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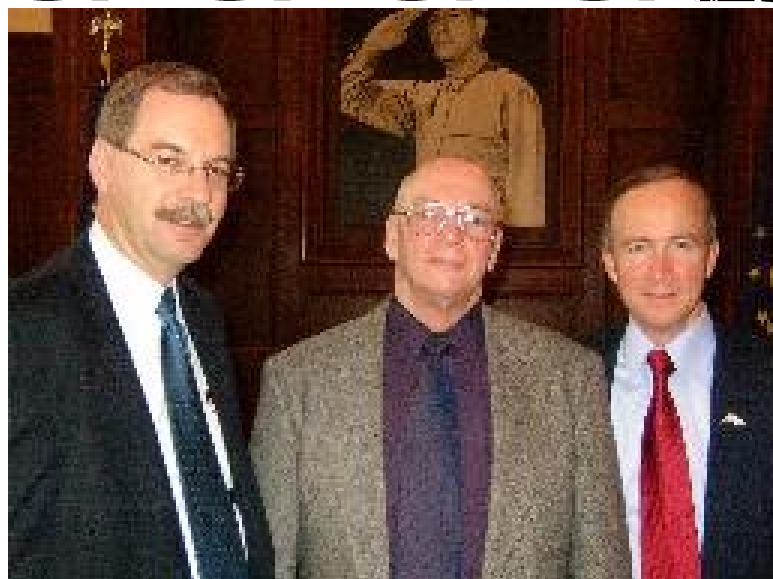
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Thought for the Week: February is Healthy Heart Month



APPLEGATE APPOINTED TO TOP VETERAN POST

Governor Mitch Daniels announced yesterday in Indianapolis the appointment of Warren resident, Tom Applegate, as the next director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

Applegate has been the Huntington County Veterans' Service Officer since his retirement from the Indiana Army National Guard in 1995.

During his tenure for Huntington County he redefined the observance of Veteran's Day and Memorial Day by focusing on individual veterans and their achievements while serving in the military. He also involved the families of veterans in these annual observances and made them events which the public looked forward to attending.

Applegate and his wife, Louise, who have lived in Warren since 1970, will eventually relocate to Indianapolis. "But we're keeping the house in Warren for when we're both ready to retire," Tom said in a statement. "We've always enjoyed Warren and always felt welcome here, and I know we're going to miss the small town friendliness."

The new job starts on Monday, February 14th, and Tom says he is ready for the challenge. "I feel the experience I've gained in Huntington County over the past ten years has prepared me for the challenges that lie ahead." He says one of the main areas on which he'll focus is in the training of Indiana's 91 county Veterans' Service Officers, who are the front line contacts for veterans in their dealings with the Veterans Administration.

Governor Daniels told the overflow crowd in the MacArthur Room at the Indiana War Memorial on Monday, "This is one appointment that we took our time with. We wanted to make sure that we had the absolutely best possible, most qualified person to fill this job. I know we've found it in Tom Applegate."

Pictured, from left: State Representative Dan Leonard, Tom Applegate, Governor Mitch Daniels

SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority will sponsor a luncheon on March 6th, from 11 am to 1 pm, at the Knight Bergman Center.

The menu will consist of: Barbecue Pork, Chicken Breasts, Baked Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert and drink.

Price for adults is \$7.00 and \$3.00 for children ages 6-12. The meal is free for children 5 and under.

Proceeds from this meal will go to benefit community projects.

Please mark your calendars now, and bring your appetite and enjoy.

SUPPER

Prepared by Dan's Fish Fry. Sponsored by: Salamonie Church of the Brethren Men's Work. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Advance Purchase Ticket Prices. Adult - \$7.00, Child (6-12 yrs), \$4.00, 5 yrs & under Free.

Tickets Purchased at the Door, Adult- \$7.50, Child 6-12 yrs) \$4.50, 5 yrs & under Free

For more information, call: 1 (877) 662-7564. Carry-outs will be available

Salamonie Church of the Brethren, 2662 W;-600 S, Warren, Indiana. The church is located on State Road 124, 3 miles west of St. Rd. 5.

TALLEY'S FOLLY

The Pulse Opera House opens the 2005 season with Lanford Wilson's most romantic play. Set in 1944, "Talley's Folly" tells the story of Sally Tally, a 31 year-old Nurse's Aid, who is resigned to a single life. That is, until she meets up with Matt Friedman in a deserted Victorian boathouse. The couple is an unlikely pair, yet anything is possible in the moonlight. Tickets to "Talley's Folly" might just be the perfect Valentine's gift.

"Talley's Folly" premiered at Circle Repertory Company in

New York in 1979. The original cast included Judd Hirsch as Matt Friedman and Trish Hawkins as Sally Talley. The play won a Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. At the Pulse, the role of the Matt Friedman is played by Randy Neuman and Sally Talley is played by Julie Turney.

If you are interested in dinner and a show, Natalie Jeanne's is offering a special Valentine's dinner for Pulse patrons. Chef Michael Rau has an extensive background in the culinary arts. Most recently in Tampa, Florida, he worked for a world renown chef, specializing in Asian and eclectic American cuisine. Michael's food at Natalie Jeanne's is familiar, but with flair. Natalie Jeanne's is across the street from the Pulse Opera House. Show night dinners begin at 6:00 PM and are by reservation. (Call 260-375-3715.)

