Hometown News from Warren, Liberty Center, & Van Buren



Thought for the Week: As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand. Josh Billings



Locks of Love Donor

Brynn Lhamon, 7 years old, donated 15" of her hair to Locks of Love on St. Patrick's Day. Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses they provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers. You can visit their website at www.locksoflove.org for more information.

Brynn has only had the length of her hair cut once, around 4". Other than that, she has only had her bangs and ends of her hair trimmed. When asked why she wanted to do this, she simply stated, "I want to share my pretty hair with someone that lost theirs because they were sick". This was completely her idea! The gals and clients at Studio E were proud of her selfless act, and Tiffany was the stylist that gave Brynn her new "do". Brynn absolutely "love, love, loves" her new haircut! She is the daughter of Stephanie Lhamon of Warren, and granddaughter of Dale and Debi Lindhorst, also of Warren.

DAFFODILS

Don't forget to get your Daffodils from Lilly the Daffodil Lady. She will be in the Post Office area of Heritage Pointe on Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. until she runs out of flowers.

These beautiful flowers help the American Cancer Society to do wonderful things for those battling an ugly disease. The flowers are 10 blossoms for \$10.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual SAM (Salamonie Active Men) Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at the Knight Civic Center. Don't miss out. These guys put on an excellent hunt every year for the local children.

BOOK FAIR

A Book Fair is being held on Monday, March 29 from 9am to 3 pm in Fellowship Lounge of Heritage Pointe. Proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer Memory Walk. Everyone is welcome and don't forget to enter the free drawing - no purchase necessary.

Books (and more) for less -Quality books at great savings. Save up to 70%.

Ooops!

Between the author and the editor we messed up last week. The Warren Alumni Banquet will be held on May 8 this year. Please contact Jim Howell for more information at 260.375.3048 or by email to howellj@citznet.com.

FISH FRY AT MT. ZION

Twin Bridge Conservation is planning a "All You Can Eat" Fish, Chicken and Tenderloin Supper on March 27 in Mt. Zion. The Fish is prepared by Dan's Fish Fry, Will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

The club house at 6374 S 600 W in Wells County (2 miles east of St. Rd. 3 & 218)

Tickets purchased at the door are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

Carry-outs will be available.

PANCAKE**/S**AUSAGE BREAKFAST

This is a reminder that the Warren Sportsman's Club will be having an All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, March 27th from 6:30am-10:00am. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5-12 and kids under the age of 5 eat for free. Please come out and enjoy a great breakfast.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Last Weekend at the Pulse Opera House

Tick tock. Tick tock. Time is running out to see the Pulse Opera House production of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." The final three performances are March 25, 26 and 27 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Those bringing items for the Food Pantry will receive a \$2 discount on their ticket. (Limit one item per ticket. Not good with any other promotion. Adult tickets only.) The box office opens at 7:00 p.m. on show nights and is located in the theatre lobby. Doors to the theatre open at 7:30 p.m. All shows start at 8:00 p.m.

Reservations may be made online at <u>www.pulseoperahouse.org</u> or by calling (260) 375-7017. The Pulse Opera House is located at 127 ½ Wayne Street in Warren, Indiana.

PHOTO: Sophia Smekens as Rose, Paige Fisher as Tiger Lily and Kayla Smyth as Daisy in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" at the Pulse Opera House.

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EVERYONE FOLLOWS SOMETHING

by V. Neil Wyrick Remember Karl Marx, Trotsky, Lenin, Stalin. The state replaced God and a new theology was formed and promoted.

Marx fashioned his ideology first as a Jew and finally as an atheist. From the Hebrew prophets he reached out and applied their belief that a violent social change was inevitable. This led to the conclusion that it was perfectly all right to kill off a few thousand in the name of improvement.

From atheism he extracted the belief that there is no hereafter and therefore was perfectly comfortable in disrupting the here now of 800 million people. He fed the people a famine while trying to convince them it would be a feast.

Politicians of all kinds do this and uniformed voters at the ballot box often create their own peril because they worshiped at the altar of ignorance.

All the Russians who followed this quartet into the dreadful abyss of communism weren't ignorant peasants. But they were desperate to find a better life.

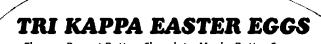
After World Warl, Germany, war-ravaged and its people destitute, was looking for a leader and willing to accept anyone if the promises were big enough. And in a dingy jail cell, Adolph Hitler dreamed of being that savior. As he waited for his time in the political arena, he wrote his autobiography and manifesto, Mien Kampf (My Struggle), which became the creed for National Socialism.

