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Thought for the Week: *Every disease is a physician.* Insh Proverb

CLASS OF '51

A meeting to make plans for the upcoming Alumni Banquet will be held at the Warren Public Library on February 3, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. Class members interested in helping to make our 50th year special are asked to please try to attend.

VIRUS ALERT

The virus alert - Klingerman Foundation - listed in last week's paper has turned out to be a hoax.

LOOKING FOR UTILITY EMPLOYEE

The Town of Warren, Huntington County, Indiana is seeking a full-time employee. Applicants with Electrical System experience are preferable. Applicants must either hold or be able to obtain within a reasonable time, a CDL License, Classes DS/CT Water License, and Class II Wastewater Treatment License. All Licenses must be State of Indiana issued. Willingness to work within all Town departments and to further education and/or licensing is required. Experience in operation of equipment such as backhoes, trenchers, road graders, etc. is a plus. Applicants must have the ability to perform physical tasks such as lifting heavy material, walking long distances and manually operating construction related tools and equipment. A complete resume depicting work history, references, and salary requirements may be forwarded to: Clerk-Treasurer's Office, PO Box 477, Warren, IN 46792. Further information is available from Utility Manager, Darrel Bice at 219-375-3424. Application period to end February 26th, 2001. The Town of Warren is an equal opportunity employer.

HEALTH FAIR

In celebration of Tri Kappa Week, the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Warren is sponsoring a free Women's Health Seminar to be held February 24, 2001 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The seminar will be held at the Church of Christ at 302 North Wayne St., Warren.

Speakers will provide educational information on Women's Health, Mental Health, Family Issues, Elder Care and Bereavement. Speakers are: Judi Merkel, Purdue Extension Wells County Extension Educator; Ann Platt,

Social Services Director, Wells Community Hospital; Becky Ringer, Wells County Mental Health; and Carol White, Peabody Retirement Center, FNP.

Childcare will be provided. Reservations will help us plan for this event but are not required. Calling 219/375-3395 can make reservations.



MANAGER HIRED

Travis Holdman, President and CEO of State Bank of Markle is pleased to announce that Mrs. Kim Bowen has joined the State Bank of Markle family as the manager of the Bank's newest office being constructed in Huntington, Indiana on Guilford Street. She will be located at the Bank's Warren office until the Huntington office is open.

A 30-year resident of Huntington, Bowen comes to State Bank of Markle with over 15 years of banking experience. Coming to State Bank of Markle from Wells Fargo, Bowen has first hand experience as a teller, in bookkeeping and proof, as a customer service representative and as a manager. While at Wells Fargo she was the supervisor at three of their locations simultaneously.

Bowen and her husband, Larry, have been married for 15 years. Together they have two children, Nathan (12) and BreeAnn (10). In her spare time she enjoys being around people, watching sports and the outdoors.

State Bank of Markle is a locally owned, independent bank that has been in operation since 1947, boasting assets in excess of \$155 million. State Bank of Markle currently operates a total of four convenient banking locations, with the

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

RAILROAD CLASSES

The Whitewater Valley Railroad at Connersville, Indiana will conduct Operating Classes for brakeman, conductor, fireman, engineer, agent, and operator. The classes will be held each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. beginning February 10 and continuing through March 31.

Classes include classroom instruction and hands-on practice in train operations, signaling and switching, and an introduction to diesel and steam locomotive operation.

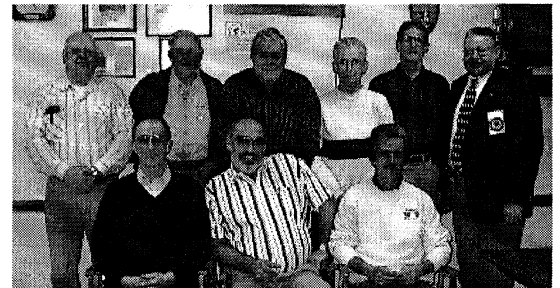
The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. All volunteers are qualified only for the Whitewater Valley Railroad by attending our training school. These classes are open to the general public. A \$15 donation is requested to help cover the cost of class materials.

The South Connersville Yard Office is located on Indiana 121 South. For information, call (765) 825-2054 or visit our web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces the availability of applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship. Scholarship funds are available to Indiana residents who have chronic renal failure, are on dialysis or have received a kidney transplant and wish to pursue higher education in an academic or monitored occupational setting. All applicants must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The Fund was established in 1992 with monies donated by the Smock family and the Martinsville community in memory of kidney patient Larry Smock. Larry was



FIREMEN RECEIVE HONORS

On January 27, 2001 some of the volunteer firefighters of our area were honored for their time in service. Those receiving 25 year pins and the number of years in service are: (front row l-r) Bruce Preston (29 years), Charlie Howell (26 years) and Jack Roberts (25 years), (back row) Larry Poulson (37 years), Jim Bolinger (36 years), Chuck Booher (34 years), Curley Boxell (33 years) and Wendell Brown (29 years). Next to Wendell is Mort Sorg, presenter from the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Others receiving pins but not present were Charles Boxell (31 years) and a pin was presented posthumously to Forrest Pond for 37 years of service. His pin is to be presented to his wife, Alice.