"Talley's Folly" opens February 11 and runs February 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26. Doors open at 7:30 PM and the shows start at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for general admission and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved by calling (260) 375-7017.

MONTPELIER LITTLE

LEAGUE CHANGES.

Montpelier Little League is making some changes in 2005!

We are looking to put the FUN back into the fundamentals of learning baseball and softball.

NEEDED- Children ages 5 - 12 who want to play ball and have some fun and parents willing to donate some time and energy to make the Montpelier Little League a huge success.

Montpelier Little League Signups at the Montpelier Fire Station and Wells County EMS, located by Southern Wells, Saturday, February 19th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday - February 20th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday -

March 5th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday - March 6th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FUND DRIVE

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County's annual. "Striving To Make A Difference" community fund drive underway.

This year's goal is \$10,000 with all funds going to programs and services that assist youth and families in Huntington County. "This community drive is our largest fundraiser. It also provides us with dollars that are not restricted to a specific program or service, so we can use the funds to start new programs or enhance others when there is a funding gap" Jan Williams, executive director. All of the funds remain in Huntington County and serve Huntington County's youth and families.

The Youth Services Bureau offers programs such as Teen Court, Project Safe Place, Students Out of School (SOS), parenting education, family preservation services, Homework Help Hour, school supplies and much more. Most programs are offered at no cost to the participants, however, some do have a nominal user's fee associated with them. "The primary goal of everything we do is to instill a sense of competency, usefulness, belonging and empowerment to those we serve, whether that is a child, youth or adult. The services offered by the agency fall within one of four core roles, those being delinquency prevention, youth advocacy, community education and information/referral.

To learn more about the YSB or to contribute contact the office at (260) 356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444. Questions can also be emailed to vsbadm(@choiceonemail.com.

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

We would like to thank our family and friends who celebrated our 50th anniversary with us, with cards, phone calls, or visits.

Hugs & Kisses to our children and grandchildren who arranged the event.

It was a fun day and will add to our precious memories.

Les & Ruthann Ackley

HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HEART

Now is the time to take stock of how you're treating the most important organ in your body. Check this information and see how you are applying it to your daily life.

Your heart is a muscle. The stronger it is, the better it will work for you. It needs to be exercised, which means regular activity like walking, running, or lifting weights.

Like any organ of your body, the heart won't serve you well if it's surrounded by fat. Working toward a satisfactory body weight will help your heart do its job.

Fill your refrigerator with fruits, vegetables, lean meats, and poultry. Keep whole grain products on hand as well as heart-friendly oils such as canola and olive oil.

Your heart won't work at all if it gets plugged up. A lump of cholesterol will do it, which means you'll be wise to skip the fatty foods. And a blood clot will do it. Check with your doctors to see if an aspirin a day can keep your blood flowing freely.

Hearts object to being excited all the time. Anger, stress, and the burden of carrying a grudge make it work harder. Do yourself a favor. Mend your fences, and channel your anger into productive action. Plan your work, and then work on your plan so you're not stressed.

Don't use tobacco. Talk to your doctor about the best ways to quit smoking.

High blood pressure can be a heart breaker. Limiting salt and drinking a glass of orange juice each day can keep blood pressure at normal levels.

If your doctor has prescribed medication for your hypertension, be sure to take it every day.

HOME HEART MACHINES CAN BE LIFESAVERS.

Proponents of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) say the units should be viewed like smoke detectors and air bags. Most people won't need them, but they can be lifesavers if they do.

Of people who die from sudden cardiac arrest, half of men and 64 percent of women had no symptoms of heart disease. About 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur at home.

People who live in rural communities where emergency response times are slow should think about a home AED.

One idea may be for neighborhood groups to purchase a few devices and notify residents how to get them and use them.

The devices are simple to use even by children. The Philips HeartStart AED is about the size of a hardcover book. Pull a handle to activate the machine and a calm voice gives step-by-step instructions. The cost is \$2,000, but some Websites offer it for as little as \$1,600.

Experts say anyone over 50 who can afford it should buy an AED.


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Youth Hours 6:00 p.m.
Evening Praise Hour 6:00 p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00 p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330
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Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sue Brown, Youth Worker
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

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Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Blake J. Neff
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
UMYF 6-7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

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468-2412
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Church School 10:45 a.m.

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Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
Come As You Are

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Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.
Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun) .. 6:00 p.m.
CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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375-2691
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30 p.m.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

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OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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Lois Slusher, Supt.
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Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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375-2102
Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

LOOKING FOR A FRESH START?

Something new has come to our area but you won't have to wait in line or make a reservation. Mt Etna UMC is getting a fresh start and we invite you to join us. On February 27th you are invited to the grand opening of our new facility located on the S.E. corner of St. Rd 9, and St. Rd. 124. Come find a fresh start, warm relationships, great music, relevant messages and authentic faith. Our Traditional Service starts at 9:00am and our Modern Service Starts at 10:30am. Stop in for a visit, stay for a lifetime! We are saving you a seat!

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER AND DANCE

The Scottish Rite is hosting its 5th annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 12, in the Valencia Ballroom of the Scottish Rite Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Masonic Learning Center for Children, which offers free tutoring to children with dyslexia.

Tickets for both the dinner and the dance are \$20 per person. Tickets for the dance only are \$10 per person. Tickets are on sale now at the Scottish Rite Center Box Office, located at 417 West Berry Street or by phone at 260-423-2593 ext. 1.

