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Thought for the Week: *Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise.* Lord Chesterfield



## MARKLEBANK BREAKS GROUND FOR VAN BUREN OFFICE

MARKLE, Ind. — MarkleBank broke ground on Tuesday, March 7, 2005 for the new satellite location in Van Buren, Indiana. The Van Buren Community Banking Center is expected to open in April 2005.

The Van Buren Office will be a satellite of MarkleBank's Warren Branch and will feature express hours. The Drive-up will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Lobby and Drive-up will be open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

All manner of financial transactions can take place during the Saturday lobby hours. Loan Officers and Personal Bankers will be available for everything from opening accounts to making loans. Loan Officers and Personal Bankers are also available by appointment.

MarkleFinancial and MarkleInsurance will also have a presence at the Van Buren Banking Center. Investment Representatives and Insurance Agents will be available to meet clients in Van Buren by appointment as they are at any other MarkleBank location.

MarkleBank is the bank subsidiary of MarBanc Financial Corporation, headquartered in Markle, Indiana. MarkleBank currently operates six full-service community banking centers, the main office in Markle, two offices in Bluffton, one in Warren, one in Huntington, and a new office in Fort Wayne.

MarkleBank also offers investment and insurance services through a partnership with MarkleFinancial and MarkleInsurance, with full-time Financial Advisors and Insurance Agents available to meet with clients at any MarkleBank location.

MarkleBank, MarkleInsurance, and MarkleFinancial can be reached by calling MarkleBank's Customer Service Center toll-free at (888) 758-3111.

## ARTS FESTIVAL

Festival of Arts in Warren Saturday, May 14, 2005! 10-5.

The next meeting is Tuesday March 22 @ 7 PM at the Warren Assembly Hall. Wanting to help the Warren area with your time? You are invited to be a part of the most exciting Arts Festival around! Attend the meeting and you will hear many exciting ideas and see the energetic progression of the festival. Donations are now being accepted for the Festival of Arts!

Any business, organization and/or individual may donate to the Festival of Arts. The sponsors of the festival are categorized by "Festival Partners" contributing \$1000 or more, "Festival Patrons" contributing \$500 to \$1000, "Friends of the Festival" contributing \$200 to \$500 and the "Festival Supporters" contributing \$25 to \$200. Please mail to "Our Town" c/o Festival of Arts, P.O. Box 40, Warren, IN 46792. This may be a tax deductible donation. If you have

any questions, please call 375-2626.

## ARTISTS MARKET

Calling all artists and crafters!!! There is still time to have a booth at the Festival of Arts. Go to [warrenindiana.com](http://warrenindiana.com) and link to the Festival of Arts website to download an application. Be proud of your talents and Don't miss this amazing opportunity to display and sell your crafts to the Warren Area buyers! The application deadline is April 8, 2005. If any questions, please call 375-2626.

## MT. ZION FISH FRY

The Twin Bridge Conservation Club will be having a Fish, Chicken and Tenderloin Supper on Saturday, March 26th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm in Mt. Zion at the club house. We will also be serving green beans or potato salad and applesauce.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under eat free. Carry-outs will also be available.

The club house is located at 6374 S. 600 W in Wells County (S. R. 218, 2 miles east of 3)

## ALUMNI BOOKS

What enthusiasm two girls had that once lived as neighbors across the street from the Warren High School. They were going to compile a book to surpass all books on the education of students that attended Warren and Jefferson high schools.

Out of dedication and love for their Alma Mater and Alumni the work began. The response from the community was good.

Since Jefferson was part of the Warren school a short time it was only fair they be included. Also many of the graduates had chosen their life mates from one or the other school.

One idea would spring another. Instead of not having enough information we had too much. What a disappointment. We had

driven around the two townships taking pictures of the remains and remaining district schools. I had acquired maps on the locations of the nine buildings in each township, with enough information to put a name with the eighteen schools. Could have listed all the teachers who taught in the district schools in Salamonie Township.

Space was limited, not all histories of the churches could be printed in completion. The printer suggested we omit the ministers. This was one of the main reasons we wanted to include the churches, names of the men of the cloth that served in our community.

Information on the early Warren Community Building that stood where the Citizens Telephone office now stands. (Why it wouldn't be acceptable for a gym today.)

You'll have to come to the museum for more information. We will be glad to share additional information.