These gentlemen and all of the other members of the force have volunteered many an hour and lots of energy to fighting fires in the area. They are to be highly commended for their efforts. The residents and members of the Town of Warren and surrounding areas thank you. It's nice to know that if the need arises that someone is nearby to help.

awaiting a kidney transplant when he passed away. Over 72,000 Americans are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants (kidney, liver, heart, lungs, bone marrow and pancreas). Thirteen to sixteen people die each day while waiting and in Indiana alone, over 700 people await transplants.

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is one of 51 Affiliates of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc., the nation's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to the prevention, treatment and cure of kidney disease. The foundation is committed to ensuring that every American who needs a transplant receives one.

The application deadline is February 23, 2001. Applications for the Larry Smock Scholarship Program are available by contacting the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (800) 382-9971.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. announces it is accepting applications for financial assistance for kidney and transplant patients. Funded by the Indiana State Department of

Health, the State Renal Program assists kidney and transplant patients with specific expenses. To be eligible for the program a person must be an Indiana resident, have a medical diagnosis of End-Stage Renal Disease, and meet income guidelines. The application must include proof of each of these requirements.

More than 20 million Americans have some form of kidney or urology disease. The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. is one of 51 Affiliates of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc., the nation's largest voluntary health organization, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

Completed applications must be received at the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana (NKF) by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2001. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Applications are available by contacting the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (317)722-5640 or (800) 382-9971.

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It is sent anywhere in the Continental United States for three (3) months for \$9.50, six (6) months for \$19 or \$38 for one year. Mail name, address, and payment to WARREN WEEKLY at: PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.

Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at 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.

WARREN WEEKLY will make every effort to see that all advertising copy is correctly printed. The firm assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising, but will gladly reprint without charge that part in which an error may occur, provided that it is reported within five days of publication.

The publisher takes no responsibility for statements or claims made in any advertisement.

KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

ARE PEAKING POWER PLANTS THE ANSWER TO ENERGY PROBLEMS?

I have read and heard some comments lately that more merchant or peaking plants are needed so we won't be in a energy situation like California, that could not be farther from the truth. The truth is California has a bad energy policy, period. Indiana does not have an energy policy at all, and what we need is a good energy policy.

The Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 gave the FERC the authority to order wholesale competition, in other words to deregulate wholesale electricity. California was the first state to deregulate on the state level in 1998. These natural gas fired merchant power plants began soon after the advent of wholesale deregulation. By December of 1999 according to the Electric Power Supply Association (the trade association for the competitive power suppliers) there were 243 proposed merchant power plants, amounting to 131,326MW. Forbes Magazine reported in January of 2000 that nearly 170,000MW were in development stages and that this was "a quantity equal to 23 percent of existing capacity." It is now a year since that article and the number has greatly increased, and plans are to increase more in the future.

This level of generating capacity is not needed, and gives a false sense of security. These Plants are under no obligation to serve any community or state, and often sell at inflated prices. I am sure California assumed that the power plants that were located in the state would supply power for the state at a reasonable price when it needed electricity. Since deregulation any state should not assume anything. During this current power shortage in California the states merchant plants are operating at less than full capacity or not at all.

I think the population should be very angry if a merchant plant comes in and uses their water, pollutes their air, raises natural gas prices, and then won't sell them electricity at a fair price. To quote part of an article called CA Investigating Power Shortage Manipulation by Nancy Vogel Times Staff Writer, "(MERCHANT) Power plant owners offered explanations for why their units were not running: overdue maintenance, air pollution rules, installation of pollution control equipment. But state regulators apparently were skeptical, suspecting that some plant owners might be withholding electricity from the market to boost prices... owners point out there is little economic incentive to sell electricity in California this week because earnings are capped at \$250 per megawatt-hour, while electricity is selling in the Pacific Northwest for three times that. What's more, they say, the most inefficient plants aren't worth running now that the price of natural gas-the main fuel burned to make electricity - has rocketed to levels nearly 16 times those of last year."

Because of the rise in natural gas prices state officials in California are suspicious that merchant owners are shutting down power plants so they can privately sell the natural gas that they have, instead of using it to make electricity. This is a process called "bumping." It's profit maximization, not the public duty to keep the lights on.

