police. Graham gave Randolph a great R&R from the ship, scuba diving, sky diving, fishing, hunting the great white sharks, good old fashion Australian Barbie, and or course, nightly visits to the Policemen's Club sampling that great dark Australian beer.

The primary mission of the Polar Sea was to clear a channel to the American outpost in Antarctica. This was accomplished and Randolph was able to sample life at the South Pole, learning of the numerous scientific studies being conducted by the scientific community. Walking and fraternizing with the locale penguins and gooney birds. On the return trip the Polar Sea passed by the Coast of Viet Name where Randolph's Dad spent two year's in the US Marine Corps.

Back in Seattle, Randolph applied and qualified for Air School and was assigned to the Detroit Coast Guard Station. When the 9-11 attack occurred Randolph was a member of a helicopter crew who flew numerous missions in connection with that terrible day. In the wake of that infamous day Randolph extended his enlistment and was assigned to US Coast Guard Air School in North Carolina. The six-week course is one of the most grueling in the Coast Guard. Randolph graduated with honors along with over fifty college credits. He earned certifications in aircraft engine repair and maintenance, aircraft airframe structure repair, hydraulic, electrical wiring, and electrical motor repair and numerous other certifications too numerous to record here.

Randolph's next assignment was US Coast Guard Air Station Houston Texas. This is the location where President Bush's Marine Corp Helicopter is stored when the President is in the Houston area. Randolph worked with the Marine Security guarding the President's

helicopter and was fortunate to meet the President several times.

The Coast Guard air station at Houston is the most active Coast Guard Station in the United States. Randolph's duties carried him to the Bahamas, Cuba, Gulf of Mexico, and South to Columbia. He flew in direct support of the Marines in Haiti and Guantanamo Bay. During the horrendous hurricane season of last year in Florida, Randolph was flying almost continuous rescue missions,

Off the Coast of Columbia his copter caught a drug running freighter that netted over 100 tons of narcotics.

Randolph has truly served his country with courage, and distinction in the war on terror. We are all fortunate to have such brave men who are willing to stand up and fight for our country, rather like some who sit back safely at home, and let others fight to secure their liberties.

Randolph is due home early in January 2005. He plans on furthering his formal education and possibly seeking a career in law enforcement, following in his dad's footsteps who is a decorated Los Angeles retired police officer, Honorably retired after twenty years of service.

I pray friends and family join us in welcoming a true home-town hero home.

Semper Fidelis
Charles R & Cynthia S
Witkamp

continue each Tuesday until March 29th. The Pistol Safety will be held on Mondays from January 31st through March 22nd. The Awards Night for BB, Rifle & Pistol will be held on March 29th.

All meetings (except January 25) will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park will be the location for all meetings.

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

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

First time members who are old enough for Rifle or Pistol will be required to pass a BB Gun shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle and Pellet Pistol should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition,

insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Rifle Club.

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

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

ART'S FESTIVAL MEETING

With just months remaining before this spring's scheduled Festival of the Arts, the time has come to begin formally planning for the 2005 event.

Anyone interested in taking a leadership role as a committee chairperson on the festival committee is invited to attend a planning meeting on Thursday, Jan. 27 at Assembly Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Important decisions regarding the future of the festival will be made during this meeting. For those who are interested in serving as a committee chair, but are unable to attend the meeting, contact Brady Smekens at 375-3101 to find out how you can help.

4-H GUN SAFETY TO BEGIN

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

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 25th with sign up and safety rules from 6:30 – 8 PM. BB and Rifle Safety will con-

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