Thank you for your purchase of the books. Hopefully we will be able to purchase the air conditioner for the museum for your comfort when you come to visit.

Also another thank you to those who contributed in excess of the books to help on the air conditioner. With deep gratitude Mary Emma and Joan.

We are so sorry the first printing of the books are falling apart. The card stock paper is too heavy. The printer suggested to us to use the card stock, because it would enhance the pictures. He ordered the hard back cover to surprise us. They are lovely, but the glue used didn't seem to hold the pages in place.

If your book falls apart the printer promised to stand behind the books. Put your name inside the book and return then to Radical Designs, Inc. 315 North Jefferson St. Huntington, In. (just two doors north of the county court house.) Call 260-355-0000.

We are planning on being at

the United Methodist Home Friday March 18, hours 16:00 to 4:00 for pick up and sales. Hopefully you will be able to get your book at that time. If not call Mary 375-2062 or Joan 375-3104 and make arrangements for pick up another time and place.

## DAFFODILS

Don't forget to get your daffodils from Lilly this Friday at the United Methodist Memorial Home. She will be available all day in the UMMH Post Office area. What a great way to bring some lovely spring color into your home and support a great cause in the process. All profits go to support the American Cancer Society.

## POPCORN MEETING

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival Committee met at the Van Buren School on March 8. The Theme of the 2005 festival will be Our Home Town—Van Buren. Some new events planned for 2005 are a tractor show, a bike tour, and a Saturday mid-morning parade. The next planning meeting will be April 11 at 6:30 at the Van Buren School. Help is needed in all areas of the festival planning. Please be there to provide your help, Thanks.

## AG DAY

Everything that we use comes from either agriculture, or mining. So, at this year's Ag Day (March 24 at Hier's Park) the Purdue Cooperative Extension office will be talking about by products from the raw materials gleaned through agriculture. Close to 500 of Huntington County's third grade students will be brought to Hier's Park to spend two hours learning about the importance of agriculture in their lives.

Soybeans have become the product labeled "miraculous."

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### GET ON THE (GREEN) BANDWAGON: CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Retailers are beginning to love St Patrick's Day. They're selling more than green beer and bagels. You could get a St Pat's T shirt, a green hat, green socks (for the more conservative), a CD or Irish music, or a cookbook of traditional Irish meals.

Driving the interest is the large number of non-Irish celebrating the holiday. About 110 million consumers will mark St Patrick's Day this year by doing such things as wearing the green at work or dining at an Irish pub.

Kansas City, MO-based Hallmark Cards has offered St Patrick's Day cards for many years. This year there will be more than 100 varieties. It ranks St Patrick's Day as its ninth-most popular day. Valentine's Day and Mother's Day rank first and second. Hallmark sales are best in Boston with its large concentration of Irish Americans. It's where one of the first American celebrations was held in 1737.

One reason it has become so popular: St Patrick's Day gives people a chance to have a good time at parades, at work, and at evening celebrations. Remember that old saying, "Everybody's Irish on St Patrick's Day!"

### PREPARE FOR FALL DROUGHT IN SPRING

Healthy lawns that have been fed four or five times a year will be strong enough to survive up to a couple of months with no water.

Feeding your lawn while we are getting spring rain will strengthen the grass and help it to grow new roots. Use a brand you can trust to feed your lawn with a specially controlled, slow feeding that will work gradually over a couple of months. Follow the directions.

Mow your grass taller. By adjusting your mower to a higher setting, you will help the lawn grow deeper roots to match the increased blade growth. A taller lawn with deeper roots will be able to find moisture and endure hot, dry weather.

Get rid of crabgrass, dandelions and other aggressive weeds. They steal what little water there is from your grass during dry weeks. The first spring application of weed-and-feed type fertilizer prevents crabgrass. The second application feeds while getting rid of dandelions and other weeds.

If you are able to water your grass, water long enough to get moisture deep into the soil. Lawns need about one inch of water a week. Shallow watering creates shallow roots.

Use a rain gauge to determine how much water you should provide to come up to one inch. That is, if it has rained half an inch during the week, you need to provide the balance, or another half inch.

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

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Soybeans seem to be in everything, including disinfectants, electrical insulation, fungicides, paints, antibiotics, leather substitutes and even polyester fabric. The list goes on and on.

