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Thought for the Week: First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do. Epictetus

SURVEY UPDATE

The response to the Great Warren Survey has been phenomenal. Thank you very much for your interest and participation. If you haven't returned your survey yet you have until January 31, 2007 to return your Great Warren Survey and be entered in the Great Prize Giveaway.

If you haven't received your survey you are in luck, The Great Warren Survey is in today's Warren Weekly. Fill out your survey, clip it out and return it to the Warren City Building or drop it in the mail to Warren Area Chamber PO Box 40 Warren, IN. 46792.

We want to know what you have to say. What do you want in Warren?

ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Huntington County Council on Aging is having their annual, all you can eat, fish fry on Friday, February 9th, 2007. This fund raiser will be at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren, Indiana from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.25 for adults and \$4.00 for children, Age 5 and under are free. Dan's Fish Fry Services will be cooking fish and chicken. The popular carry out service will again be available. Tickets are available at the door, at the Huntington Senior Center, or from any Board Member. This is always a fun event, so bring your family and friends for an enjoyable night out. Call 359-4416 for information.

RUMMAGE/FLEA MARKET

4-H Community Rummage and Flea Market, Sunday, February 18 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the 4-H Building, 310 E Park Ave, Hartford City. Lunch available. All proceeds will benefit the Love to Dance 4-H Club. Call 765-348-3213 for information.

FREE TAX SERVICE

The Huntington Senior Center is once again an approved site where Senior Citizens can receive help in filing their federal and state taxes. Norm Cozad and Janice Alvey have completed their class work on the changing tax laws and will serve as volunteers for this valuable service.

The help will be available on each Tuesday from February 6th through April 10th. Appointments will be scheduled each hour from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by calling the Senior Center at 359-4410. When you come to your tax appointment you must bring your 2005 tax forms, a picture I.D., your social security card, county property tax forms paid in 2006, your W-2, 1099 and any other tax form received for the 2006 tax filing. Special situations must also be supported with necessary documentation.

This is a free service to seniors, although donations to the Council on Aging are appreciated. Call the Senior Center with any questions or to schedule your appointment at 359-4410.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Every year, thousands of girls across Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben and Wells counties gain valuable knowledge while providing the community with a special treat - Girl Scout cookies. This year, Girl Scout cookies will be on sale beginning Friday, January 12; the sale will continue through March 11.

For \$3.50 per box, customers can help girls build business skills and financial knowledge as they explore the fun, power and friendship of selling these Girl Scout Cookie varieties together:

- Thin Mints
- Shortbread
- Peanut Butter Patties
- Peanut Butter Sandwiches
- Caramel deLites

- Thanks-A-Lot
- Lemonades * NEW slices of shortbread with tangy lemon icing

- Reduced Fat Cartwheels (oatmeal)

This year, ALL varieties of Girl Scout cookies are "zero trans fat per serving" (in compliance with FDA regulation).

Throughout the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls manage inventory, set goals, learn money management and develop marketing skills. The entire troop sets a goal and follows a plan that leads to that goal. Girls essentially run their own business; in fact, many successful business women have credited their business skills to the Girl Scout Cookie Program, making it the premier business and economic literacy program for girls in the United States.

All money earned from cookie activities stays within the local Girl Scout council to supply essential services for girls. A portion of the money raised is sent directly to the Girl Scout troop and the girls decide how to use those funds. Proceeds often are used to provide financial assistance so Girl Scouting can be affordable for all girls or for activities such as field trips and service projects. Girls also earn credits which can be used toward Girl Scout membership and summer camp fees.

"The Girl Scout Cookie Program is celebrating 90 years of success, and it has become one of the country's most famous annual events," says Connie Frederick, Program Marketing Manager, Girl Scouts of Limberlost Council. "Each year, the program helps girls develop important leadership skills that they will use throughout their lives. Whether they are dreaming of becoming a doctor, teacher, businesswoman, PTA president or superstar athlete, the Girl

Scout Cookie Program gives them the self-esteem they need to reach for the stars."

CALLING ALL COOKS.....

The Salamonie Summer Festival Committee is publishing a cookbook to commemorate the 40th anniversary. The festival committee is calling on the citizens of Warren and the surrounding area to share your favorite recipes and help make this cookbook part of the grand celebration. There are some wonderful cooks in our community and the surrounding area. Take this opportunity to share your favorite recipes with friends. Please submit your recipes by January 26, 2007. You can take your recipes to Accent Interiors, Town Hall or mail them to: Salamonie Summer Festival, Attn: Cookbook, P.O. Box 40, Warren, IN 46792

OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association is an organization affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service and Purdue University and is interested in furthering education, leadership and community volunteerism. IEHA is offering eight \$500 scholarships to Indiana homemakers who are 25 years or age or older.