Dinner will consist of corned beef and cabbage and will be held from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. The dance features popular local band "Spike and the Bulldogs" and will be held from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. Families are welcome. Traditional green beer will be available at the dance as well as a cash bar.

Prior to the festivities, the public is invited to attend the annual "Painting the River Green." sponsored by the Fort Wayne Fire Department. All are invited to the historic Wells Street Bridge to view the painting at 11:00 am, Saturday, March 12.

BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

DNR: The Upper Wabash Interpretive Services hosts a special gardening workshop on February 26 for those who wish to attract butterflies to their backyards.

Gain gardening knowledge, share stories, make plans for

the coming spring, receive seeds for a plant enjoyed by butterflies and build a butterfly box to decorate your garden. Special guest speakers include Gary Moughler from the IDNR Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Sondra Bowman, a garden enthusiast who enjoys butterflies and hummingbirds in her own yard, and Sharon Bowman, a Master Gardner from Huntington County.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services Director, Marvin McNew states, "The Interpretive Services covers Salamonie, Mississinewa and J. Edward Roush Lakes. This butterfly gardening workshop launches our first attempt to provide outdoor learning experiences during the winter season at Mississinewa Lake. Gary starts the session at 10 a.m. with a presentation on butterflies. He'll bring preserved examples of native and pest butterflies and moths. The workshop continues into the afternoon with practical, hands-on methods for bringing butterflies to the visitors' own property.

Participants meet at the Main Office in the Miami State Recreation Area. There is a \$10 program fee for this session. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Call to register and receive directions and the schedule for the day. A short portion of the schedule will be outdoors. To register for the Butterfly Gardening Workshop, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127.

WILDLIFE CLUB FIELD TRIP

The Upper Wabash Reservoir Wildlife Club and the Mississinewa Audubon Club hold a joint field trip February 20, 2 p.m. to the Asherwood Environmental Learning Center. Tom Rademaker is providing a bird banding demonstration. Participants will also drive to the nearby Mississinewa Reservoir area to look for visiting eagles.

Novice and long time bird watchers alike are invited to attend this session. Asherwood is located about 5.5 miles west of State Road 13. Those interested in carpooling should meet at the Salamonie. Interpretive Center at 1:30 p.m. Please pre-register by calling the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 260-468-2127.

Upper Wabash Reservoir Wildlife Club President, Karen Shrock states, "Our club loves getting out to look for many different species of birds, it's like finding lost treasure when we spot a bird we haven't seen before. We are looking forward to participating with the Mississinewa Club on the 20th."

To sign up for this club trip, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127.

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The Maumee Valley Railroad Club, Inc., is sponsoring a Model Railroad Show & Swap on Saturday, February 12, 2004, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Coliseum Bingo, 911 W. Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. Admis-

sion is \$3.00 for Adults. Children, 12 and under, are free.

We will have dozens of tables of model railroad bargains, at least two operating model railroads on display, and a special area: "Train Toys for Tots." Parking is free and the premises are handicap accessible.

Our host, ABATE of Indiana (also a not for profit organization), will be serving hot food. For additional information contact Chuck White, 6418 Midchannel Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46845, call 260-760-1666, or email: cwhite13@comcast.net. The public is welcome and invited.

The MVRRC is a local not for profit organization comprised of area residents and is also a 100% membership club of the National Model Railroad Asso-

ciation. Our primary goals are to promote and educate the public about the hobby of model railroading. To this end, we've been hosting these events for over 11 years. We also participate in other area model railroad events including The Great American Train Show, and Train Fest at Science Central.

COWBOY CHURCH

Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 N. Walnut, Hartford City, will present "Cowboy Church" on Saturday, February 19, at 7pm. -Country gospel-music will be featured at this monthly event Child care provided.

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

- Feb 18 Warren Recycle Day
- Feb 21 Warren Town Council, 6:30pm Assembly Hall
- Mar 2 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Noon, Assembly Hall
- Mar 2 Van Buren Town Council, 7pm
- Mar 4 Warren Recycle Day
- Mar 8 Our Town committee meeting 7pm, Assembly Hall
- Mar 12 Ham & Bean with Chicken and Noodle Soup Supper 4:30-7pm
- Mar 12 KBC Board Meeting, 8am at KBC
- Mar 14 Warren Town Council, 6:30pm, Assembly Hall
- Mar 16 Van Buren Town Council, 7pm
- Mar 18 Warren Recycle Day
- Mar 19 Poneto Fire Dept. Chili Supper
- Mar 28 Warren Town Council, 6:30pm, Assembly Hall

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

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

CHAMBER MEETING

Twenty-five Warren Area Chamber of Commerce members toasted to a new and prosperous year at their first meeting of 2005.

Lunch catered by the Wagon Wheel Cafe was enjoyed. During lunch the group was given a presentation by Rob Hullinger & Brian Kelsey of Pro Series Performance regarding a proposed Sports Racing Complex they hope to bring to the Warren area.

Vickie Grim, Chairman of this year's Salamonie Summer Festival gave a report on the festivals first meeting held in January. Attendance was great for the first meeting and several committees are all ready in place for some of the events. Salamonie Summer Festival meetings are held every third Monday at 6:00 PM at the Town Annex. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Treasurer and secretary reports were reviewed by all present and approved.