Since Indiana has enough projected electricity through 2005, there is still time to form a valuable energy policy. We need to establish through legislation energy efficiency programs for residential, commercial, and industrial ratepayers. Indiana should not deregulate its electricity at this time. There are too many examples of bad deregulation laws. We should also pursue wind, solar, fuel cell, and other technology. In this age of new technology we need to get out of the fossil fuel age.

Donna Runkle
 Wells Area Natural Environmentalist

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Mike Beall, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Stephan Leininger, Pastor Kurt Hippensteel, Supt.</p> <p>Bible School 9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 10:00 a.m. Youth Meetings (Aug-May) 5:30 p.m. Choir (Aug-May) 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Lynn Mefferd, Pastor</p> <p>Sun - Pastor's Prayer Closet 7:30 a.m. 1st Worship Service 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Group (Jr/Sr) 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Adv. Club (4yr-6th) 6-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHafften, Pastor B. Morton, 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>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 www.hows.net/46792WCT Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor Wesley Welch, Supt. Sue Brown, Children's Ministry</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Pastor Jeff McNicholas</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55 a.m. Worship 10:15 p.m. Mon. Bible Study (women) 9:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 Mark S. Bendes, Pastor</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 Nathan Doyle, Minister Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 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&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Thu) Noon 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Bard, Pastor</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Keith Bateman, Pastor Curtis Allen, Supt. 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 (Sun.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 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>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Paneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>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. Pastor Reece Bookout Joe Wiley, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Youthquake (grades 7-12) 6:30 p.m. Sun Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs) 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-2031 Pastor Blake J. Neff</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45-11:30 a.m. MYF 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor Carol Inck, S.S. Supt.</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marlon, IN 765/664-8726 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor Dan & Patsy Bryant, Assoc/Youth Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Kids Klub (3rd/4th grade) 6:00 p.m. Klub 56 (5th/6th grade) 6:00 p.m. Cornerstone (youth 7-12 gr) 5:45 p.m. Thur: Terrific Thursdays (Bible study, choir, kids activities) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Nursery Available</p> <p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Church 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, 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>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 Wayne Wright, 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>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Pastor - Steve Gray</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>
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AREA NEWS

ARE YOU 1 IN A MILLION?

It is estimated there are one million former 4-H members residing in Indiana. The Indiana 4-H Foundation is continuing its search for 4-H alumni as the organization makes plans for celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Since 1961, the Foundation has supported 4-H programs in Indiana through program grants and scholarships in cooperation with the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service.

Over 3500 4-H alumni have responded to the search thus far. Comments received from the former members indicate their 4-H experience taught them important life skills and had significant impact on preparing them for the future. Many contribute their success in life to the 4-H program and the dedication of county volunteers and staff who worked with them.

Former 4-H members can notify the Foundation through its web site at www.4h.org or by calling the Foundation office at 317-692-7044.

Last year, the Indiana 4-H Foundation provided nearly \$180,000 in support for 4-H in Indiana. 230 4-H members received scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2000 toward their college education.

With almost 100 years of tradition, 4-H is the largest youth development program in the state of Indiana. It is active in all 92 counties through the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service offices. Involvement by 4-H members is diverse, with 25% Active in suburbs and cities with populations over 50,000, another 60% in small to medium towns and cities, and 15% on farms.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Huntington County Sheriff Rod Jackson, announced today that the Indiana Sheriffs' Association will again be awarding college scholarships to qualified high school seniors or college students who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies. There will be approximately 40 - \$500 scholarships awarded to qualify-

ing students throughout the state. The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Fund was established for the purpose of receiving, investing and dispensing of funds to provide college scholarships to qualified students who are committed to pursuing an education and career in the law enforcement field.

To qualify for one of these scholarships, the applicant must be an Indiana resident, be a member of the association or a dependent child or grandchild of a current member of the association, attend an Indiana college or university, major in a law enforcement field and enroll as a full-time student (12 hours).

Applications needed to apply for the scholarships are available from your high school counselor, the sheriff's office or by writing to the Indiana Sheriffs' Association, Post Office Box 19127, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219, and requesting an application form. The applications must be completed and received by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association on or before April 1.

SILENT HEROES

Nearly a year ago, Danny Ryan was your average 12-year old. He went to school, played with friends, watched television and pled to slay up past his bedtime. Today, he relies on weekly treatments of blood products to stay alive. The daily chemotherapy Danny takes to fight his leukemia also keeps his body from producing the blood it so desperately needs.

"Since July, Danny has had nearly 157 units of blood," says Shelley Ryan, Danny's mother. "I don't think people realize how important it is to give blood. These children fighting leukemia need blood — without it, they don't survive."

When Danny was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic leukemia on July 17, 2000, he was given an 85 percent chance at a full recovery. The development of seizures, sugar diabetes and kidney failure has reduced those odds to 65

percent. "Right now, he's doing okay. The nurse was coming three times a week, and now Danny only needs blood once a week," Shelley says. "There are a lot of other kids worse off than Danny. We see that every time we make the trip down to Riley."