Pharmaceuticals rank second only to meat itself in the important contributions hogs make to society. Only a few years ago, we depended primarily on hogs as a source of many of our vital medical products and in many cases we still do. But rapidly advancing science and technology not only have discovered many new life-supporting, life-saving products that we get from hogs, but have discovered ways to supplement the supply of many of the natural medicinal products with synthetics.

Did you know that the blood of pigs is in the adhesive used to make plywood. Their blood albumen is used in fabric printing and in fabric dyes. The dried bones of several different farm animals is used in the creation

of bone china. Fatty acids from animals and glycerine is used in cement, weed killers, rubber, cellophane and again insulation. Pig gall stones are used in the making of ornaments. Their adrenal glands are used in cortisone.

Lanolin from the wool of sheep and goats is another by product that is very useful in cosmetics, motor oils, adhesive tape and printing inks, to list just a few.

Industrial uses of corn include the making of rayon. Corn starch is in numerous products, including dry cell batteries, surgical dressings and even rubber tires; not to mention the vast uses in pharmaceutical products and, of course, baked goods. The dextrose from corn is in rayon and is even a part of antibiotics.

This is a very short list of by products from agriculture. As the third grade students move through fourteen stations, the speakers have visual aids and we have displays made by Huntington College students showing by products. To reinforce

the lessons of Ag Day each student will also receive an activity book of additional information and many other pieces of educational materials supplied by over 20 donors.

The public is invited to stop by. Half of Huntington County's third graders will go through the stations starting at 9:30 am and end around 11:30. The other half of the students will begin at 11:45 and be finished by 2pm. This is a cooperative effort of your Huntington County Purdue Cooperative Extension Office and over 40 volunteers.

### RED CROSS MONTH

The Huntington County American Red Cross participates in celebrating Red Cross Month.

As part of our local celebration, we are offering free, in-house Disaster Preparedness seminars to any Huntington County business or organization that would like its employees, members, volunteers or clients to learn how to prepare for disasters of all types. Participants will learn the five simple action steps necessary to prepare their businesses and homes for a natural or man made di-

saster. These presentations do not have to be done in March, but we would like to schedule them during Red Cross month.

To schedule a presentation for your group or company, please call the Huntington County American Red Cross at 356-2910.

The Huntington Chapter is funded 100% by the donations and support of individuals and businesses in Huntington County. Donations made to Huntington Red Cross can be mailed to: Huntington Red Cross, 354 N. Jefferson St. Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750.

### CPR CLASS

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be having a CPR for the Professional Rescuer class on March 26th, 2005 9am - 5pm at 354 N. Jefferson Street (2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex in the meeting room).

Participants will learn how to check a victim for consciousness, how to perform rescue

breathing, conscious and unconscious obstructed airway procedures, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on an adult, child and infant for one rescuer and two rescuer.

The American Red Cross is the leader in lifesaving training and is committed to ensuring that each class reflects the latest scientific research. This course is specifically designed for people whose employment requires them to respond in the event of an emergency (allied health care professionals, firemen, EMT's, law enforcement, park rangers, physicians, nurses, security personnel, life guards, athletic trainers, Camp Leaders, First Aid Teams, first responders, and etc). The Red Cross provides visual, auditory, and manual learning tools to increase your learning process. The training is standardized and recognized by many national, state and local authorities. Sending your employees to the

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## Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

**Mar 16** Van Buren Town Council, 7pm  
**Mar 18** Warren Recycle Day  
**Mar 19** Poneto Fire Dept. Chili Supper  
**Mar 26** Mt. Zion Fish Fry, Conservation Club 4:30 to 7:30 pm  
**Mar 28** Warren Town Council, 6:30pm, Assembly Hall  
**Apr 16** United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper, at KBC  
**Apr 23 & 24** Gebharts Greenhouse Annual Open House

**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

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American Red Cross training sessions communicates commitment to your employees' health and well-being.

The registration and payment form must be turned in to the Red Cross office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Huntington, IN 46750 by March 24, 2005. A registration and payment form may be obtained by calling the Red Cross office at 260-356-2910, visiting the Red Cross office, or send the office an e-mail at [red.cross@huntington.in.us](mailto:red.cross@huntington.in.us). The CPR for the Professional Rescuer is \$50 per participant and each participant receives a book and a pocket mask.