President Gina Canady reviewed activities that the Chamber has sponsored over the past two years and ask for input on existing events or ideas for new ones.

Cynthia Wartzok gave an update on The Pulse Opera House and announced upcoming events.

Discussion was held regarding the Chambers largest fundraiser, the Annual Rodeo held during the Salamonie Summer Festival. This years Rodeo Chairman will be Cheryl DeWeese and the event is scheduled for July 2nd at 7:00 PM

The Chamber is accepting quotes for a new sound system to be used down town during Chamber events.

Businesses represented at this meeting were: Bolingers War-

ren Service, Hunnicutt-Kennedy & Assoc, Warren Furniture Works DeWeese SoftWater & Appl. D & D Bike Shop Warren Church of Christ, Citizens Telephone, National City Bank, Dr Kevin Deakyne DDS, Bower, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, Markle Financial MarkleBank, Pulse Opera House, LaQuinta Inn, PJS Flowers, Ware Brandon Monuments, Warren Pharmacy, Warren Deli & Subway, Huntington County Chamber of Commerce, THE Daugherty Companies, Campbell & Dye Insurance, Accent Interiors.

SIGMA PHI GAMMA

Beta Delta Chapter met February 2nd, at the Knight Bergman Civic Center. Ten members answered roll call. Tara Korporal and Sondra Zabel will be our delegates to Province, March 19th and 20th. Out International Sponsorship for 2005 is to Alzheimer's disease Research. We will be serving the March 6th Sunday luncheon at the Knight Bergman Civic Center from 11:00 to 1 pm. Our menu of pulled pork, chicken, cole slaw, toss salad, peas, corn, baked potato, angel food cake, chocolate sheet cake, pie, bread, roll and drinks.

Pledge night will be Feb 15th. The meeting was closed with Prayer. Those present were: Peggy Sue Clark, Elise Smith, Carol Irick, Sandy Booher, Suzette Gephart, Shelly Stafford, Tara Korporal, Susan Ralston, Beth Ostermeyer and Sondra Zabel.

CLUB NEWS

The American Legion Auxiliary 368 meeting was held February 3rd, 2005 at the Post.

President Toni Jones opened the meeting in regular form. Prayer was given by Chaplain Waneta Linton.

Sheri Reneer reported on Jr. girls, Rikki Reneer has really worked collecting gloves for school children. All the grades in the elementary have gloves that are in our area.

President Toni Jones announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26th, 2005 from 3 to 4 pm at the post. We are to meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday the 19th to stuff eggs. All volunteers welcome.

Linda Long brought up the Garfield Statue. The unit decided to have a lasagna supper, April 23rd, 2005 - 4:00 to 8:00 pm if nothing else is going on at the post.

Lori Linton reported, she has sent all the blankets we have collected to the service people overseas.

5th District meeting will be February 19th, 2005 at Fairmount Post 373.

Next Unit meeting will be March 3, 2005. We are supposed to bring our pull tabs, extra change for Auxiliary Emergency Fund and small candy to stuff the eggs.

Those attending were: Eula Belle Farr, Linda Long, Flo Doyle, Ruth Bole, Waneta Linton, Shirley Shinholt, Carol Ritter, Lori Linton, Pam Sanderson, Creta Arlington, Sally Bancroft, Barbara Stevens, Rhonda Flemming, Kim Wienley, Norma Morrical, Tresa Carpenter, Toni Jones,

Sheri Reneer, and Irene Pickard.

BAY VIEW READING CLUB

The Bay View Reading Club met in February, in the Calico Room. The club collect was read in unison for the prayer before our lunch was served, at lovely decorated tables with the Valentine theme.

Following lunch the meeting was called to order by Club President Helen Stokes. The Roll Call was answered by reading Valentine rhymes written by Dorothy Garretson which were later placed on Valentines.

The Minutes of last meeting was read and the Treasurer's report given and approved.

A Thank You card from Lavona Meyers was read to the group.

Discussion followed by several who wanted to increase the mount to be spent for flowers or gifts to the sick folks. This will be voted on at the March meeting. After the meeting was adjourned the time was spent making Valentines for the children in Day Care here at the United Methodist Memorial Home. This was an enjoyable time with friends.

KIWANIS NEWS

Warren area Kiwanis will be offering scholarships for 2005 graduating seniors. Those interested can contact Ned and Deb Ruble at 375-3846 or Joan Boyer at 375-2145. Copies of these are made available at Huntington North High School and at Southern Wells High School.

Also, Kiwanis are still selling the Knight Bergman Decorative Bulb of 2004. The cost is \$10.00 each. If interested stop by P.J.'s Flowers or contact Ned and Deb Ruble at 375-3846.

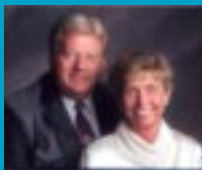
AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Twenty-three children attended Coloring Day at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday February 4, 2005.

The children signed in and received Valentine heart pictures to color to display in the windows of the library.

Karen read from the book "Armed Forces" a War on Terrorism by John Hamilton. We found out just how blessed we are to live in the United States with the Armed Forces we have to protect us. A letter was read

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TOOTH TIPS

By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

Men and Their Oral Health

Whatever the reasons, men are simply far less likely to take care of their mouth and teeth than women are. Among the findings of a survey conducted by a major men's magazine and a major television network is that men make 150 million fewer trips to the dentists in a year. About a third of the American men have not seen the dentist in the past 12 months. Whether its fear, time, or cost, many things can be going on in the mouth such as gum disease, cavities, or oral cancer.