These scholarships are to be used to complete education or upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted to, or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school, which is state licensed or accredited.

Preference will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level. Scholarships will be awarded with regard to financial need, former winners may apply again. Applications may be obtained through the Huntington County Extension Office at the Courthouse Annex, 354 N Jefferson St, Ste 202, Huntington. For more information, please

call the Extension Office at 260-358-4826. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2007.

B-R-E-A-T-H-E

HUNTINGTON, IN—Is cabin fever upon you? Do you want to cope better with the stresses of daily life? Come join with others on Saturday, January 20, at the Victory Noll Ministry Center for a workshop entitled "B-R-E-A-T-H-E: Practices for Self-Care" that is open to the public. Come learn about and experience the practices of mindfulness meditation, gentle yoga, and breath awareness. The facilitator for the workshop will be Cheri Krueckeberg, an Assistant Professor of Social Work and Gerontology Program Director at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana.

If you have a yoga or Pilates mat, or a blanket (or thick beach towel), please bring them with you. Casual, loose-fitting, layered clothing is suggested. Please don't let physical limitations prevent you from attending. There is much you will be able to learn and the facilitator will modify the activities according to your ability. Treat yourself to self-care!

Registration and a light, healthy continental breakfast will be from 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. with the workshop starting at 9:30 A.M., and concluding at 12:30 P.M. Registrations are appreciated. The Victory Noll Ministry Center is at 1900 W. Park Drive. Please call Jan Parker at 260-356-0628 ext. 128 to register or email at ministryctr@olvm.org. Suggested offering of \$10.00 per person is appreciated, and includes a light continental breakfast, beverages, and handouts.

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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

NEED SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE?

Here are some monthly and daily celebrations gleaned from the internet for your enjoyment.

JANUARY MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS AND OBSERVANCES

- National Oatmeal Month
- Hot Tea Month
- Be On-Purpose Month
- National Book Blitz Month
- Bread Machine Baking Month
- Candy Month
- Celebration of Life Month
- National Clean Up Your Computer Month
- Clinical Trial Awareness Month
- Egg Month
- Family Fit Lifestyle Month
- Glaucoma Awareness Month
- National Gourmet Coffee Month
- High-Tech Month
- Image Improvement Month
- International Creativity Month
- International Quality of Life Month
- Mail Order Gardening Month
- National Mentoring Month
- Personal Self-Defense Awareness Month
- Poverty in America Awareness Month
- Random Action Month
- Reaching Your Potential Month
- Senior Women's Travel Month
- Yours, Mine, & Ours Month

DAILY OBSERVANCES

- Golf Day - January 17
- Penguin Awareness Day January 20
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (observed the 3rd Monday in January) (Actual DOB 1-15-1929) January 19
- National Hugging Day January 21
- Chinese New Year (Celebrated 2nd new moon after Winter Solstice) January 22
- Answer Your Cat's Questions Day January 22
- National Pie Day (Yum!) January 23
- Edouard Manet's Birthday (1881) January 23
- Compliment Day January 23
- Fun At Work Day January 25
- Healthy Weight Day January 25
- Robert Burns Day January 25
- School Nurses Day January 25
- Spouse's Day January 26
- Australia Day January 26
- Inane Answering Machine Day January 30

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Rev. John Wallace, Pastor</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Clyde Gunn, Pastor</i> Bus Service 375-2510 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathy Newton, Pastor</i> Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>
<p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i> Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p>	<p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>David Thrift, S.S. Supt.</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim Pastor</i> Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays ...6:00p.m.</p>
<p>BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage <i>Jeff Wass, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p>
<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 <i>Pastor Anna Kroencke</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Bible Study, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Dan Helm, Pastor</i> Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i> Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun) 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org</p>
<p>THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica <i>Rev. Gus Hacker</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i> Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i> Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p>
<p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i> Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.</p>	<p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.</i> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.</p>
<p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i> 1st Worship 9:00 a.m. 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.</p>	<p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>HERITAGE POINTE Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p>		<p>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m.</p>

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AREA NEWS

DUKE HONORED

Misty Duke, Owner and Photographer of Reflexions Photography 210 Wayne Street in Warren, has been selected to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Distinction. This Medal is awarded to business leaders who demonstrate outstanding leadership in business and contributions to the local economy as well as unyielding support of the Republican Party. Only an elite group of business and professional people were nominated to receive the award before the awards committee reached a final decision. Commenting on Mrs. Duke's selection, Congressman Tom Reynolds said, "Ms. Duke has served as an honorary Chairman of the Business Advisory Council and has provided much needed support. This award could not have gone to a more deserving candidate."