Its theme was absurd, but perfectly acceptable to a nation gone blind in one eye and not able to see out of the other one. I paraphrase it as follows, I believe in a god who has sent us Adolph Hitler to save us from becoming parasites and do-nothings. I believe in a god who has sent us Adolph Hitler to bring back to us beauty and truth. I believe in Adolph Hitler because I no longer believe in myself.

These were stupid ideas but people, because of greed or arrogance or anger or desperation, buy into stupid ideas all the time. All the Germans who followed Hitler weren't ardent followers of these thoughts but rather of his life improving promises dangled in front of them.

Therefore, in not too long a time, all of Germany was shouting the nonsense of their God-given supremacy: goose stepping through not only their own country but many other lands. Persecuting

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Flavors: Peanut Butter, Chocolate, Maple, Butter Cream and Coconut hand dipped in Chocolate - \$3.00.

Available March 26 & April 3 at Huggy Bear Ice Cream Shop and March 26 at Heritage Pointe from 9-Noon Pecans & assorted nuts also available while supply lasts



Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 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. **BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST** Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt. ... 9:30a.m. Sunday Worship Sunday School 10:30a.m. **CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Pastor - William Shelor Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m. Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099 HEALING WATERS MINISTRY -MAJENICA **Pastor Richard Evans** 260/224-3376 Sunday Service10:30 a.m. Wednesday7:00 p.m. DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Dick Case, Pastor Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m. Sunday School.....9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m. HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 F - Marion 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor 1st Worship.....9:00 a.m. HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services9:00 a.m. THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218. 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 55/728-2065 for more inf Sunday Worship......10:30a.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. NEW HOPE MINISTRIES 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana Jim Graham, Pastor 260/494-6753 260/489-1456 260/375-4224

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765-934-3609 Pastor - Dan Metz		
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We will be starting our raffle for the SSF. This year we will be raffling off a CVA inline 50 Cal. Optima Muzzleloader with cleaning kit, ball starter, quick loads, and bullets. We will also be raffling off a Longenberger 12x12 cake basket with divider, liner, and engraved, dated lid.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. After the breakfast, tickets can be purchased from anv Sportsman's Club member. Drawing will be the last day of the SSF during the car show. We hope to see you on Saturday, March 27th.

K ROUND-UP

Southern Wells Elementary School will hold Kindergarten Round – Up on April 6, 2010. Parents may choose to come at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted exactly the same. Be sure to bring your child's birth certificate at this time. This is an informational meeting only and students need not attend. Development screening will be done near the end of May. The entire process will take about an hour and a half, and sign-ups for screening will occur at Round - Up.

Children need to be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2010, to be eligible to enroll. However there is a provision to allow parents who have students who are 5 in September to apply for early enrollment. The test for early enrollment will be given at the same time as the developmental screening in May.

728-2121 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for further details and pre-registration.

CHAMBER'S TASTE OF **S**PRING

Spring is officially Here! The Warren Chamber of Commerce invites you to spend a wonderful evening with Friends at the "Taste of Spring" on May 1st at the Dogwood Glen golf course Clubhouse. Satek Winery will have a variety of wines available to tingle your taste buds. Gabby Blonde lager, Auburn lager, Ol' Woody Pale Ale, India Pale Ale, #3 Irish Red and Ruby Raspberry Wheat brews will be provided by Mad Anthony Brewery. Enjoy the appetizers of Kim's Katered Affair and join in the fun of the Silent Auction. Tickets are coming soon and will be at local outlets for sale!

REVIVAL

Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene will have Revival Services starting Sunday March 28 - 31. Sunday services: 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM, Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Evangelist Bill Ulmet will preach. For more info: Call Pastor Mark (260)228-0934.

SPRING SPECIAL

Dogwood Glen Golf Course is now open for play! Just a reminder the Spring Special for 2010 Memberships runs through April 15th. There are many different membership options to choose from, so stop by the clubhouse today or call 375-4750 for more information.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Van Buren Town Council held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17 at Town Hall. Opening the meeting at 7 p.m., President Tony Manry led those in attendance in repeating the pledge to the American Flag.

Council announced that the Washington and Matthews Elementary schools will be closing in Grant County. Students from the Washington School will be attending the Van Buren Elementary School.