The percentage of men between ages 30-54 who had some form of gum disease was 34%, compared to 23% of women in the same age group.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

The family of Maxine Sheets would like to thank all the special people in Warren for all the prayers, cards, visits, food and support given to us and our families during the loss of wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

God bless all of you.

Gerald Sheets
Ronny Sheets & Family
Carol Tribolet & Family
Joyce Buzzard & Family
Deb Baker & Family

VORIS

Mary M. Voris, 81, of Bluffton, died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1942 graduate of Liberty Center High School and was formerly employed at Kitco and as a private housekeeper. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Born July 9, 1923 in Liberty Center to Steve and Julia Ann Kostyal Lukacko, she is survived by a son, Paul Voris of Fort Wayne.

Services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Dale Bauman officiating and burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Calling hours were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with The Rosary recited prior to calling.

CROUCH

A former Jackson Twp. resident, Wilma L. Crouch, 76, died at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005.

Born July 5, 1928, to Leland "Lee" and Belva Garrett Palmer, her marriage to James A. Crouch took place in Fort Wayne June 2, 1973. He survives.

A 1946 graduate of Jackson Center High School, she and Mr. Crouch operated the Dillman Upholstery Shop in Dillman for 15 years. She was a member of the Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, David Lacey, of Bristol; a daughter, Donna Runkle of Warren; a stepson, Richard (Wife, Joann) Crouch of Tucson, AZ and a step-daughter, Cynthia Brooks, both of Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, John Palmer of Marion and Robert Palmer of Van Buren; a sister, Martelle Palmer of Van Buren; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

A son, Timothy Lacey, and a grandson, Mark Runkle, preceded her in death.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel with Pastor Dick Case officiating. Burial was in the Van

Buren Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Van Buren Cemetery.

COOK

Hattie I. Cook, 102, died at 9:15 p.m. Jan. 31, 2005 in United Methodist Memorial Home, where she had lived for 30 years.

She was born December 1, 1902 in Wells County, the daughter of the late Charles M. and Lavina C. (Alberson) Marker. She married William V. Cook on July 18, 1922. He died Jan. 1, 1969.

Mrs. Cook was very active in her community and her church. She taught Sunday school for several years and was lay leader for conference for the church and was president of the W.S.C.S.

She also was secretary and president in the Franklin Township Home Extension Club in Grant County. She was a member of the Mississinewa Chapter 94 Order of Eastern Star, Eastern Star Auxiliary and the Marion Garden Club.

When she moved into United Methodist Memorial Home, she was president of the Marion Garden Club and secretary of the Eastern Star Auxiliary in Marion.

After moving into the home, she was secretary of the Women's Christian Society for five years. She served six years for the Methodist Home Residence Council and was secretary for three years while serving on the residence council. She was also a member of the Salamonie Homemakers Club. She enjoyed her home at the Methodist Home and all the activities going on. She always had a smile for everyone.

Survivors include a nephew, Charles E. Hester, Naubinway, Mich.; nieces, Lavina Long, Indianapolis, Merilee Galbraith, Flossie Herring and Nancy Scott, all of Marion, Patty Borders, Virginia, Robena Chandler, Gas City, Linda Scott, Syracuse, Patty Miller, Muskegon, Mich., and Jennie Kimmell, Katharine Jones and Shirley Pierce, all of Vincennes.

She also was preceded in death by sons, Marion Vintzen and Harry Eugene Cook; a brother, Woodrow Fisher; and sisters, Minnie Auer, Florence Bartlett, Lucy Hester and Stella Borders.

Services were held in United Methodist Memorial Home, with the Rev. John Bellante officiating. Burial was in Grant Memorial Park cemetery, Marion.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Memorial Home, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, Ind. 46792.

RUMPLE

Edger "Gene" Rumble, 73, Dahlonga, GA, died January 31, 2005.

Edgar "Gene" was born April 4, 1931 in Van Buren to Edgar J Rumble and Ruth Rumble. Mr Rumble died in Dahlonga GA at the home of his daughter. He had been a long time resident of Van Buren. He was a 1949 graduate of Van Buren High School; and served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked at RCA before going to GM in Marion for 31 years. He was a former member of the Van Buren American Legion and Van Buren Masonic Lodge. Mr Rumble liked to go fishing and hunting in his spare time.

Survivors include three daughters, Cindi Rice of Dahlonga, GA, Tina Hester of Dahlonga GA and Kandi (Jeff) Adamson of Upland; two sons, Dan (Sherry) Rumble of Marion and Dave (Lou Rae) Rumble of Jonesboro; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and his fiancé Joan Rumble.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Jon A Rumble, a sister Carol Chaney and a grandchild Noah Rumble.

Services were held at Ferguson Funeral Home in Van Buren with Rev Mike Helms officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

DUNN

Doris J Dunn, 77, Bluffton, died at 5:50 a.m. Friday, February 4, 2005 at her home.