## GET DIRTY HANDS

Coming April 9, Purdue Extension - Grant County will host an advanced Master Gardener Training entitled, "Get Your Hands Dirty!" The event will feature the topics of plant propagation, soil testing, and container gardening. Open only to Purdue Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns, registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m., and the program will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds. Light refreshments will be available, but lunch will not be served. "This is a hands-on training," said John Woodmansee, Extension Educator for Purdue Extension in Grant County, "You will get your hands dirty!" Woodmansee says one of the goals of the program is not only to learn about these subjects, but to spark an aspiration to teach these subjects to others as a Master Gardener volunteer. The program cost is \$20 if registered by April 1, and \$25 at the door. At least 15 people must be pre-registered to hold the event. If you decide to participate after April 1, please con-

tact the Grant County Extension office no later than Friday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. to find out whether the event will be taking place. Program registration form and event flier may be downloaded on-line at [www.ces.purdue.edu/grant](http://www.ces.purdue.edu/grant) or obtained by contacting the Grant County Extension office at 765-651-2413. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access institution.

## POWER WHEELCHAIRS

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Please call 1.800.823.6220 or visit our web site at [www.threewishes2.com](http://www.threewishes2.com) for more information on the details of this program.

The Wishes on Wheels program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as permanently disabled) to remain independent

in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment.

## GUARD INFORMATION

Tax time can be frustrating enough without finding your discarded financial records landed in the hand of an identity thief, warns the Indians Crime Prevention Coalition.

"After you've gathered all your important financial documents to prepare for Uncle Sam, take extra care in storing or destroying the information once you've tiled your returns," said Scott Minier, ICPC's executive director.

An estimated seven million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2003. On average, each victim suffered \$92,893 in losses and spent \$1,495 and more than 600 hours to recover from the thefts, according to national studies.

"Unfortunately, those figures do not even include lawyers' fees to fend-off unwarranted, illegitimate bill collectors," Minier said. "So time and money spent to safeguard yourself is a drop in the bucket compared to the losses. And remember, most identity thieves are strangers, but many are co-workers, relatives or roommates, exes and caregivers."

Minier, himself a victim, gives these tips:

Bank records: Safely keep cancelled checks related to taxes,

business expenses for which you will be reimbursed, major purchases, and housing or mortgage payments - Shred receipts or statements with no long-term importance.

Bills: Safely keep bills until cancelled checks arrive. Then shred the bill. However, keep and safely store all paperwork from major purchases in case of loss or damage. Also safely keep bills and proof of payment on any prepaid arrangements (weddings, catering, vacations, funeral, etc.).

Credit card statements: Safely keep receipts until the monthly statement arrives. Compare and shred any unnecessary receipts. Safely keep those from major purchases or those with rebates or warranties.

Payroll stubs: Safely keep payroll stubs until receiving a W-2 summarizing your wages and taxes. Compare and then shred the stubs, unless needed for other purposes like a mortgage approval. In that case, safely store them.

For more information contact the National Crime Prevention Council at [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

## POETRY CONTEST

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Warren area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the

contest is May 31, 2005. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Baylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19922, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by May 31, 2005. You may also enter online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF ROGER D. SHAW

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and caring during our time of deep sorrow.

Your prayers, hugs, flowers, food, cards, phone calls and the generous monetary gifts given in his memory were sincerely appreciated.

A "Special" thank you to: Bailey-Love Mortuary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689, Freseruis Medical (Dialysis) Care, and United Methodist Memorial Home.

Betty Shaw and Family

## SCHWEIKHARDT

Ruth Lavelle Schweikhardt, 85, formerly of Marion, died at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home at 7 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005.

Born Aug. 3, 1919 in Van Buren to Milton and Edna Tinsley Williamson, she married Franklin B. Schweikhardt Dec. 24, 1937 in Marion. He preceded her in death Dec. 20, 1991.

A 1937 graduate of Roll High School, she was a member of the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church in Jackson Twp. She was also a homemaker and a farmer's wife.

She is survived by a son, Richard K. of Van Buren; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Beverly) Trout of Warsaw and Mrs. Melvin (Betty) Roush of Marion; a sister, Cleo Baker of Wilmington, N.C.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A brother, William Williamson, and sisters Iva Mae Zent and Opal Achor, preceded her in death.

Services at 10 a.m. Thursday will be at the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church with Pastor Dick Case officiating. Burial will follow at the Van Buren Cemetery.

Calling at Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and also at the church one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Memorial Home.

## RECORD

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home since 1991, Virginia Record, 87, died at her townhouse Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 9:35 a.m.