Office Pat Collins gave his report. He recently turned in a list to Council of disabled and abandoned cars in Van Buren. To date 25 violators have complied.

Collins also reported that local officers have been attending training. At this time they have about half of the required training completed.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported there are problems at the Waste Water plant. Engineers are expected to be asked how to solve the problems. Some new equipment will be needed to operate the plant. Webb presented a quote of \$3,000 to council for the equipment. Council approved.

Town clean-up days have been set for April 30 and May 1 and 2. It is again reminded that trash must be put out by 7 a.m. on pick-up day or it will not be picked up by anyone.

It is important that Census forms be mailed in.

It is also reminded again that due to complications the April meetings will be changed to April 14 and April 28.

JACKSON JAGUARS

The Jackson Jaguars 4-H Club will be meeting April 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at McNatt United Methodist Church. The agenda will include election of 2010 officers. There will also be a community "food drive" at the meeting for local food pantries. Other discussion will include upcoming club activities for the summer.

Refreshments and recreation will be provided by the Thompson family.

A Zumba demonstration will also be offered.

Reminder: 4-H enrollment forms are due to Wells County Extension Office by April 1st.

GINGHAM GALS

The Gingham Gals held their March meeting at the home of Joenita Keller. Serving on the committee were Lois Spahr, Wanda Spahr and Joan Boyer.

Joann Grassl, our new president, opened the meeting with Pledge to the Flag and a reading. The secretary and treasurer reports were given.

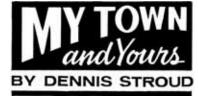
New business and cares and concerns were brought before the members.

Joenita introduced Shari Blinn who gave a demonstration on making greeting cards. She told us to be creative and had some beautiful "home-made" cards for us to see.

Refreshments were enjoyed by fourteen members and one guest.

Happy Birthday,

Colin!!!!!

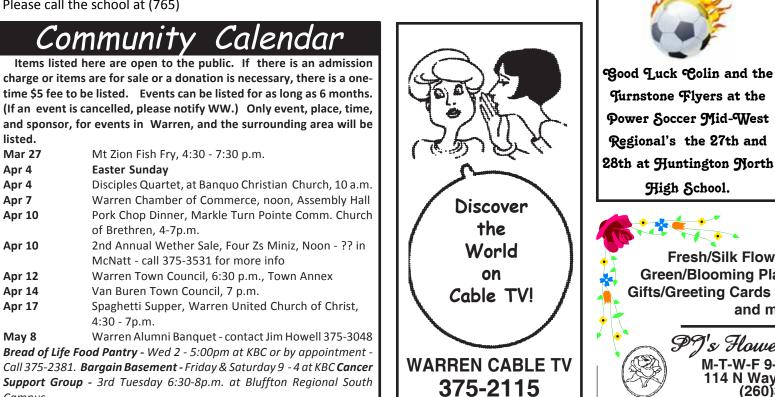


Robert McCormick, in 1829,

settled in Grant County, which was half way between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. McCormick was one of the first to open a tavern on the Indianapolis to Fort Wayne trail. He was a neighbor to the lady who got lost in the woods in last week's article, maybe her name was Joni???. Taverns on early Indiana roads were important to immigrants entering the new state after 1816. They offered food, shelter and fellowship in the harsh, wild woods. Shelter from the elements and a place to sleep on the floor by the fire were luxury enough for early travelers along pioneer roads. One such place, in Warren, was a building at the corner of 3rd and Wayne Street, where Accent Interiors is today. This building was built for Samuel Jones in the early 1840s and was used as a tavern and boarding house. Some of the old timers might know this as the old Eikenbary Building. One of the features of the old time boarding houses was the dinner bell which was rung morning, noon and night, to serve notice to all boarders and all others, who might want a meal, it was time to eat.

There were several owners, through the years, that operated as a boarding house. One of these was Catharine Sutton, in 1879, who called her place the Exchange Hotel. In 1891, Francis I. Eikenbary purchased the property and moved his grocery store from diagonally across the street. Frances and then his son sold groceries there to the 1930s. In the early 1920s, Art Soulen operated the Eikenbary Garage which was attached to the north end of the building. In 1940, the

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Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

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old Eikenbary building was torn down to make way for a new service station.

DEADLINE **A**PRIL **1**ST

4-H membership forms for Wells County are due to the 4-H Leaders or the County Extension Office on or before Thursday, April 1st.