Since moving to Warren, Reflexions photography has served the local community by providing fine photographic services to the people of Warren and Huntington County as well as clients from across the United States. Reflexions specializes in fine portraiture which includes weddings, children, babies and senior photography. They have also photographed over 100 national musical acts such as Willie Nelson, Dave Matthews band and John Mellencamp. "We've photographed weddings as far away as Arizona, and had advertising assignments in Ohio and elsewhere," Misty said, "our greatest reward is seeing the expressions on peoples faces when they view their portraits for the first time, and the opportunity to be able to capture these moments in time which will mean so much to the families as they are handed down from children to grandchildren and so on."

BOARD MEETING

The Bluffton Community Christian School Board is meeting in a regular session this coming Friday evening, January 19, 2007, in the science room of the school. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Included in the agenda will be a discussion of fundraising efforts. The budget will be reviewed as well. Status on the proposed daycare will also be presented.

SQUAD TO HOST CHEER CLINIC

HUNTINGTON, IN—The Huntington University 10-member cheerleading squad will host a cheer clinic on Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation.

The squad invites girls ages 6 to

14 to participate. To attend the clinic, participants need to complete a registration form and send it along with a payment of \$25 per person. All checks should be made payable to Huntington University Cheerleading.

Organizers suggest that participants pre-register for the event; however, registrations will be accepted at the door. Parents are welcome to stay and watch during the clinic. The following is the clinic schedule:

8:45 a.m. — Check-in at the Huntington University Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation

9 a.m. — Introduction, warm-up and grouping by age

9:15 a.m. — Teaching fundamentals of cheering, tumbling, jumping and stunting

10:30 a.m. — Break — Refreshments will be provided.

11 a.m. — Games

11:15 a.m. — Review all material learned throughout the day.

11:30 a.m. — Groups demonstrate cheer and chant to parents.

Noon — Wrap up — question-and-answer time

"We look forward to making this a great learning experience for every participant," said Candace Cooper, coach of the Huntington University cheerleading squad. "It is our hope that everything learned would benefit each girl in her future as a cheerleader."

Participants are invited to return to the Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation on Feb. 10 to demonstrate the cheer they learned from the clinic. Participation is encouraged but not required. All participants will be admitted free of charge if they wear the T-shirt they received the day of the clinic.

For more information, call Cooper at (260) 224-0179 or e-mail her at ccooper@huntington.edu. Participants may download the registration form at www.huntington.edu/athletics/cheerleading/default.htm.

Huntington University is a comprehensive Christian college of the liberal arts offering graduate and undergraduate programs in more than 70 academic concentrations. U.S. News & World Report ranks Huntington among the top comprehensive colleges in the Midwest. Founded in 1897 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington University is located on a contemporary, lakeside campus in north-east Indiana. The University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU).

BAND CLINIC

HUNTINGTON, IN—The Huntington University Music Department is now accepting registrations for BandFest 2007, the 27th annual Band Clinic, to be held March 3-4.

The Band Clinic is open to instrumentalists from grades 8 to 12, college and the community who desire an opportunity to perform challenging band music, to work with guest conductors and to experience Huntington University. Clinic participants will receive small group instruction on their primary instrument from qualified professional musicians with the Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes, 555th Air Force Band from Swanton, Ohio, during the intensive rehearsals and clinic sessions held March 3.

The guest conductor for the Band Clinic is Staff Sgt. Haley Armstrong, the deputy commander of the 555th Air Force Band and a master's degree candidate in instrumental conducting at Indiana University.

BandFest 2007 will feature masterworks of wind band literature. Some of the works include "Army of the Nile" by Kenneth Alford, "Variations on a Korean Folksong" by John Barnes Chance, "First Suite in E flat for Military Band" by Gustav Holst, "Circus Days" by Karl King, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, "Sea Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams and "October" by Eric Whitacre.

A Grand Concert will be performed in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts on the campus of Huntington University at 2 p.m. on March 4. The concert will feature the Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes, 555th Air Force Band and the combined clinic band. The concert is open to the public, and admission is free; however, tickets are required. Contact the

Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261 for free tickets.

To register for the Band Clinic, visit the Web site www.huntington.edu/music/bandclinic, print out the registration form and return it with the \$20 registration fee to Huntington University Band Clinic, 2303 College Ave., Huntington, IN 46750. Participants also may stop in the university's music office and register or call (260) 359-4262 for more information.

COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd

Newly elected president, Bill Cartwright, conducted the first meeting of 2007 of the Warren Town Council. Held in Assembly Hall the meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

A citizen in attendance was concerned about a sewer in front of 428 East First St where raw sewage runs down the road. Plans are to repair the damage as soon as possible.

Financial consultant Greg Guerrettaz reported on the 2007

Tracker Factor. He gave details of how the Tracker works, starting with the first year, 1996, when the Tracker went into effect. Council accepted the report.

Guerrettaz also reported on the I-69 Development Area. The money is used to pay a wastewater debt.

His general overview was that the town is in good standing.

Council presented the Town/Township 2006 report from the Warren Fire Department.

Marilyn Morrison was reappointed to Region 3A Board of Directors.

Council appointed David Scheib as HCUED Council Representative.

Council appointed Ron Neff as Chamber of Commerce Representative.

Council members had received an invitation to attend the unveiling of the new Huntington County Rescue Unit on January 24, a luncheon is scheduled for 12:15.

President Cartwright announced plans to hold a Council Planning Session on February 3.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the December financial report and presented a

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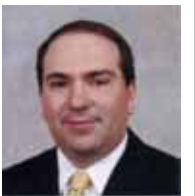
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Community Calendar

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

Jan 17 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

Jan 19 Warren Recycle Day

Jan 22 Warren Town Council, 8 a.m., Assembly Hall

Jan 28 Sunday Lunch, sponsored by PROS at KBC 11-1

Feb 2 Groundhog Day

Feb 2 Warren Recycle Day

Feb 4 Super Bowl Sunday

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 **After School Adventure** -

Tuesdays & Thursdays, after school till 5:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Church

of the Nazarene **Preschool Story Time** - Warren Library 10:30

Fridays **Walking in the Gym** - at KBC 7-11a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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report on the 2007 Budget.

The new floor is reported to be completed in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Curtis Day presented the Utility/Street Department reports to council. Recent work has included inventory and cleaning the shop.

Council received a Department Roster from the Fire Department. Two new members on the Department are scheduled to complete training soon.

Town Marshall Dennis Spittler gave his December activities report to Council.

Announcements: Council meeting; January 22 8 a.m.; February 12 6:30 p.m.; February 26 8 a.m.

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult fiction – The Suspect by J LesCroart; Ever After by Kingsbury; Exile by R Patterson; Web of Evil by J Jance; Plum Lovin' It by J Evanovich; Always & Forever by C Kelly; A Misty Harbor Wedding by Evanick; Skylight Confessions by A Hoffman; The Godfather's Revenger by Puzo/Winegardner; Murder Among the OWLS by B

Crider; Wild Indigo by S Ault; True Evil by G Iles; Elizabeth I Mysteries by Karen Harper.

Adult nonfiction – Golden Age of Indiana High School Basketball; The Perfect Aquarium; Love Childrens – Can You See What I See: Once Upon a Time; Too Many Leprechauns; Let's Match: A Puzzle Flip Book; Walter Was Worried; Lemons Are Not Red; The Bunnies' Picnic; The Hiding Alphabet; I Believe in Unicorns

Youth – Forever in Blue – 4th Summer of the Sisterhood

Audio CD's – Cat Who had 60 Whiskers by Braun; Plum Lovin' by Evanovich.



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On December 15, 2006, Tiffany Lloyd was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps after successfully completing their ten week Officer Candidates School. The OCS is

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Endurance Course (3.5 mile timed course aimed to test physical endurance and abilities to negotiate various obstacles).

Officer Candidates School (OCS) is the first step to becoming a Marine Corps Officer. It is the most basic physical and mental proving ground for candidates who desire to lead Marines.

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Tiffany is the daughter of David and Janice Lloyd, Huntington, IN, and granddaughter of Donald and Cathleen Lloyd of Warren, IN. She is a 1997 graduate of Woodview Christian School, a 2001 graduate of Huntington University and a 2006 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological

Seminary, gaining a Masters in Counseling.

PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME

Thirty – Four children from the Little Panther Preschool attended the Van Buren Public Library on Wed. Jan. 10th, 2007.

Karen read books entitled "Love to Eat Bugs!" a pop-up book by John Strejan and "Learn About Taste and Smell with Poldy" children's books found in the Children's Department of the library.