Since Danny began the treks to Riley Children's Hospital, his family has seen four children pass away. "Sometimes I look at all the kids, and then I look at the units of blood being cross-matched for transfusion, and I wonder if people understand how important it is to keep giving," Shelley says. "Sometimes there are 25 or 35 units of blood ready for transfusion just for the kids with leukemia. I can't help but think of how many people have to give blood just so the kids at that hospital can keep living, and then I think of what would happen if they didn't give blood."

The need for blood is continuous, and there is no substitute for human blood. Patients like Danny are counting on approximately 400 people in our area to give blood each and every day. One unit of blood, when broken down into its components, has the potential to save three lives.

For the Ryans, giving blood just makes sense, and Shelley wonders if people would take the time to donate if they knew the impact blood has on patients fighting for their lives. "These kids can't go out and play. When Danny needs blood, he can't even get out of bed. I think sometimes the heart can't really understand unless people see it for themselves."

A teacher comes to the Ryan house three times a week to help Danny keep up with school work. Like any 12-year-old, he has to be coaxed into doing homework some days. But unlike most 12-year-olds, Danny is fighting the battle of his life. "If you didn't give blood, the blood wouldn't be there when patients need it. And if Danny doesn't get blood, he doesn't live. That's the bottom line," Shelley says. "The need is so great, and nothing is more important than our children."

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment or to find the dona-

tion site nearest you.

Huntington County Donation Sites:
February 1: Huntington College, Huntington, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met on Monday evening, Jan. 22, at the local Fire Station. President Harold Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 8 and executive meeting of Jan. 8 were approved as submitted.

A request had been made for an Electric Systems Study-Power Systems timeline in order to proceed with work on an upcoming project, a study of the distribution

system.

Council agreed to proceed with advertising for a Utility employee position.

Mike Bolinger has accepted appointment to BZA. Council is to appoint one member from within the Town of Warren also.

IDEM approval has been given to Wellhead Protection, approving one phase, including the work by Fearless-Midwest. The approval was necessary as required by law and is one of the first to be completed in the area.

Resolution 1-2001 concerns a recycling Grant application. The Resolution is to be replaced by Resolution 1-2005. Council approved the change which was necessary for application for part of the cost of a street sweeper.

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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 included.

Jan 31	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. (For Feb. 7)
Feb 7	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Morrison's
Feb 9	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 10	Knight Civic Center Board Meeting, 8 a.m., KCC
Feb 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Firestation
Feb 16	Dan's Fish/Tenderloin at KCC, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Carry-outs available. Htgn Co. Council on Aging.
Feb 21	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 23	Warren Recycle Day
Feb 26	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Firestation
May 12	Warren Alumni Banquet - contact Jim Howell 375-3048 for reservations.

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

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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Council decided to defer a decision to a later date concerning the Comprehensive Financial Plan. It was noted that Residency Requirement of local Police Officers does not require officers to live in the city limits as recently ruled on by the State Supreme Court.

NPDES Permit 2001 is to be paid in February in the amount of \$4,400. The annual IDEM permit allows operation of the water treatment plant.

Marilyn Morrison, Ron Neff and Harold Jones had attended a recent W.A.R.M.M. meeting held in Andrews. The Executive Director of the Department of Community Planning for Huntington County was the speaker.

Harold Jones reported on a Jan. 10 meeting of the CEDIT Committee. The group is to be known as CEDIT Advisory Committee. It is expected to meet at various times during the year. The next meeting is Feb. 28 when application for projects will be accepted.

Marilyn Morrison reported the annual report had been published. Annual IPEP-PR audit is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29. Greg Guerrettag, financial consultant, will be in the Clerk's office Jan. 23rd to review and restructure, as necessary, accounting procedures to meet new requirements of bond issues.

Darrel Bice reported on recent projects by the Utility Department. Among the items were: water leak repair; new transformer installed on Eleventh Street; inventory completed; meter reading; and maintenance on vehicles.

OSHA requirements were completed and sent in on time. The inspection had resulted in six citations which were easily corrected.

A discussion was held concerning the railroad crossing on Main Street, which is in dire need of repair. It was suggested pictures be sent to the railroad authorities

and if they fail to comply proceed with other measures.

Darrel Bice and Chuck Booher are expected to attend an American Water Works Association meeting in Indianapolis Feb. 19, 20, 21 and 22. Council also voted to pay for a membership in the organization, Indianapolis Section.

Fire Chief Tim Ford reported that he and Wendell Brown had attended a meeting in Huntington on Jan. 10. On Jan. 8 there had been a Hazmat Class at the Huntington County Jail.