She was born April 20, 1927 to Peter E and Mary A (Huffman) Tarr. She married Everett "Junior" J. Dunn June 18, 1948 in Knightstown. She was a 1945 graduate of Liberty Center High School. She then attended International Business College for 2 years. She was the office manager of the Gallivan, Hamilton & Seese Law Firm in Bluffton for 31 years, retiring in 1989. She was the first woman appointed to the Wells Community Hospital Board. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton for many years, and part of the Bell Choir. Doris was a member of the Wells County BPW Association (Business Professional Women) and a chairman for the Wells County Democratic Party.

Survivors include a son, Nicholas K Dunn of Lafayette, a granddaughter, Mrs. Doug (Jennifer) Roller of Bluffton and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kris and a grandchild, Michael Everett Dunn.

Services were held at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Lewis officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Breast Cancer Association or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

ZELLER

A former resident of Huntington before moving to Yuma AZ, Donna E (Dilly) Zeller died Friday, January 7, 2005 following a long illness in Yuma.

Donna was born August 30, 1934 in Bellview, OH to Brice and Waneta Dilly. Both are deceased. Donna attended Huntington Catholic High School and has been a resident of Yuma for 50 years. She married Mark Zeller, who preceded her in death in 1985. They founded the Zeller Maintenance Company which is still in operation today in Yuma.

Donna is survived by her sons, Mark (Bonnie) Zeller and Brice (Becky) Zeller, both of Yuma; daughter Kay (Dan) Peter of San Diego, CA. She is also survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of Yuma.

Additional survivors include brother in laws Marvin (Rosemary) Zeller and Maurice (Bonnie) Zeller of Warren; sister-in-laws Opal Mae Weir, Marjorie Weiderhalf of Gulf Shores, AL and Ethel Zipp of Broadheadsville PA. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Services and burial were held in Yuma.

BRUCE

Hildred S Bruce, 91, Warren died January 23, 2005 at Bluffton Regional Hospital in Bluffton.

Mrs Bruce was born July 31, 1913 in Warren to John Q and Inez A (Carmichael) Shipley. She married Vern C Bruce who preceded her in death on August 2, 1973.

Mrs Bruce was the owner of Home Corner Hardware. She was a member of 1st United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Mississinewa Chapter 94, American Legion Auxiliary Post 368 Van Buren, American Association of Retired Persons, and the Moose Lodge, Marion.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred Mentzer of Columbus OH and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three sisters, Lucille Sweat, Norine Spaulding and Emma Lee Paxton.

Services were held at Owen Weilert Duncan Funeral Homes, Marion Chapel with Chaplain John Wallace officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Marion.

BIRTHS

Chad and Brandy (Caldwell) Eltzroth of Bluffton, are the parents of a daughter, Eliza Raine Eltzroth, born at 1:49 a.m. February 3, 2005 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

The baby weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19 inches. She joins sisters, McKenna, age 5 and Jenna, age 3.

Grandparents are Dave and Pam Caldwell and Mike and Pam Koons all of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are Ike and Judy Thornburg of Bluffton, Phyllis Eltzroth of Warren and Virgil Kahn of Bluffton.

ENGAGEMENT



Kent and Nora McCracken, Van Buren, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Marie McCracken, Van

Buren, to Paul Eddie Whittington, Charlottesville.

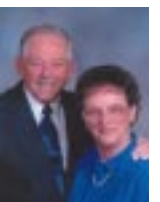
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Maurice and Martha Oyler, Marion, and Berdena and the late Harwood McCracken, Van Buren. She graduated from Eastbrook High School and attended Purdue University. She is employed at K & L Dental in Marion.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Paul and Victoria Whittington, Charlottesville. He is the grandson of Finis and Anthonette Norris, New Palestine, and Louie and Jenell Liesure, and the late Paul Whittington, Greenfield. He graduated from Eastern Hancock High School and Indiana State University. He is employed with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department in Greenfield.

The couple will marry on April 23, 2005 at Hanfield United Methodist Church, Marion.

ANNIVERSARY

George & Barbara (Boulware) of Markle, were married January 27th, 1945 by Rev. Wile in Warren, Indiana.



George is retired from the Air Force and Barbara was a homemaker.

They are the parents of George R. (Linda) Paul II, Fort Wayne, SueAnn E. Paul, Ossian, and Terry A. (Darren) Murray, Bluffton. They have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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to the children from Jessica Fail. She is one of our Military ladies we send pictures too.

The children were all warmed up and ready to color pictures and write letters to Jessica and other military people serving our country. The children enjoyed eating candy and chewing bubble gum as they worked. I am sure the soldiers will appreciate all the work the children did to make their pictures and letters look very nice.

Those attending were: Emily Bryant, Olivia Bryant, Patrick Anderson, Randon Timmons, Taylor Beck, Jaedyn Beck, Mandi Beck, Haley Timmons, Cathryne Anderson, Nixon Smith, Autum

Smith, Faith Wiggin, Jarren, Nathan Smith, Justin Smith, Chelsea Cason, Ashley Kerr, Paige Brown, Nathan Brown, Amy Kerr, Lisa Brain, Kaylee Morgan and Baylee Morgan.

This Friday after school, we will have a Valentine Party. Hope to see you.

NEW AT W PL

New items received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult Nonfiction: Standing Next to History, 1001 Ideas for Windows, Common Sense Economics, The Web Library, How to Build Animal Housing, How to Prepare for the CDL, and Pads for Pets.