This year's preschoolers are: Aidan, Allyssah, Amazza, Braxton, Chad, Colton, Gracie, Jackia, Justin, Keswick, Raenah, Alex, Alexis, Allison, Ashley, Colin, Dalton, Delani, Ethan, Gabrielle, Glen, Hunter, Jadelyn, Klayton, Kreigh, Madyson, Micah, Parker, Peyton, Seth, Seth, Skyla, Tala, & Wyatt.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

GARMAN

A former Bluffton resident, Bennie R. Garman, 69, died at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at his residence in Warren. He had been in failing health the past four years.

Mr. Garman was the main house painter for Kessler Builders in Celina, Ohio, where he had been employed for more than 50 years. He had moved to Bluffton in 1994 and then to Warren in 2006. He attended the Nazarene Church in Celina.

Born on March 2, 1937, in Celina, he was a son of Harvey and Clema (Rhoades) Garman. His marriage on July 2, 1994, in Warren was to Carolyn (Grover) Garman, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Randy Garman of Celina; daughters Jennie (Mark) Evans, Debra Fletcher and Lana Mullins, all of Celina, Julie (Dave) Eicher of Decatur and Janice (Scott) Raybuck of Ridgeway, Wis.; stepsons Jeff Daugherty and Michael Daugherty, both of Warren; a stepdaughter, Kathy (Mike) Trout of Warren; sisters Kate (Ted) Ballinger of Celina and Mary Garman of Toledo, Ohio; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Grace (Puschell) Garman on Feb. 6, 1993; an infant son, Richard Garman; a sister, Gladys Dillon; and a brother, Lewis Garman.

There will be no viewing or services. Burial in Mercer Memory Gardens, Celina, will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana. Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

DAWSON

A nearly lifelong resident of the Jackson Township area of Wells County, Mary Louise Dawson, 89, of Warren passed away at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

Mrs. Dawson was a machine operator at CTS in Berne for 15 years. She was active with the Mt. Zion Conservation Club and was affiliated with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Born on June 2, 1917, in Grant County, she was a daughter of Boyd A. and Julia Ann (Moore) McMillan, and graduated from Roll High School. Her marriage on Oct. 17, 1936, in Bluffton was to Floyd A. Dawson who preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 2000.

Survivors include five sons, Dean A. (Jackie) Dawson of Marion, Daniel (Barb) Dawson of Berne, David (Linda) Dawson of Palacios, Texas, Dennis Dawson of Dickenson, Texas, and Dallas Dawson of Warren; a brother, Everett (Colleen) McMillan of Montpelier; a sister, Leatha Dearth of Warren; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marjorie Ellen Dawson; and twin brothers, Walter McMillan and Warren McMillan.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, with the Rev. John Pattison officiating. Burial was in Asbury Cemetery, Montpelier.

RETTIG

Norma Estella Rettig, 82, of Warren died at 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. She retired in 1981 from the Appliance/Essex factory in Van Buren after 18 years of employment. She was an active member of the Warren United Methodist Church and was a volunteer at the Warren Bargain basement for many years.

She was born in Grayson County, Kentucky, as the eighth of nine children of Charles and Florence (Skaggs) Paris. The family moved to Indiana when Norma was four following the death of her mother. The five youngest children were placed in the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Home in Knightstown. She began spending summers with the family of Everett and Ida (Davis) Thompson when she was seven and they became her legal guardians when she was twelve.

She was a 1944 graduate of Warren High School. She was married on Oct. 18, 1945 to Vernon Rettig of Iowa, who preceded her in death on Jan. 16, 2000.

She is survived by her children Marilyn Rettig of Alpharetta, Ga., Gary (Harriet) Rettig of Delray Beach, Fla., and Cheryl (Jerry) Milford of Marion, along with six grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and her sister-in-law Norma Thompson of Warren. She was preceded in death by four sisters and seven brothers.

Services were held in the chapel at Heritage Point with Pastor

Kathie Jones officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion. Memorials may be made to the Warren United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

STANTON

Ricky D. Stanton, 49, of Bluffton died at 5 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 at his residence. He was an auto mechanic. He was born in Huntington on Oct. 17, 1957, a son of Dallas F. and Gladys A. (Wood) Stanton. He was married in Huntington on Nov. 20, 1982 to Judith N. Payne, who survives.

He is also survived by his daughters Christine (Harold) Glancy of Fort Myers, Fla., and Victoria Stanton and her fiancée Gabriel Hillard of Bluffton, along with two grandchildren, a brother William Stehr of Ocala, Fla., and sisters Joanne Cobb of Ft. Myers, Fla., Susan (Mike) Gerwig of Liberty Center, and Vickie (Matt) Watson of Austell, Ga. He was preceded in death by a son David Dallas Stanton, and a sister Patty Butler.

Services were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Matt Hartsell officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren. Memorials may be made to the family.