Families may drop off the forms after office hours at the Drop Box located under the canopy of the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and may continue membership through the completion of grade 12.

Mini 4-H membership is for youth in grades 1 and 2. Mini 4-H membership is due

May 1. Forms will be distributed in late March and early April to all school classrooms. Forms can be returned to the school office.

Youth in the Archery, Dog Obedience, and the Shot Gun Safety projects may join at their first meeting in April.

For more information and forms, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412. The membership form is also located at

www.wellscounty.org/4h/

ACCEPTING INPUT

Bluffton Regional Medical Center is once again seeking to honor one of its nurses through its annual Patient Choice Award program. This award recognizes the level of quality care, comfort and compassion offered by nurses each day. Continuing the tradition of the last few years, the hospital is asking for input from the community, and one nurse chosen from the nominations will receive the Patient Choice Award during Nurses' Week, May 6-12.

Bluffton Regional asks former patients and family members to be involved in spotlighting an exceptional nurse because patients are the ones directly impacted by outstanding care.

"We are asking patients and their family members to provide us with the nominations because they see the little things that matter so much on a very personal level," said Brenda Tomson, Chief Nursing Officer for Bluffton Regional. "They know who goes the extra mile to make sure a patient experience exceeds expectations - and after all, it is the Patient Choice Award."

If you or a family member have come to Bluffton Regional for inpatient, outpatient or emergency care in the last year and you have a nurse you'd like to thank for going the extra mile, don't miss this chance.

Nominations for the 2010 Patient Choice Award will be accepted until Friday April 30. Nominations may be made online at LutheranHealth.net; or, nominations can mailed or faxed (as long as it arrives by April 30). Mail to: Bluffton **Regional Medical Center, ATTN:** Marketing Director, 303 S. Main Street, Bluffton, IN 46714, or fax to: 260-919-3147.

AG DAY

March 30 is National Ag Day, the culmination of National Ag Week. During local Ag Week events farmers from all across Indiana have worked with schools and volunteers to reintroduce our children to the farm. Even in rural areas most Hoosiers are two or three generations removed from knowing where their food originates. For just about everyone in today's society, except those who grow it, food comes from the grocery store.

Since 1919, Indiana Farm Bureau has worked alongside Indiana's farmers to protect their lives, land, equipment, animals and crops. Farming has changed since that relationship was first forged, but the dedication of farmers to their vocation and the economic importance of farming to our state has not.

Agriculture brings jobs, capital

investment and wealth to both rural and urban communities. It contributes \$25 billion to our state's economy, and 16 percent of our workforce is represented by Hoosiers who make their living associated with farming and agribusiness. There are 61,000 Indiana farms, and all but 2 percent of those are family owned and, more than likely, multi-generational.

Indiana farmers are committed to growing the very best food for Hoosier families every day. That dedication to family, animals and environment upholds a proud tradition of meeting the nutritional needs of the world through the meats, milk, fruits and vegetables produced from one corner of the state to the other, all the while fueling local economies. While each farm is unique and every farmer has a different story to tell, the data paint a clear picture of how strong Indiana's agricultural heritage really is. We can cite statistics 'til the cows come home, but here's a sampling:

Indiana ranks fifth in the nation in corn production. Last year Hoosier farmers marketed \$3.28 billion worth of corn for grain.

Indiana farmers sold \$2.27 billion dollars worth of soybeans last year. Nationally, Indiana ranks 4th overall in soybean production.

* Indiana's pork producers contributed \$3 billion to the state's economy last year. Indiana is the 5th largest producer of pork in the nation and markets almost 8 million hogs per year.

* Indiana has more than 19,000 premises registered for cattle production with a total 960,000 head of cattle. Twenty-nine cuts of beef labeled as lean by the USDA provide the #1 source for protein, zinc and vitamin B-12 in our diet.

* Indiana has 2,000 dairy farms that produced nearly 3.9 billion pounds of milk last year. Indiana ranks 2nd in the U.S. for our low-fat ice cream production and 2nd in production of regular ice cream.

* Indiana is number one in the nation in commercial duck production. The state's poultry industry also ranks third in the U.S. for egg layers.

* Indiana has 287 certified organic farms, covering 14,143 acres. According to the most recent USDA estimates, U.S. certified organic cropland doubled between 2002 and 2007, to 1.3 million acres.