On Jan. 18 the annual Fire Chiefs meeting was held. Keith Patterson was named Fireman of the Year.

On Jan. 27 the District Fire Department Chairman was here to present 25 year pins to nine local members.

On Feb. 10 there will be Fire Chief Orientation at Gas City. Tim Ford and Larry Poulson plan to attend.

It was announced that the Federal Government is expected to donate money to Volunteer Fire Departments for the first time.

An IACT Legislative Conference is to be held Feb. 6 and 7 in Indianapolis.

Announcements included: Feb. 12, 26, Council meetings; Feb. 7, Warren Area Chamber.

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JUST A MINUTE

The Purdue Extension Service of Huntington County is offering a program titled "Three Fatal Words: Just A Minute." It is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the GAR Room of the Huntington County Courthouse.

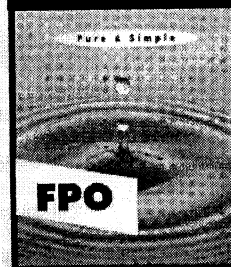
It is important that we spend time on a daily basis with our spouse and children. It seems that we are so busy, that family life is put on hold. This program will discuss many ways to make your family closer and to improve communications. Strengthening family ties can be fairly simple, but you have to work on it constantly.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

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The family of Leslie Laymon wish to express their Thanks for the food, cards, prayers and floral remembrances during the recent loss of our father.

DOLBY

Eugene B. Dolby, 78, died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday (Jan. 24, 2001) at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington where he was a resident. He was formerly of 1717S-300W, Huntington.

Mr. Dolby was a school bus driver for the Huntington County School Corporation for 31 years and was also a retired lifetime farmer. He was a lifetime member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Huntington County.

He was born Jan. 24, 1923 in Huntington to Howard E. and Mary June Brown Dolby. His marriage was on June 25, 1942 to Reba Irene Beals. His wife survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Brian E. Dolby, Fort Wayne, Dennis B. Dolby, North Manchester, and Lance E. Dolby, Huntington; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Maria) Rakoczy, Huntington; three brothers, Robert Dolby, Loren Dolby and Lowell Dolby, all of Huntington; three sisters, Mrs. Robert (Earline) Lowery, Warren, Mrs. Ralph (Twyla) Brown, Noblesville, and Mrs. Jack (Mary) Stewart, Junction, Alaska; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Lois Brown, preceded him in death.

Services were held at the Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. Rev. Russell Buzzard officiated. Burial was at the Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster.

Preferred memorials are to the family, c/o Deal-Robbins & Van Gilder Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

BANTZ

Joyce Anne Bantz, 60, of Hartford City, died at 4:10 a.m. Monday, January 22, 2001 at Lakeland Rehab & Health Center in Milford.

She was retired from Overhead Door Co. in Hartford City, where she was employed as an accounts clerk from 1958 to 2000.

She was member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bantz had resided in Wells County in her early years and was a graduate of Chester Center High School.

She was born at Hartford City to Dale and Madge J. Berrier Pulley. Her mother died in 1978 and her father survives and resides at Montpelier. Her marriage at Montpelier on June 17, 1961 was to Jerry Edwin Bantz, who survives also.

Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. David (Julia A.) Staker of Warsaw; a son, Jeffrey of West Milton, Ohio; two sisters, Janet Kraner of Montpelier and Mrs. Mack (Judy) Buckland of Warren; a brother, James D. Pulley of Decatur; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Keplinger

Funeral Home in Hartford City with Rev. Marilyn Cox officiating. Burial was in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County.

Memorials to Asbury Chapel Cemetery.

SHAFER

Cecelia "Esther" Shafer, 71, of Bluffton, died suddenly at 1:15 a.m. Monday, January 29, 2001 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a surgical licensed practical nurse at Caylor-Nickel Hospital from 1962 to 1975 and at Marion General Hospital from 1976 to 1988. She had resided in Bluffton since 1993.

She graduated in 1947 from Salamonie High School in Huntington County and was a 1961 graduate of LPN nurses training at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She also was a volunteer at Caylor-Nickel and a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

She was born in Huntington County July 1, 1929 to Clarence E. and Josie M. Sprowl Campbell. Her marriage in Newport, Ky., on Jan. 10, 1947 was to Louis B. Shafer, who survives.

Additional survivors are five sons, Bruce E. of Annandale, Va., Reed I. of St. Louis, Mo., Barry A. of Roanoke, Ind., Randal K. of Peoria, Ill., and Kelly L. of Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Dean Pownall of Sebring, Fla., and Mrs. Von (Isabel) Stetzel of Lakeland, Fla.; a brother, James H. Campbell of North Webster; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A brother is deceased.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the First Church of Christ with Larry Sprinkle officiating. Burial will be at a future date.

Calling hours at the church will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Arrangements are by Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home.