NAFE

Word has been received of the death of Floyd Alton (Alkie) Nafe in Muncie IN on January 1, 2007.

He was the son of Floyd Albert and Bernice (Smith) Nafe. He graduated from Warren High School in 1943. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving during WWII and he retired from Delco Battery in 1985 after 35 years. He married Kathryn Mae (Short) and she preceded him in

death in 2005.

He was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Selma IN. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and square dancing.

Survivors include daughter, Darla (James) May; four sisters, Louise Whitaker of Yorktown IN, Barbara Sue Baker of Scottsdale AZ, Phyllis Acton of Ridgeville IN, Freida (Donn) Roberts of Muncie; three brothers, George of Mineola TX, Gerald of Waco TX, Lowell (Buddy) of San Angela TX; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother Don and a sister, Sarah and one grandchild.

Services were held January 6, 2007 at Gardens of Memory and burial followed in Muncie.

BIRTH

Aaron and Anna (Claghorn) Mason of Bluffton are the parents of a daughter, Joselyn Louise Mason, born at 10:34 p.m. December 28, 2006 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The infant weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches in length.

Grandparents are Ted and JoAnn Claghorn of Bluffton, Mark Mason of Leighton PA and Diane Mason of Bluffton. Great-grandparents are Jim and Lela (Claghorn) Herndon of Bluffton, Floyd and Frances Campbell of Auburn WA, Wava Bertsch of Bluffton and Betty Mason of Clyde OH.



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4-H DAY

Twenty-Two children were at the Van Buren Public Library After School Story Time on Friday Jan. 12, 2007.

The children signed in and received an activity paper to do on what different animals eat.

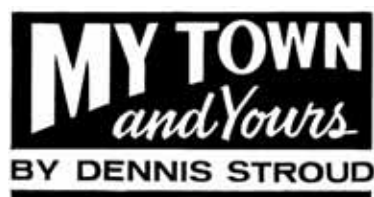
Amy Smith read some info about 4-H.

Karen introduced our special guest Kris Goff Extension Educator for 4-H from the Grant County Extension Office. Kris did some comparisons on what was going on in the United States and what kids were doing in 4-H during the same year. She started back with the year 1904 when 4-H started. She shared on how a child could become a 4-H member. She made story time very interesting for the children. Kris gave everyone a plastic bag of goodies and info about 4-H. The library staff wants to thank Kris for coming and sharing with the children.

Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Jacob Clupper, Autum Smith, Jarren Griffith, Eddie Quick, Emily Henning, Nixon Smith, Emilee Morgan, Kaylee Morgan, Joseph Dailey, Cathryne Anderson, Emily Webb, Hannah Hutchinson, Aurora Follis, Bethany Bridenthal, T.J. Holman, Caitlin Imhoff, Bethany Holman, Phillip Dailey, Autumn Harmon, Tyler Follis, Zach Jones, and Jarren Griffith.

Next After School Story time will be January 19th with special guest Jody Heaston. Jody will talk about Snow Flakes. Hope to see you.



COOLMAN'S

Albert Coles operated the drug store on the alley in the Good Block from 1890 to 1936. In 1932, finding there was more applicants than positions for teachers; William Kenneth Coolman went to work for Mr. Coles. Kenneth married Dorothy Colbert in 1935 and they purchased the inventory from Albert Coles in January of 1936. Albert died in March of 1936.

The business was known as The Pioneer Drug Store, retaining the name until the mid 1950s. Their pharmacist, R. J. Kelly, became ill and was unable to work for a long time. The Coolmans disposed of the pharmacy inventory and became known as Coolman's Cut Rate as over the counter drugs could be sold without a pharmacist,

however, the word drug could not be used in the name.

A small business couldn't buy in large quantities to compete with the big discount stores so the name, of the store, was changed to Coolmans. Coolmans carried a large inventory of wall paper, paint and supplies, greeting cards, school supplies, and other sundries. The "Penny Case" was a popular case full of penny candy. You could find the dum dum suckers, tootsie rolls, candy sticks, imitation cigarette candy, jelly beans and bubble gum which made the choice pretty hard when you had a couple of pennies to spend.

The most popular spot was the soda fountain. One could get floats, sundaes, banana splits, flavored cokes-cherry, chocolate and vanilla, suicides and my favorite the tin roof sundae. In the earlier days Coolman's was a popular place for teenagers after school. They would step in the front door and grab a comic book, stop off at the soda fountain and place their order for their favorite concoctions, and go back to pick a seat in a chair or booth. There was a small notebook hanging by the cash register. If one had no money on him he would record his purchase on his own page. There was a limit as to how high the bill could go and everybody proved to be trustworthy.