But numbers only tell part of the story of Indiana agriculture. Indiana Farm Bureau's 80,000 farmer-members continue the proud Hoosier tradition of hard work and dedication that puts

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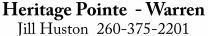
It's All About Living!

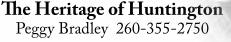
As winter begins to fade, start planning your spring with us! Located a short drive from Ft. Wayne, Heritage Pointe in Warren and The Heritage of Huntington offer an active senior lifestyle. Our caring staff is here to serve you now and in the future.

Independent living in Warren's Dogwood Glen Villas and Woodridge Towne Homes offers relaxed, maintenance-free living in your own beautiful home on the golf course. Assisted living, health care and short-term rehabilitation are also available.

Heritage of Huntington offers assisted living, health care, short-term rehabilitation, and Alzheimer's care. Our skilled staff provides physical, occupational, and speech therapy in our warm, family-focused environment.









GENEALOGY REPORT

THANK YOU

Thanks to neighbors and friends for flowers, prayers, emails and the many cards received on behalf of our daughter, Becky. Joe & Virginia Sumwalt

LOWERY



Louise 91, passed away on March 16, 2010 under Hospice care in Bluffton,

IN.

She was born August 24, 1918 in Huntington County, Rock Creek township to Okal D. and Vivian (Pribble) McCracken.

Mary Louise graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1936 and married Harold 'Shorty' M. Hamilton on February 13, 1937. They farmed in Union township for 2 years then moved to Rock Creek township where they farmed the Asa and Emma Bonham farm until 1959 and moved down the road to her grandparents, William E. and Bertha J. (Bonham) Pribble, farm when Shorty became a full time truck driver. Shorty passed away in May 1961. They had two sons, Earnest D. (1938 -2009) and Howard 'Cris' M. Hamilton born in 1940 and residing with his wife Mary in Tuscon, AZ.

Mary Louise worked several years part and full time for Butterfield Canning Company in Plum Tree, IN and several years for Singer Sewing Machines in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was preceded in death by one son, a brother (Robert McCracken) and four husbands (Harold Hamilton, Paul D. Williams, John Volz and Marshall Lowery). Mary Louise lived in Indiana all but 18 months when she lived in Miami, Florida with her second husband Paul until his death in 1964. She moved back to the family farms where she lived until 2005 when she moved into the Meadowvale Health and Rehab Center in Bluffton with Alzheimer's dementia.

Mary Louise was a member of the Samuel Huntington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (1945 until her death), a life long member of the Buckeye Christian Church and several years member of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Huntington County Home

Economics Club.

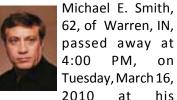
Mary Louise leaves behind her son Howard, grandchildren Kris W. Hamilton (Tucson, AZ), Hayley H. Wright (Aurora, CO), daughter-in-law Sue Hamilton (Tucson, AZ), grandchildren Sandy Scarce (Tucson, AZ), Ronald D. Hamilton (Oakland, IL) and several greatgrandchildren (Nicole McAleece, Natalie Hamilton, Leah and Alex Lawrence (California), Aja and Axel Wright (Colorado), Jordan Hamilton (Illinois) and one great-greatgrandson, Malakai Lawrence (California).

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, where the family received friends on March 22, 2010.

Interment was at Sparks Cemetery in Wells County, Ind. Memorials to: Samuel

Huntington Chapter D.A.R. 987 North Main St. Roanoke, IN 46783.

SMITH



2010 at his Residence in Warren, IN.

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He was born on Sunday, November 2, 1947. Michael was a member of the Teamsters Local 135. He was the son of the late Orval Smith and the late Kathryn (Sons) Smith.

Survivors include one Son-Anthony W. Smith of Huntington, IN. 3 Daughters-Nikki L. Jones of Huntington, Cindy A. Hauck of Huntington, and Jennifer H. Eckert of

Warren, One Sister-Karon Hill of Bloomington, IN. and 4 Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind. where a memorial service took place on Wednesday March, 24 2010 at 3:00pm at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the family.

McDonald



Wallace "Wally" Franklin McDonald Sr., 71, Hartford City, died at 7:10 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, at Blackford Community Hospital.

He was born on February 22, 1939 in Warren to the late William E. McDonald and the late Hazel B. (LaMotte) McDonald.

Wally retired from Shellar Globe after 20 years of service. He had lived with his son and daughter-in-law on East Elm in Hartford City for the past several years. He enjoyed his CB and his CB Handle was "St. Nick".