Books on CD or Cassette: PS, I Love You, by Ahern, Birthright, by Roberts, Guardian, by Sparks, The Bad Beginning, by Smith, Twilight Whispers, by Delinsky, The Success Principles, by Canfield, Alone, by Gardner, The Broker, by Grisham, Lover Overboard, by Evanovich, The Cat Who Went Bananas, by Baux, Wait Until Midnight, by Quick, The Same Sweet Girls, by King, and High Country, by Barr.

2ND PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Southern Wells Second Grading Period Honor Roll Students

Sixth Grade "A" Honor Roll. Megan Bryant, Cristin Carter, Mikala Habegger, Emily Hartley, Alison McCammon.

"B" Honor Roll. Tyler Cassiday, Rachel Habegger, Acacia Herr,

Colten Jones, Chelsea Masterson, Gage Minniear, Amber Monroe, James Mossburg, Emily Oswalt, Kelsey Samsel, Daniel Schmidt, Austin Schortgen, Conner Stoffel, Mandy Stoffer.

Fifth Grade "A" Honor Roll. Kaitlin Bonewit, Bekah Coolman, David Haigh, Lillian Hartley, Sadie Herr, Brandon Longenberger, Bryce Longenberger, Mallory Preston, and Jayde Sills.

"B" Honor Roll. Jordon Alstoft, Chelsea Clifton, Kaitlyn Dunnuck, Cody Frazier, Trevor Furnish, Clayton Hamilton, Tory Harter, Cory Haviland, Jagger Love, Jake Mechling, Kelsey Miller, Lucas Miller, Kendra Mounsey, Kendrick Myers, Kyle Penrod, Katie Pinkerton, Josie Rhodes, Austin Smith, Jonathan Whipple, and Quaid Zoda.

Fourth Grade :A: Honor Roll: Kayona Benefiel, Colton Kellam, Devin Price, and Bridget Rugg. "B" Honor Roll: Amy Bozell, Katie Early, Taylor Estes, Jackson Johnson, Rikki Johnson, Shea Merchant, Morgan Napier, Lance Oswalt, and Mikayla Pettibone.

Third Grade "A" Honor Roll. Katelyn Kline, Chantel Merchant, Cole Preston, Hanna Thompson, and Aly Zoda.

"B" Honor Roll. Jessica Betz, Tequila Carr, Carissa Carter, Cassie Crickard, Cameron Frazier, Tracy Furnish, Dain Gerber, Darren Gillum, Ivy Maddox, Josh Markley, Jake Masterson, Daniel Mossburg, Andrea Murray, Abbie Nusbaumer, Austin Osborn, Hilary Paxson, Ashton Prible, Amanda Price, Zach Penrod, Amanda Reimer, Alex Schmidt, Christa Schortgen, Mike Thompson, Taylor Thompson, Austin Vaughn, Daniel Velasquez, and Clary Watson.

Second Grade "A" Honor Roll.

Jessyca Baumgartner, Allison Blevins, Sheridan Carney, Savannah DeaKyne, Vanessa Drennen, Brooke Gephart, Abby Gregg, Emilee Junk, Lela Knowles, Brooke Kratzer, Megan Lefebvre, Samantha McDonald, Brooke Penrod, Jesse Reynolds, Jordyn Sills, Timber Tucker, and Meghan Yencer.

"B" Honor Roll. Kedrick Barr, Taylor Doepker, Zane Herr, Kiara Leas, Kyle Pinkerton, Jacob Roush, Grant Sills, Mercy Stevens, Molly Williams, Serena Wirt, and Brad Woodward.

VAN BUREN TOWN COUNCIL

The Van Buren Town Council met in short session on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd, 2005. President Tony Manry conducted the meeting which opened at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A citizen in attendance complimented town employees for a good job of snow plowing. They also commented that the Popcorn Festival committee would like Council members to be involved in the Popcorn Festival. They asked when the new Markle Bank is expected to be ready, and were told work is expected to begin as soon as weather permits. It is hoped it can be completed by April.

The citizen was also told a new storm sewer is expected to be put in and is hoped to alleviate problems at the Lions Club building.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report. Both Police vehicles were reported to be running well.

Officer Training will be held in Bluffton Feb. 15-17. All Officers had completed training in

2004.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported 11 water-related calls in January and water testing had been done. The water towers were also reported in good repair.

A water tap is to be made on Fourth Street.

There had been five water bypasses at the Wastewater Plant.

The recycling bin was reported to be full.

A problem at the flag pole in front of the Town Hall was expected to be repaired.

The next Council meeting will be Feb. 16th, 2005

BOOSTER SEAT LAW

INDIANAPOLIS – A statewide advertising campaign sponsored by the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving begins this weekend to highlight the new booster seat law that will take effect July 1.

The law requires all children under eight to be properly secured in child safety seats or booster seats. It also requires all kids up to age 16 to be properly restrained in a child restraint system or a seat belt in all seating positions in all vehicles. Those over age 16 must be restrained when riding in the front seat of passenger vehicles.

"This law is going to protect our most vulnerable Hoosiers by requiring parents to make sure their children are properly restrained," said Charlotte Ashburn, director of the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana

Criminal Justice Institute, which houses the Governor's Council.

"Additionally, the law makes it clear that everyone under 16 must be buckled up, no matter what kind of vehicle they're in or where they're sitting in it," Ashburn said. Currently, those riding in pickup trucks or sport-utility vehicles with truck license plates are not required to abide by Indiana's seat belt law.