Kenneth died in July 1967 and Dorothy operated the store until she retired in 1977. The inventory and building was sold to George and Lois Dye, who, in a year or so, moved the inventory and later it was sold in auction. And we have another great establishment gone forever.

BAYVIEW READING

The Bayview Reading Club met at 2 P.M. January 9 in the Calico Lounge at Heritage Pointe, with seven members in attendance. President Lilly Nutter called the meeting to order, and everyone affirmed their common "best life" goals in a reading of the Club Collect. Lilly stated she had not sent out cards of concern/caring during the past month, as she's had no calls about needs from members; there were none reported in the meeting. She again noted the Club's need and desire for new members.

Minutes of last month's meeting and the treasury report were read by the Secretary-Treasurer and approved as read. Old business of program planning was completed, with Mabel Fields agreeing to hopefully present the program for the May meeting, filling a vacancy.

Helen Jo Strassner took charge of the program for January by greeting us with a rousing "Toot!"

Toot!" on a New Year's whistle. It was a real wake-up call to the New Year's theme of her program! She shared with members various head dresses or masks from her brown bag of New Year's accessories, giving a party feeling to the whole gathering.

The program theme continued with many inspirational readings concerning wide-ranging thought and hopes for the year ahead - life concerns much deeper than many traditional "New Year Resolutions." She began with an original poem by a former member of the Bayview Reading Club, Dorothy Garretson, a poem cleverly entitled "Identity Theft." The thief in question turned out to be Father Time! Many poems of Helen Steiner Rice were shared, with themes of time as a gift from God, trust in God's watching over us, our unique gift of choice (what will you do with the New Year?), regard for the forthcoming year as a stepping stone for growth, happiness as a state of mind (independent of things happening), and the over-reaching power of meditation and prayer, as only love can help mankind. Members responded to roll call with unanimous affirmation and appreciation for the thoughts brought by Helen.

Margaret Bell suggested consideration of a different format for programs in the next program year, using the "reading" theme in our Club's name as the basis of programs: each member "saving up" something meaningful she had read in the preceding month (in the newspaper, a book, on the internet, in a magazine, etc.) and bringing it to the next Bayview Club meeting to read to others, with invitation to discuss the ideas presented in the reading. This program possibility was considered as worth a try, perhaps at the last meeting this program year, in May.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Club met January 5, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. President, Jane Ruble led in everyone repeating the creed. Roll call was answered by 25 members sharing a memorable Chautauqua program.

Secretary report read. Treasurer reported no transactions.

Carolyn Sparks reported that the coffee pot would be here Wednesday. Cost of \$44.95 will be shared with Tri Kappa.

Janet Beavans gave a very interesting program on the life of Bob Hope. A very interesting man.

The next meeting will be February 2, 2007 with Sharon Gebhart and Lu Ellyn Pond hostesses, Oma Zent will have the program.

Lovely refreshments were served by Carolyn Sparks to Barbara Baer, Janet Beavans, Lucille Beavans, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Elaine Eckman, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phyliss Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Ann Miles, Florence Mott, Lu Ellyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Roberta St John, Alice Whitmore, Oma Zent, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner and Mary Emma Huffman.

ANOTHER LAYER

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
This past week has felt like a dream to me. Thursday, January 11th was my birthday and Wednesday afternoon the eve of my 51st birthday; we found out we were on the January 21st New York Times Best Seller List for our book Body Clutter. My home is filled with beautiful flower arrangements to congratulate our news and celebrate my birthday.

In all my wildest dreams did I ever imagine being on the New York Times Best Seller list. All I ever wanted was to just help one person get rid of the clutter and CHAOS in their lives. None of this would have ever happened if I had stayed stuck in my own clutter and CHAOS.

Clutter has a way of sucking the

life right out of us. When it consumes our homes, it consumes our brains. We spend our waking moments trying deal with it: piling it up, stuffing it away in closets and putting it in plastic tubs! Why in the world are we trying to organize our clutter. All we can really do is get rid of it. Purge it from our lives so we can live without having to give up on our dreams. These are dreams we have never had.

While the clutter is surrounding us we don't even have time to dream. We spend our every moment being ashamed of the way we live and feeling guilty. It was only after I started to rid myself of my clutter that I could think! But not just think but think clearly and see clearly. The fog was beginning to lift.