Wally will be sadly missed by his son, Wallace Franklin (wife, Jackie) McDonald Jr.of Hartford City; daughter, Bridget C. (husband, George Frank) Swaney of Cannelton, Ind.; grandchildren, Jackson Daniel Leroy McDonald, James Robert Swaney; brother, Delano (wife, Flonnie) McDonald of Huntington; sisters, Juanita (husband, Paul) Miller of Hartford City; Zola (husband, Kenny) Watson of Marion;

sister-in-law, Dorothy McDonald of Hartford City; several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Lisa Marie Rowe, his borthers, Lowell McDonald, Noel D. McDonald, William McDonald and sisters, Armella Harness, Vivian Flemming and Genevieve McDonald.

Funeral services were held at Keplinger Funeral Home with Pastor Allen Curtis officiating. Wally will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to Family for Funeral Expenses, C/ O Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, IN 47348

BIRTHS

Ethan and Misty Stivers had both their first and second child on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010. They are the proud parents of Lincoln Thomas Stivers (4lbs. 14oz – 17.5 inches, eldest by 20 seconds) and Addison Beth Stivers (4lbs. 12oz. - 16.5 inches).

We look forward to raising our children in a fantastic community like Warren. This is the perfect place to raise a family...It's going to be a fun ride.

Grandparents are Ethan Thomas Stivers, Thomas Stivers and Becky Stivers of Lexington, KY and Misty Minnie Stivers, Robert and Ruth Martin of Pioneer, OH

Obituaries, Birth Announcements, Wedding & Anniversary Announcements are always FREE in the Warren Weekly!









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safe and affordable food on the table, both here and abroad. When you sit down to enjoy your next meal, remember to give thanks not only for the hands that prepared it, but also for the farmer who grew it.

Wells Co Plat Book

The recently updated 80-page 2010 Adams-Wells County Plan Book is now available. The book includes county highway maps, township maps, city street maps, and an index of landowners for Adams and Wells counties. ATHENTIC, Inc. of LaPorte, Indiana is the publisher of the book.

The plat book sells for \$18.00 and is available at the Purdue Extension Service located at the Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, Indiana. Proceeds of the plat book sales in Wells County go to the 4-H Program. Office hours for the Purdue Extension Service are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If you have questions, the phone number is 260-824-6412.

DAIRY FEEDER ID

The Wells County 4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Identification Day will be held Saturday,

April 17th, 8 AM – 10:30 AM at the Wells County 4-H Park in the Multi-Purpose Arena located west of the horse barn. All 4-H dairy feeder calves must be weighed and ear tagged in order to show at the 4-H Fair in July. Calves may not weigh more than 215 lbs. at the ID Day. Only steers (no heifers) may be exhibited in the project.

This year's 4-H Fair will be held July 17 – 22.

The Dairy Feeder Show is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 6 PM.

Animal forms will be available at the event and a local veterinarian will also be at the event if you are in need of their services.

For more information about the ID Day, contact Dairy Feeder Superintendent James Hall, 260-543-2310 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.



RABBIT SCHOOL

The 3rd Annual Northeast Indiana Rabbit School will be held Saturday, March 27, 10 AM – 3 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Speakers and topics at the event will include: Steven Cooper, New Zealand Rabbit Breeder, "Selecting Rabbits for Meat Classes"; Carla Wilson, American Rabbit Breeders Association Judge, "Mini Lops, Holland Lops, Netherland Dwarfs, Polish and Dwarf Hotots - What's the Difference and WhattoLookFor?"; JustinLowe, Registrar with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, "Selecting a Balanced Mini Rex". Youth attending the event may participate in the Rabbit Ambassador Competition which includes a 20 breed ID activity quiz and showmanship (rabbits provided).

There will also be examples of 47 different breeds of rabbits that will be on display.

Food will be available at the event.

For more information about the Rabbit School, contact Danielle Cale, 260-273-7622 or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

DOG CLUB

The Wells County 4-H Dog Obedience Club will hold its first information meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 6:30–7:30 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton. Enrollment forms will be distributed along with dog health forms and meeting schedules.

Regular meetings with dogs will begin Tuesday, April 13 and continue each week until the 4-H Fair in July. Training times will be 6:30–7:30 PM for beginners and 7 – 8 PM for advanced members.