THOMPSON

In failing health for several years, John Ware Thompson, 82, rural Liberty Center, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, January 29, 2001 at the United Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, where he had resided since July 8, 1993.

A retired farmer, he also was retired as a mechanic for the former International Harvester Implement Co. in Bluffton.

He was a member of the Boehmer United Methodist Church and Wells County Historical Society and a volunteer for Wells Community Hospital.

He was born in Liberty Township, Wells County, Nov. 11, 1918 to George Ora and Nellie Burman Thompson. His marriage at Liberty Center on Oct. 3, 1939 was to Maxine Markley, who survives.

Other survivors are two sons, Jim L. of Liberty Center and Richard E. of Bluffton; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A son, William; a daughter, Joyce

McAfee, and a sister, Esther Wiley, are deceased.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, where calling hours will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. Rev. Barry Humble will officiate and burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery.

Memorials to Boehmer United Methodist Church or to the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home.

BIRTHS

Mitch Parker and Tina Cox Parker, Huntington, are the parents of a daughter, Kristina May Parker, born at 2:04 p.m. Jan. 17, 2001 at Huntington Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Donald and May Parker, Huntington, Sterling and Donna Cox, Warren, and Darla Caley, Andrews. Great-grandparents are Charlie Cox, Huntington, and Dewayne Caley, Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Kristi L. Jones) Johnson of Warren are the parents of a son, Clayton Robert, born at 11:18 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2001 at Wells Community Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 inches. He joins siblings Briana, age 7, Cassidy, age 5 and Brady, age 15½ months.

Grandparents are Robert, W. and Nancy Jones of Huntington, Al Johnson and Jolene Johnson, both of Fort Wayne and the late Patricia Jones.

Christopher and Regina (Swygart) Buckland, Bluffton, are the parents of a daughter, Madison Danielle Buckland, born January 22, 2001 at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center. The baby weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 inches. She joins two sisters, Lyndsay Marie, age 5 and Makayla Lynehe, age 2 at home.

Grandparents are Ron and Janice Swygart of Berne, the late Betty Swygart, and Randall and Martha Buckland of Bryant. Great-grandparents are Shirley Buckland of Bluffton and Wilda May Swygart of Willshire, Ohio.

REED - STROUP

Sarah Lynn Reed and Aaron Michael Stroup, both of Huntington, will exchange wedding vows during a 3:30 p.m. ceremony Feb. 24, 2001 at Emmanuel Community church in Fort Wayne.

Parents of the couple are Rick and Diana Reed of Huntington, Greg and Karen Stroup of Warren and Angela Farthing of Huntington.

Miss Reed is a 1995 graduate of Huntington North High School. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Purdue University. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She is employed at Bluffton-Harrison Middle School in fifth and sixth grade special education. She is also the Bluffton High School assistant girls swim coach.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of

Huntington North High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Ball State University. He is a member of Pi Gamma Nu Honors Fraternity. He is a mortgage loan officer at Lake City Bank in Huntington.

Their reception will be at the North Star Civic Center in Hun-

tington. They will take a honeymoon trip to Aruba.

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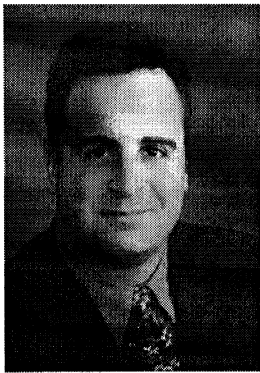
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JULIANO JOINS HMH

Darlene Garrett, chief operating officer of Huntington Memorial Hospital, recently announced the appointment of Anthony Juliano as the organization's new director of community relations. Juliano replaces Janet Whitacre, who recently retired after 23 years of service to HMH.

Juliano most recently served as the community relations specialist for Whitley Memorial Hospital for the past two years. His seven-year career also includes working for Northeastern REMC in Columbia City as a business services specialist. Whitley Memorial Hospital, as well as Huntington Memorial Hospital, are both members of Parkview Health System.

"I'm excited about joining Huntington Hospital and getting involved in the community," Juliano commented. "I enjoy working in healthcare because it is such an essential resource, helping people in a time of crisis or when they're trying to improve their overall health and lifestyle."

As HMH community relations director, Juliano will be responsible for marketing, publications, patient opinion surveys, advertising, community education, special event planning, media relations and other communication initiatives. He holds a Master of Arts Degree from Indiana University-Purdue University.

Juliano has been active in community service as vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Passages, a program that provides services and support for developmentally disabled children and adults in Whitley county. As an employee within the Parkview Health System, he also served on the organization's staff diversity council and employee appreciation committee.

He and his wife, Kristan, have a 1-year-old son. Juliano began his duties at HMH on January 22.