The new media campaign, which emphasizes the need for booster seats and the effective date of the new law, is aimed at parents of young children and grandparents who might be transporting young children in their vehicles. The campaign will be seen on television, radio and outdoor media across the state, and the image for the outdoor campaign is attached to this release as a PDF file.

In the United States, an average of six children 0-14 years old were killed and 694 were injured every day in motor vehicle crashes during 2003.

Children, as they grow, should progress through three types of child safety seats before using the seat belt alone: (1) rear-facing seats to (2) forward facing seats to (3) booster seats.

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give parents enough time to prepare before it takes effect, although we want to encourage them to get their kids properly secured as soon as possible," Ashburn said.

Those who violate the new law will commit a Class D infraction, which carries a \$25 fine. However, offenders can avoid the fine if they prove that they have obtained an adequate restraint system for their children. Fines collected under the law will be deposited into a state fund that will be used to make grants to public and private organizations for the purchase and distribution of child restraint systems to those who are otherwise unable to afford them.

For more information regarding child passenger safety, please contact the Automotive Safety Program at 1-800-KID-N-CAR or visit www.preventinjury.org.

A GIFT FROM THE HEART

The Wells County Mentor Mom Program is looking for loving helpers. Could you mentor a young mother? Donate a meal, baby items or a door prize for the meetings? You can make a difference in the life of a young mother and her child. The Mentor Mom Program matches young mothers with trained volunteer mentors from the community to give them someone extra to talk to. You may help them with parenting skills, finding a job, applying to college or just being a friend. Currently there are young mothers who have requested a mentor and are on our waiting list.

Qualified mentors are mothers, at least 21 years of age, who are good listeners, and care about the future of our youngest citizens and their mothers. A new mentor orientation will be scheduled for the first full week of February, so call today to sign up! Wells County Mentor Mom Program is one of several programs developed for families at Family Centered Services. For more information, please call Karen Hinshaw at 824-8574.

4-H OPEN HOUSE

Youth in grades 3 through 12 are invited to attend the 4-H Open House, Saturday, February 19th at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton.

4-H Leaders from around the county will be distributing enrollment forms and answering questions. Youth will be able to pay their dues for 2005 and obtain their manuals and other supplies. Membership forms are

due **April 1, 2005.**

The club schedule for the event will be:

8-10 AM Lancaster Achievers, Jefferson Knightriders, Nottingham Nobles, 10 AM-12 Noon. Chester Chargers, Hurryin' Harrisons, Jackson Originals, Liberty Happy Go Lucky, and Rockcreek Rollers

On Thursday, February 17th, the PATRIOTS 4-H Club will hold their Open House from 1:30 - 3 PM at the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

The next meeting for the 4-H Horse & Pony Club will be Sunday, February 13th, 3 PM at the Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Mini 4-H membership forms will be distributed through the schools to all 1st and 2nd grade students in March. Home school students may pick up a form at the Extension Office in March. (Exception: The Mini 4-H Horse & Pony project will accept students in Kindergarten with a special signed insurance form. **This is only for Mini 4-H Horse & Pony.**) Mini 4-H membership forms are due May 1.

Several 4-H projects are now using "Resource Books" which help to answer project questions along with specific care and / or feeding questions. Resource Books are now available for Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Horse & Pony, Dairy, Rabbit, and Sewing. Cost of the books range from \$6 - \$12. Resource Books will be available at the Open House event.

If you have questions about any project, please call your 4-H Club Leader or the Wells County Extension Office, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton IN 46714, 260-824-6412.

4-H BREAKFAST

Wells County 4-H will be serving up some of their popular pancakes and sausage (just like at the Street Fair Booth) at this year's Wells County Home & Garden Expo.

The annual Home & Garden Expo will kick off Friday, February 25th from 2 - 8 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton. Day two of the Expo will begin with 4-H serving an all you can eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7 AM - 11 AM. Cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.00 for youth ages 6 - 12. Children, ages 5 and under are free.

4-H will also be selling Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken BBQ on Saturday, February 26th from 11 AM - 2 PM. Tickets are \$5 per half chicken and are available from 4-H volunteers and the Wells County Extension Office located at the 4-H Park.

Proceeds from the Pancake &

Sausage Breakfast and the Chicken BBQ will benefit the 4-H Park and Community Center Endowment Fund.

SUPPER PLANNED

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association will hold its bi-annual Fund-Raising Supper and Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. A pork chop dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m., with a one chop dinner for \$5 and two pork chop dinner for \$7.00. Proceeds from

the supper will support activities associated with the 75th annual 4-H Fair Anniversary Celebration.

The auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the live bid auction, several items will be available for purchase through a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will support future building projects for the 4-H Fair and community at Hier's Park.

The Huntington County 4-H Fair continues to experience growth in 4-H projects and with that growth comes the need for additional housing of projects,

as well as maintenance of the existing facilities.

Huntington County 4-H is consistently in the top 20 counties in the State of Indiana in the number of youth enrolled in organized 4-H clubs. In 2004, 922 youth were enrolled in 37 different 4-H clubs. 236 boys and girls participated in the mini 4-H program.

If you have any questions about this fundraising event, or would like to make a donation to the auction, please contact the Huntington County Cooperative Extension Office at 260-358-4826.



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