Born in Cambridge, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1917, to Rev. Frank and Mabel Fordyce Lineberry, she married Robert Record Sept. 23, 1945 in Elkhart. He preceded her in death Oct. 30, 1964.

Raised in Elkhart, she spent most of her adult life in Frankfort where she served two terms as the Clinton County Recorder and two terms as the Clinton County Treasurer, completing her political career in 1981. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart where she served as organist for 37 years. She was the organist at the chapel of the Methodist Home until her death. She was also a member of Zonta and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Dr. William M. Record of Plymouth, a daughter, Martha Joan Record of Germantown, Md.; a sister, Helen Nolan of Auburndale, Fla.; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home Chapel with Pastor Herbert Edwards officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Frankfort.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Memorial Home. Arrangements are in charge of Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel.

## JUDD

Robert Edwin Judd, 88, Warren Methodist Home, died March 3, 2005 in Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Judd was born in Seymour to the late William H. and Mildred (McCauly) Judd. He attended Miami University and the University of Cincinnati, both of Ohio. He was employed as a teacher at Hamilton Public Schools and Butler Co. Vocational School, until his retirement in 1979.

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His retirement years were spent in Florida, Indiana, California and Cincinnati before moving to Warren in 2001. He was a member of The Gideons International and attended the First Baptist Church, Warren. He also served as an active volunteer at Warren Methodist Home.

Surviving are four children, Robert William (Nita) Judd, Bethany, Okla., Janet Judd (Roger) Jenkinson, Upland, Charles Edwin (Wanda) Judd, Lynchburg, Va., and Roger Glenn (Jill) Judd, Upland; seven grandchildren, Stephen Robert Judd, Gregory William Judd, Tamara Judd Curry, Christopher Scott Judd, Eric Judd Jenkinson, Caroline Judd Stevens and Emily Laura Judd; 14 great-grandchildren, Joshua Judd, Justin Judd, Macy Judd, Spencer Judd, Neil Judd, Haley Jenkinson, Caleb Curry, Charles Stevens, Jacob Jenkinson, Hazel Stevens, Mary Stevens, Lacy Stevens, Abigail Jenkinson and Dixon Stevens.

He also was preceded in death by wife, Dorothy L. (Hartman) Judd, in April 2004.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. March 19 in Warren Methodist Home Chapel.

Jones-Smith Funeral Home, Upland, handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Music Department, Taylor University, Upland, and the Northern Indiana Hospice.

## BOLLHOEFER

Alan Tomas Bollhoefer, 47, Van Buren, died at 7:23 a.m. May

13, 2005.

Mr Alan T Bollhoefer was born March 23, 1957 in Huntington. He had been a resident of the Van Buren area all of his life. He was a graduate of Eastbrook High School class of 1975, also a graduate of ITT in 1978. For the last 4 years Mr Bollhoefer had been employed by Computer Age Inc, Marion. Alan was an avid Indianapolis Colts and NASCAR fan. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; 3 daughters, Jessica (Nick Roseberry) Bollhoefer, Mandi Shinholt and Brooke Bollhoefer, all of Van Buren; a son, Blake Bollhoefer of Van Buren; grandchildren Julian and Lilly Rosenberry of Van Buren; a sister, Deborah (Martin) Gunn of Van Buren and two brothers, Rodney and Henry Bollhoefer, both of Van Buren.

He was preceded in death by his parents John T and Ruth I (Eubank) Bollhoefer.

Services will be held Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Timothy Helm officiating. Burial will be held at Van Buren Cemetery at a later date.

Calling hours are Thursday, March 17, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home, Van Buren.

## LEE

Fairy D Lee, 95, Round Rock, TX, died at 5:30 a.m. March 14, 2005 at her home.

Mrs Fairy D Lee was born January 1, 1910 in Marion. She was a graduate of Marion High School. Fairy married Von Dale Lee of Van Buren, he died in 1986. After they were married, they owned and operated an appliance store in Van Buren. Many people in Van Buren can remember seeing their first TV in the front window of their store. In 1955 they moved to Melbourne, FL, where they

owned and operated a motel until retirement. For the past 13 years Fairy has lived in Round Rock, TX, to be close to her son.