WELCOMES NEW CRNA

David Shepherd has joined the staff at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center/Wells Community Hospital as a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). Shepherd's responsibilities will include providing anesthesia to patients in both surgical and obstetrical settings.

Prior to accepting this position, Shepherd served as a Major in the United States Army Nurse Corps. Military service included deployments to Operation Desert Storm and Joint Task Force Andrew (for hurricane relief).

Shepherd received his master's of nursing (MSN) in anesthesia from the US Army University of Texas Health Center at Houston in 1996. He earned his bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) from Ball State University, with a minor in military science in 1987. In 1994, Shepherd completed the US Army Medical Department Officer Advanced Course for advanced administrative skills and medical tactics.

Shepherd, his wife, Debbie and two children, Daniel, 5, and Darah, 2, are residing in Bluffton.

TRACTOR CLUB CALL-OUT

The Huntington County 4-H Tractor Club will hold a call-out meeting and enrollment sign-up on Monday, February 19 at the Huntington County Jail, Huntington. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The 4-H tractor project gives youth a chance to learn more about operating small engines, lawn and garden equipment and farm machinery. Any boy or girl currently in grades 3-12 is eligible to join and participate in this 4-H project. The club will continue to meet each Monday evening through March 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Following are the dates and locations of these meetings:

Feb. 19 - Huntington Jail, 332 E State, Huntington

Feb. 26 - Case Power & Equipment, SR9, Huntington
Mar. 5 - Wertemberger Tire, 1400 S Jefferson, Huntington

Mar. 12 - Dennis Grain, 587 E 800N, Huntington

Mar. 22 - 6:00 p.m. - Farm Safety Workshop at Heritage hall, Hier's Park.

Tractor meetings will not be held if school is cancelled on a meeting day. Members must enroll and participate in the club meetings at this time if they plan to participate in the Tractor Operator's Contest held during the summer.

For more information about the 4-H Tractor project, contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension

Service, Huntington County Office at 219/358-4826.

LEARN ABOUT 4-H

Three special nights are planned to help families learn more about 4-H in Huntington. 4-H Open Houses provide an opportunity for youth and their parents to meet with 4-H Leaders and Junior Leaders and to see examples of 4-H project manuals and fair exhibits. Those attending will also learn about 4-H meetings and other activities available in the 4-H program. Following are the dates, times and places:

Monday, Feb 12, 6 p.m. HNHS

Tuesday, Feb 13, 6 p.m. Roanoke Elementary

Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m., Salamonie School

4-H in an informal education program designed to help youth learn about different projects and to gain life skills. 4-H members, parents and volunteer leaders have great fun learning and working together

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- develop leadership
- people gain knowledge in different project areas
- individuals to become self-reliant
- to explore various career possibilities

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| Scrambled eggs, toast w/butter | February 7 |
| Breakfast pizza | February 8 |
| Pop tart | February 9 |
| Cereal, toast w/butter | |
| Lunch | |
| Each meal includes milk | February 5 |
| Pizza, buttered corn, pineapple tidbits, toffee bar | February 6 |
| Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, cheese cup, spiced apples, bread stick | February 7 |
| Hot dog, baked beans, Jello w/fruit, cookie | February 8 |
| Chicken noodle soup/crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, tri-tater, fresh fruit | February 9 |
| Panther burger w/cheese, french fries, pudding dessert | |

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Hearty Hearts

Tuesday, Feb. 6 ▼ 7-8:30 p.m.
Wells Community Hospital dining room
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For more information, please contact the education department, 824-3210.

Diabetic Support Group

Tuesday, Feb. 13 ▼ 1-2:30 p.m.
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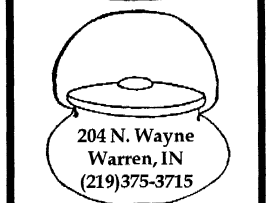
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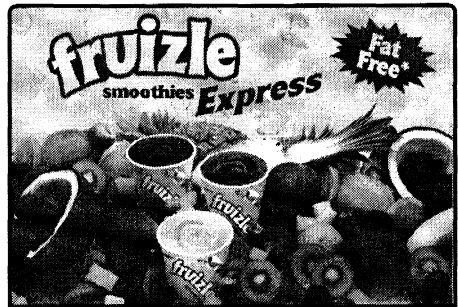
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CHAMPION

Nine-year-old Edith Harmon, showed the champion red poll steer at the Hoosier Beef Congress, held Dec. 3 in Indianapolis. She is the daughter of John and Becky Harmon, 1150S-450W-35, Van Buren, in southern Huntington County, and has raised the steer since it was born on the family's farm. Edith has been showing less than a year, and this is the second show she's competed in. She also had the champion red poll, with a different steer, at last year's Huntington County 4-H Fair. She is a member of the We Win 4-H Club.