It took me nine months of gradually flinging my clutter and establishing one simple habit after another to finally find my voice. I shall I say to hear the voice that was telling me what my life's mission was to be. I will never forget a plea from an anonymous person begging me to start my email group. I didn't even have to think twice. I just did it. My home was not nagging at me telling me

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THE FROZEN CHOSEN

by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely
The holidays are finally over and it's back to the ol' routine. For most of us, that means lots of activities and increased busyness. Do the math and you'll find your equation quickly lacking in time to prepare good healthy meals for the family. So what do you do? Give up and throw yourself in front of a truck at the drive-thru?

What you should do is chill out... literally. Have you taken a stroll down the frozen food aisle lately at the supermarket? There is a bevy of perfectly wonderful, good-for-you foods just waiting to take up residence in your home freezer. Today's frozen foods are a quantum leap over the stuff passed off as "cuisine" a few years back. Using your freezer as a pantry can help you get meals on the table in a jiffy, without icing down the nutrition.

Here's my Frozen Chosen: 10 Quick 'n Easy Foods complete with a simple-yet-tasty recipe or serving suggestion for each.

1. Get The Juice Out! I am particularly fond of orange juice, especially the calcium-fortified kind. For a great after-school snack, freeze a mixture of half orange juice and half vanilla yogurt in a Popsicle mold. Minute Maid has a "country style" brand with calcium that tastes fresh squeezed to me.

2. Wok This Way! Stir fries are a snap when the veggies are ready to go. There are plenty of varieties and brands to choose from. The

Basil Herb Primavera Easy Recipe Creation from Birds Eye caught my eye. Add some chicken and pasta and you have a healthy gourmet meal.

3. Stop Meating Like This! One of my favorite quick meals is a veggie burger. Add a whole-wheat bun, all the fixin's of a regular burger and you won't even miss the meat. I'm partial to the Gardenburger, but I also like Boca Burgers. Morningstar Farms also has an unbeatable line up of frozen unmeats, too. Their breakfast patties make for a great breakfast sandwich. Simply add a scrambled egg and slide the whole thing between a whole-wheat English muffin for a terrific breakfast to go.

4. Don't Chicken Out! You're probably up on the fact that chicken is a good bet nutritionally. Tyson's frozen boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut down the time for cooking. You don't even have to thaw the chicken! Toss your favorite seasoning on the top of a frozen breast and bake. While the chicken is baking, cook up some instant brown rice and throw a salad together and you've got dinner ready to go in less than 30 minutes.

5. A Favorite Pasta Time! The varieties are endless and so are the ideas for making them into a meal. Bake some raviolis with spaghetti sauce for a casserole, cook up some tortellinis (Italia makes a good one) and plop some Italian dressing on them to make a salad.

Need a quick appetizer for a party? Those same tortellini in Italian dressing make a great hors d'oeuvres. Simply skewer them kabob-style on large toothpicks.

6. Something Fishy Here! Gorton's and Van De Camp's both make grilled frozen fish fillets. No deep-fried stuff here—just fish and some spices (two of my faves: lemon pepper and Italian herb). They're easy to use as is, for fish sandwiches or even for a main course salad.

7. Berry, Berry Good! Today's technology has improved the quality of everything, especially frozen fruits. Fruits are picked in their prime and flash frozen preserving their incredibly sweet flavors as well the nutrients. Cascadian Farms offers organically grown fruits. Mix frozen berries with some yogurt and cereal (like Grape Nuts) for a refreshing quick breakfast.

8. Waffle Over Breakfast! Hallelujah and pass the syrup. It's about time frozen waffles were made with whole-wheat flour. Eggo Waffles has two whole-wheat varieties. My choice is the low-fat one: half the fat and all the flavor. Try a smear of peanut butter (if you're not allergic) and sliced bananas on your toasted waffle. Fold over like a taco and you've got another easy, kid-friendly breakfast to go.

9. Veg Out! While the stir-fry option is nifty, plain old frozen veggies are a good choice in their own right. C&W offers tender baby green

beans, petite peas and other tasty selections (even a few organic ones).

10. A Quick Fix! For those days when the best cooking effort you can muster is to operate a microwave, sow some Seeds of Change. As in the top-notch options available in ready to go meals in a bowl. The Moroccan Lentil Rice Pilaf and the Zesty Cilantro Quinoa Blend are both very good.

You may find that not all markets carry the stuff I mentioned above. But I've found the quickest way to get something is to ask for it. Make sure you talk to the frozen food department manager or go right to the top and corner the grocery store manager. Believe me, they appreciate hearing what you want because they want to keep your business. Competition for your grocery dollars is stiff!

Above all, don't sweat your busy schedule. Take a chill pill and put your cares on ice. It's easy when you've chosen the best in frozen foods.

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