Survivors include her son, Richard (Janiece) Lee of Round Rock; 3 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Maxine (Kenneth) Breedlove of Marion, Mrs May Lawson of California, Mrs Cynthia Morse of Florida; and three brothers, Mr Richard Rinehart of FL, Mr Don Rinehart of MS and Mr James R Rinehart of AZ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Vaughn Lee, two sisters, Betty Folkarth and Violet Coffman and her parents Miles Rinehart and Lana (Hollowell) Rinehart.

Graveside services will be held at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery of Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Richard Lee will officiating. There will be no visitation.

## BIRTHS

Mr and Ms Aaron (Paula) McMillan of Williamsburg are the parents of a daughter, Katelyn Michelle, born at 12:59 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Reid Hospital in Richmond. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2. She joins a brother, Matthew, age 2.

Grandparents are Randy and Janice McMillan of McNatt and Sid and Betty Richey of Marion. Great-grandparents are Everett and Colleen McMillan of McNatt, Gerald and Genie Turner of Van Buren, Mary Cook of Sweetser and Dallas and Esther Richey of Marion.

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### COWBOY CHURCH

Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 N. Walnut, Hartford City, will present Cowboy Church on Saturday, March 19, at 7 pm. Country-gospel music will be featured at this monthly event. Child care provided. Donations of food items for the Blackford County Food Bank would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, call the church at 348-0404.

### TOP TRAINING CENTER

The American Heart Association (AHA) has recently named Bluffton Regional Medical Center one of the top ten AHA Training Centers in Indiana for the second consecutive year. In 2004, Bluffton Regional trained one of the largest percentages of people in the area in Emergency Cardiovascular Care.

Tonya Penrod, Training Center Coordinator and Faculty, oversaw the training of 1,677 individuals during the 2004 calendar year.

"I enjoy teaching CPR and know that teaching people proper CPR techniques can save lives," Penrod said.

Bluffton Regional offers AHA courses in First Aid, CPR and ACLS throughout the year. These courses are open to the public. For a complete schedule and fees call the education department at (260) 919-3806. Course schedules can also be viewed online at [www.blufftonregional.com](http://www.blufftonregional.com) under "Community Calendar."

### BIBLE QUIZ WINNERS

On Sunday, March 6 children from Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene went to Bible quiz against 150 other quizzers. Five out of the six quizzers placed in the top ten with Katie Keen placing first in the advanced division, Brandi Booher and Demarcuss Langston tying for fifth place in the advanced divi-

sion, Dustin Jackson placing tenth in the advanced division. In the beginners division, Taylor Lahr placed second and Paul Keen was just one question away from placing.

Our children's quizzing program is open to anyone from first-sixth grade. These six have committed nine months of their time to studying First and Second Samuel. We are all very proud of them.

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is sponsored annually by Huntington City-Township Public Library as a way to encourage young adults in grades 6-8 to develop the habit of reading for personal enjoyment and enrichment and to challenge the student to read carefully for content. The Library's goal in providing the Battle of the Books program is to expose young adults to quality literature that has had an impact on American culture at the time of its publication, and has proved to be an enduring part of cultural literacy (clas-

sics). The Battle of the Books competition provides an environment where those students who excel in reading are rewarded. The Library has chosen to use the National Endowment for the Humanities lists and the Newbery Award lists as the primary sources for selections. In addition, a few newer books with notable literature awards are introduced through the program. This year marks the twenty-first year of the Battle of the Books.

CONTACT: Deborah Roy, Community Projects Coordinator Huntington City-Township Public Library  
droy@huntingtonpub.lib.in.us

Middle school students read from a selected list of 15 books and compete for the championship using their knowledge of the plots, characters, and other aspects of those books. Seven teams, with a maximum of 10 members each, were formed this year by Crestview, Riverview, Salamonie, Huntington Catholic (2 teams) and the Huntington Area Home Educators (2

teams).

Matches were held at the Library March 7th-10th in a Round Robin tournament.

This year the championship team was the undefeated Huntington Area Home Educators Ringbearers which included Luke Pike, Joel Binkerd, Abby Freeland, Nathan House, Anna Pike, Jonathon Yarde, Zack Yarde, Camarie Young, Hannah Kiningham, Marina Stoffel.

The Huntington Area Home Educators Rangers (810 points) tied for second place with the Riverview Middle School Raiders (700 points) both having won 4 and lost 2.

Team members were Zoe Eastwood, Jenna Clark, Taylor Allred, Christian Clark, Emma Eastwood, Nathan Eggleton, Morgan Ellis, Kaitlyn Malott, Robbie Charles, Kaitlyn Layman.