RESERVE CHAMPION

An Angus steer, exhibited by Lindsey Myers, of Warren, won the Reserve Champion Angus award at the Scarlet and Glory Show Day One and Day Two on Jan. 6-7 in Columbus, Ohio. The steer, owned by Paige Widener of Warren, was also reserve champion Angus at the Ohio Winter Beef Expo on Dec. 10 in Columbus.

The beef shows in Columbus were part of a new animal awareness program initiated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for animals in 4-H programs. The program emphasizes that animals exhibited have not been enhanced by the use of chemicals, sprays or paints.

EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS

Curt Daniels and Katie Hillger, eighth-graders, are Salamonie School Exchange Club Boy and Girl of the Month for January.

Daniels is the son of Paul and Teresa Daniels, 1123S-200E, Huntington and Hillger is the daughter of John and Debbie Hillger, 5160E-800S, Warren. This is the 34th year that the Huntington Exchange Club has

conducted the program, which honors eighth-grade students from Huntington County schools. Daniels and Hillger were presented with plaques noting their honors during a recent club meeting at Central Christian Church.

STORYTIME AFTER SCHOOL

Six children attended Storytime. Karen Conwell read "Farmer Brown Shears His Sheep" by Teri Sloat and 2 chapters in the book "Emelia Earhart Young Air Pioneer" by Jane Moore Howe. Some books in the 700s of the Dewey Decimal System were shared. In the 700's you will find books on Painting, Music, Hobbies, Photography and Antiques.

The children enjoyed playing ring toss and making different things out of clay. They each received a plastic checker game to take home

and enjoy.

Those attending were: Alison Stout, Cody Swagger, Ciara Swagger, Kayla Purvis, Stephen Greene, and Destani Greene.

STORYTIME AT WPL

Jane Ruble chose pets as her theme for Story time at the Warren Library on Friday, January 26. She read "Go Away Dog," "I'll Teach My Dog 100 Words," "Curious George Walks the Pets," and "Dog and Cat" to Grant Harris, Sophie Smekens, Sam VanHaften, Lily Sabinske, and Olivia Bolinger. They also did a cat and dog finger play and made puppies to take home.

Story time is each Friday at 10:00 a.m. unless Huntington schools are closed due to the weather.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New books received recently at the Warren Public Library are:

Fiction - The Crepes of Wrath by Myers, Lost & Found by Krentz, The Secret Ingredient Murders by Pickard, A Streetcar Named Expire by Daheim, Irish Love by Greeley, Gabriel's Story by Durham and A Heart of Stone by Dorrestein.

Non-fiction - A Potful of Recipes by Lund, Best Travel Deals 2001 by Consumer Reports, Money Book by Consumer Reports, God Speaks, It's Only a Flat Tire in the Rain by Davis, Ice Bound by Nielsen and Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs 2001.

JUNIOR LEADERS

The 4-H Junior Leader Organization will meet Thursday, February 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. This 4-H organization is open to all current 4-H Junior Leaders and those 4-H members interested in joining who will be in 7th grade or older.

The Junior Leader program offers 4-H youth the opportunity to learn more about the county 4-H program and to gain leadership skills.

During this meeting, the members will be working on special valentines for a community service project. There will also be discussion of a number of upcoming activities for the Junior Leader organization.

Feb. 2: Candlemas, Imbolg, Groundhog Day

CROSS-QUARTER DAYS BRING GROWING LIGHT

At the midway point between winter solstice and summer equinox comes the cross-quarter day, February 2. The day has been recognized for centuries as a time when climatic changes are most pronounced.

The story begins with astronomers analyzing the skies, and it proceeds to our analyzing the behavior of a lowly creature that spends much of its time underground.

The cross-quarter day should actually be called the beginning of spring. Daylight hours are noticeably longer. The Celts called it Imbolg or the feast of St. Brigit, who was born at sunrise on a threshold, representing the transition to spring.

The same day was called Candlemas in Scotland. It was the time when the weather pattern would be apparent, as signified by their well-known rhyme which says that if Candlemas is fair and clear, there will be two winters in the year. All weather watchers hoped for a cloudy day so the weather would improve.

Weather prophets suggest a basis for this. Clear weather in early February usually results from cold, clear, stable air masses that are likely to persist, and there will be sustained cold temperatures.

This theory of weather predicting became associated with hibernating animals, such as bears and hedgehogs, coming out of the ground to see if they cast shadows. In America, Imbolg, St. Brigit's Day, and Candlemas were transformed into Groundhog Day.

14 YEARS AGO - 2/4/87

Chris Furnish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Furnish, was first place winner in the second round of competition in the Elks Hoop Shoot in Angola. He made 22 of 25 free throws in a tie, then made four of five free throws in a shoot off.

Salamonie seventh grade fell to Southern Wells in the finals of the Montpelier tournament.

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