Club dues are \$15. Second member in the family is \$10. The dues assist in paying for project manual, record sheets and rule books.

The Dog Show at the 4-H Fair will be July 15, 6:30 PM.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the 12th grade.

4-H membership forms for dog will be accepted until April 13. Health forms for the dog are required when you can bring your dog on April 13th. 4-H enrollment forms are due April 1.

For more information about the 4-H Dog Obedience Club, contact leaders Steve Arnold, 824-4401; or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412. The office is located in the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

CONIFER TIPS

If you have spruces, firs, and pines on your property, you may have noticed some trees that are declining and/or dying. Many times it is a challenge to diagnose and manage disease and pest problems in conifer trees.

Sometimes the problem could be related to environmental stress such as from excessive moisture or very dry weather conditions. In many cases, a combination of factors is probably contributing to a decline in a conifer tree's health.

A common phone call to county Extension offices (including Huntington County) relates to bagworm damage. Note that the bags which contain eggs of overwintering bagworms are easy to identify as compared to other problems with conifer trees. If you closely inspect a conifer tree that has been defoliated last summer and fall, there may now be bagworm eggs overwintering in the small bags hanging from branches made of leaf material.

Cliff Sadof, Purdue Extension Entomologist, recently held a training session for county Extension Educators in Indiana. As Sadof noted, there was not a cold snap during this past winter as severe as the prior winter when we saw sub-zero temperatures for a longer stretch. Thus, more bagworms may have survived this winter as compared to last year.

He recommends hand picking the bags, if possible, before the bagworm larvae emerge typically by the end of May. He also suggests checking the bags in late April to see if any of the eggs survived the winter. If you see eggs inside the bags that are creamy white, then it may be necessary to spray the trees if hand-picking is not a practical option of control. Insecticides can be soil applied in May or foliar applied when the larvae

are small.

Another Purdue specialist, Gail Ruhl, a Plant Disease Diagnostician, discussed several of the more common needlecast and root rot diseases found in conifers. One of the focuses of her presentation was White Pine Decline which is found across Indiana and in many Midwestern areas. Ruhl mentioned the many factors which can contribute to White Pine Decline. These factors include: compacted alkaline soils, excessive moisture, drought stress, early fall or late spring freezes, de-icing salts and root rot diseases such as Phytophthora Root Rot.

Ruhl recommends avoiding planting white pine in poorly drained sites with a soil pH of greater than 7.0. She also discussed managing White Pine Decline by making sure trees have adequate space for root growth and avoiding any changes to the site after the trees are in place. Ruhl notes that it may be necessary to remove dead or dying trees to help maintain the vigor of the remaining trees.

Accurately diagnosing a problem in a conifer tree may require microscopic examination of branches with needles. This can be helpful in ruling out the presence of mites/ mite eggs and/or fungal fruiting bodies. Plant samples can be submitted to the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab (http:// www.ppdl.purdue.edu) with the assistance of the Huntington County Extension Office.

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

It's Never Too Late

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley The other day this quote came in an email and it got me to thinking! The quote was attributed to "Unknown". I always like to research quotes to make sure I give credit where credit is due. "It is never too late to be what you thought you could have been!" As I was searching I found a very similar quote from George Elliot. "It's never too late to be what you might have been." George was the pen name of a female writer, Mary Anne Evans. She lived in the 1800s. Evans wanted her work to be taken seriously.

Isn't that all any of us want; to be taken seriously. That is hard to do when you have no faith in yourself. I believe that a lack of faith is really just fear of not being good enough. This is that nasty perfectionism coming back to bite us once again. This quote spoke volumes. Both of them give us hope.

When we were children we had our dreams. Some of us knew from an early age what we thought we wanted to be when we grew up. Then life happened and those dreams got pushed to the back burner. There was dinner to cook, laundry to be done and dishes to be washed.

Some of those "Life Happenings" were our family telling us that our dreams were not realistic. That is if we even had the courage to voice our

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dreams aloud. Those dreams were dashed regardless of whether we ever told anyone. We were the ones who allowed the negativity of perfectionism to stomp our hopes and dreams. Well I am here to tell you that it is never too late to figure out what you want to be when you grow up!

When I was in high school, I didn't have dreams! I was just doing my best to take care of my sisters and survive. I made good grades but college was never expected or talked about. Then I got married. I was back in survival mode. There was no time to think, just get things done. Years past.