Crestview Middle School Cougars (500 points scored), Salamonie Middle School Reading Rebels (300 points), Huntington Catholic Sixth Grade

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### 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.

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\* 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!**

**NOTE: If you play Huntington County Baseball you are NOT eligible to play for Warren Baseball League. You may send in your entry and if your child makes the team in HCB you will receive a refund by calling 375-4643.**

#### PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM!

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(610 points), Huntington Catholic Seventh & Eighth Grade (740 points).

A total of 4710 points were awarded during the competition, 471 correct answers were given by the teams in the 21 matches played. Students were asked to name their favorite books on this year's booklist. The most popular titles were Newbery Award winning titles *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park and *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, and English literature classic *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Book selections for Battle of the Books 2005 were: *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt, *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London, *Dragonsong* by Anne McCaffrey, *The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer, *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott, *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint Exupery, *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle, *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara, *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park, *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells, *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck, *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

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### IDLE HOUR CLUB

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining room of the United Methodist Memorial Home on Monday, March 7, 2005 with Helen Trout as hostess.

The afternoon meeting in the Calico Lounge was opened by the Pres. Edna Alfeld reading the thought for the day. Look to the future, there is no road back to yesterday.

Roll call was answered by Something good or bad you have done in your life.

Secretary and treasurer reports were given.

Kings on the Corner was played with Edna winning high and Evelyn Schweikhardt low.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Ruth Brooks, Mildred Gilbert, Maxine Jones, Clara Mossburg, Miriam Rice, Evelyn Schweikhardt, Georgia Poulson, Devonna Leas, Marjorie Lieurance, Jean Boxell and hostess Helen Trout.

Next meeting April 4 with Jane Haley as hostess.

### ANIMAL FRIENDS

Animal friends visited the Warren Public Library during story time on Friday, March 11. Mrs. Joan Boyer read books by Barbara deRobertis including *Penny Hen*, *Joey Goat*, *Suzy Mule* and *Lucky Duck*. Children attending were Sara, Fletcher, Amelia, Lily, Uriah, Hallie, Colin, Henry and Will.

Story time is held on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. There will be no story time April 8 due to Spring Vacation.

### NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library include:

Fiction: *Impossible* by Steel; *Cold Service* by Parker; *Prince of Fire* by Silva; *The Flaming Luau of Death* by Farmer; *The Ambassador's Son* by Hickam; *The Other Woman* by Green; *Dream of Freedom* by Phillips; *Crazy Eights* by Gunn.

Nonfiction: *Building Your Dream Horse*; *Chocolate*; *Home Fires Burning*; *Lauren Bacall By Myself and Then Some*; *The Raising of a President*.

### PRE SCHOOL STORY TIME

Little Panther Pre School attended with the morning Class on Wednesday March 9th, 2005 to the Van Buren Public Library for Story Time.

Karen shared information about St. Patrick's Day.

We found out, St. Patrick's Day honors the saint who spread the Christian faith in Ireland in the fourth century. Legend has it that he used "the green shamrock with its three leaves to explain the Trinity — the idea that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are one.

The book "Little Bear Marches in the St. Patrick's Day Parade" by Janice was read.

The children shared the Easter Story how Jesus died on the cross and rose at Easter. We have a very nice Pre School. Van Buren can be thankful.

Those attending were: Jenna Boucher, Trevor Brane, Lavonte Cox, Matthew Dieckman, Ethan Embry, Scott Garrison, Tala Garrison, Alex Jones, Dylan Joseph, Parker Kelly, Levi Marley, Broc Miner, Emilee Morgan, Rose Nevil, Joshua Pluimer, Morgan Richwine, Isaac Roush, A.J. Smith, Jade Stuber, Timothy Taylor, Tylon Wright and Abby Gressley.

### JUST HOP ON IN

Froggy was a popular and very lovable character as Joan Boyer read *Froggy Stories* by Jonathon London at Warren Library's Story Time March 4. The children got to go with Froggy as he learned to swim and ate out. Attending were Justin Gifford, Colin Sackett, William Sackett, Fletcher Sabinske, Amelia Sabinske, Sarah Kline, Andy Smekens, Sydney Smekens, Will Pennington, Hallie Kolter and Morgan Richison.

The children made darling pa-

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