I was good at every job I did, yet none of them were my passion! I still had no clue what I wanted to be when I grew up. My life was still in survival mode. It wasn't until I got rid of my clutter that my life's work found me!

Robert and I married in 1996. He had a houseful of clutter and so did I! We put our clutter together and then went to estate auctions and bought more! Our home was piled high and we had the paths that you see on those TV shows. We were suffering from CHAOS, Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome!

January 1, 1999 was the day that I committed to taking the babysteps to get our home in order. I never dreamed that my clutter was holding me back. It took me nine months of daily decluttering to finally feel peace and find my purpose for living. So you see it is really never too late to be what you thought you could have been; even when you don't know what that is! Your dreams are hiding under your clutter!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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It happens to nations and people within a nation all the time. Ruled by emotions; unwilling to listen to two sides of an argument; drifting with the tide, until one day, even in a democracy, too many have voted without thinking and reaped a whirlwind.

Am I pushing a political agenda with these thoughts? No! But I am asking for more thought, more study and more honest disagreement on the way to truth.

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

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

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

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

NOTE: If you play in the Huntington County League 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 375-2989.

A fee of \$10 per player will be assessed for T-Ball and Coach's Pitch with a sales program to help defray the costs of running the league. A fee of \$20 per player will be assessed for all other leagues and they will not participate in the fundraiser.

Please Note!! NO "REQUESTS" Except for Siblings! Warren Baseball reserves the right to refuse entry to any player. Thank YOU!

PAYMENT MUST BE INC	CLUDED WITH THIS FORM!	
Mail form (one per o	child) and payment to:	
Warren Baseball League PO Box 719 Warren, IN 46792		
Make_checks_payable_to:_Warren_Baseball		
Clip & Mail With Payment by March 29		
Name	Circle: Boy or Girl	
Parent Name		
Address		
City	Zip	
Phone (or how to be reached)		
Birthdate	Age on June 1st	
Team Last Year		
Brother/Sister Same Team		
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List brother or sister you wish o	on same team	
Are you interested in co	oaching? Circle YES or NO	
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 29, 2010 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A WAITING LIST AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY THIS YEAR! Please Sign Below for Permission to put pictures of your child on web site (only 1st names will be used).		



2ND ANNUAL WETHER SALE

Mark your calendars now for the First Annual Nigerian Dwarf 4-H Wether Sale at Four Zs Miniz Farm (Jack & Nicki Zoda) located at 7920S 900W 90, Warren (McNatt) on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from noon till whenever they are all gone.

What is a Nigerian Dwarf? The Nigerian Dwarf goat is a miniature dairy goat breed of West African ancestry. They are also classified as a Heritage Breed and are similar to the Pygmy's only in their size.

Nigerian's are very friendly and easy to handle and come in many colors. They are perfect for the first time goat project and once you have handled them you will love them. They don't take up much room or require a ton of feed. As long as you have a good fenced in area with at least a three sided structure, you've got it made. A dog house and kennel run make a wonderful goat pen for a 4-H project. Wether's are shown as market animals and can be sold in the auction or to the truck after the fair.

There will be at least three breeders here with purebred Nigerian Dwarf wether's for sale. All goats will be under one year old to comply with area 4-H rules regarding age. There may be sales fliers posted of does (females) available from the breeders. All Doe sales will be under a private agreement with the breeder of that doe.

After your purchase you will receive paperwork about the goat, a three generation pedigree and a sale bill. Most of these wethers will not be registered but you can request the breeder send you the paperwork so you may get it registered if you wish. Due to Spring kidding seasons, some of these goats may be too young to take from Momma – you will have the option of taking your kid home and bottle feeding or picking it up at a later date at the Four Zs Miniz farm location. All wethers will be disbudded, tattooed and current on vaccinations.

You will also be provided a collar and barn lead for each animal you purchase. You may call me anytime after the sale if you have any questions. You will need to bring your own carriers. As Nigerians are small and all of these goats will be under one year old - a medium size dog crate will hold at least two, maybe three goats. (I've even had people leave the farm with the goat riding on their lap but I don't recommend it.)

Come join us and learn about the Nigerian Dwarf goat - if not for this year, then maybe for next year's project.

For more information, contact Nicki Zoda at 260.375.3531 or nicki@fourzsminiz.com. You can check out the breed at our farm website: www.fourzsminiz.com.

This event will be held outside (rain or shine) - so please dress for the weather.

