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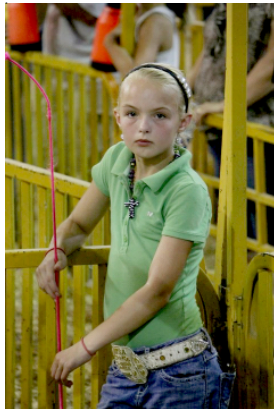
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Thought for the Week: I say luck is when an opportunity comes along, and you're prepared for it. Denzel Washington



CF FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a fundraiser to benefit the GREAT STRIDES WALK for Cystic Fibrosis! Monday April 28th from 5-8pm friends and family of Dalaney Vickrey will be holding a fundraiser at East of Chicago Pizza Co. with all proceeds going to the national CF foundation. GREAT STRIDES is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual fundraising drive, raising money to help support vital cystic fibrosis (CF) research and care programs. The local walk site and fundraising celebration will be held Saturday May 31st at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne.

CF is a life threatening and often fatal genetic disease that affects the respiratory and digestive systems of tens of thousands of children and young adults in the United States. Dalaney is the 13 year old daughter of Warren residents Bret & Carin Vickrey. Please join us for a night out of the kitchen and help our team 'Dalaney's Destiny Makers' make a difference!!

GRAND OPENING

This weekend we will celebrate a Grand Opening for the disc golf course at Tower Park. Sunday April 27th, come out to the park at 3:00 p.m.

The disc golf course is a new addition to Tower Park. It is essentially golf with modified Frisbees. Disc golf is free to play, all you need is a Frisbee or discs. The course uses a part of the park that does not get too much use, and the game encourages physical activity.

If you've never heard about disc golf, or don't know exactly what it is, or simply want to come check out the course, plan to come out this Sunday at 3:00. We will have a short ceremony recognizing all those who made the course possible. Afterwards, the course will be open for play. If you don't have any disc, there will be some available to borrow. Also, the Huntington Disc Golf Club will be on site with discs available for purchase. Discs generally cost anywhere from \$10 - \$18 a piece, but only one disc is needed to play.

20 custom discs will be given away at the grand opening, so if you'd like a custom disc, all you have to do is show up. There will also be a few side games; the winners of the putting competition and closest to pin will also receive a prize. A few other prizes may be available to win or be drawn for.

The course is complete with the exception of the concrete tee pads. The tee pads will be installed sometime in May or June.

All festivities will take place near hole one which is located near the tennis courts. Please park in the large parking lot near Schwob Field and the

Sportsmans Club.

We hope to see you Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 to check out Tower Park Disc Golf Course and for a chance to win a prize.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

The Liberty Center Community Park will sponsor an all you can eat supper by Dan's on Thursday, April 24. The meal will be Dan's would famous fish, tenderloin and chicken. The Park Committee will finish out the meal with green beans, applesauce, bread, drinks and cookies for dessert.

The supper will be held at the Liberty Center United Methodist Fellowship Hall starting at 4:00 and going to 7:00 pm, The tickets will be adults \$9.00, children 6 to 12 \$5.00 and 5 and under free. You may eat in the fellowship hall or take-outs will be available.

Proceeds will go to the park for maintenance, insurance, mowing, repairs and improvements. Please come support the park.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Knight Bergman Center will be holding it's annual meeting June 16th at 6:30 in the KBC office at the center.

We are accepting letters from those that are interested in filling existing vacancies on the board. Those interested must send a letter of interest to the this address. Knight Bergman Center, Box 574, Warren In 46792.

Letters must be received by May 16th.

Election of officers will be held at the annual meeting.

The public is invited to attend the annual meeting.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The alumni banquet of Warren High School will be held at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on May 10. All former students, teachers, and friends of the Warren School are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The classes of 1954 and 1964 will be recognized as honored classes. All graduates 1944 and before will also be recognized.

Social hour begins at 5:30 followed by dinner and program at 6:30. The Salamonie Valley Museum will be open during the afternoon and evening.

You may make your reservations by contacting Jim Howell at 375-3048 or email howellj@citznet.com for reservations.

MONDAY LEAGUE

At Dogwood Glen GC. If interested in playing in a golf league (handicap system) please call Larry Langdon at 375-3049 or sign up at the course. This would be for ALL golfers, men, women, young, senior, HP employees and anyone.

League membership \$20.00. Regular green fees apply for play.

Tea times flexible. Preferred start 10 a.m. on Monday. All use green tee boxes.

Start play on Monday, June 2 for 13 weeks. Sign up by May 24th.

CLEAN-UP DAYS

Town of Warren Clean-up Days are scheduled for the first full week of May, May 5-10. Items may be delivered to dumpsters located at the Utility Garage, 316 W. Second Street. Items not

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Recently the Boy Scouts participated in another service project. This one is called Scouting for Food. We collected items for the Bread of Life food pantry here in Warren. We passed our sacks out during the Sigma Phi Gamma luncheon at the beginning of April. We collected those full sacks one week later. We had about 20 participants that donated this year. We raised 600 lbs of food to donate.

The boys did a wonderful job this year!! Pictured from left to right are: Craig Ingram, Gary Ingram, Clayton Shively, and Anthony Bryant. Not pictured but also participated: Darren Jackson, Matthew Shelton, Tristan Westlund and Kaleb Maul.



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THE UPTOWN GARDENER
 by Ruth Herring

Now that Easter has passed perhaps we can think about spring or will we bypass it and go straight to summer as it has happened in past years.

It is great to see the farmers finally getting into their fields and I wish them all a great growing and harvest season.

My spring bulbs are very slow at coming to life and I am sure part of the problem is all the snow that was piled up in the flower beds late. Some are not even showing signs of budding. I couldn't believe several weeks ago I received an order of perennials and still had few inches of snow on the ground, but I managed to keep them alive and finally got them in the ground this past week and still watching them close with the chilly night temperatures.

Our Easter celebration was the week before on Palm Sunday due to work schedules and had a nice time with the kids. Easter Sunday I spent alone but sure enjoyed the beautiful day spending much of it outside.

Easter at home was usually not a big celebration always church, Sunday school and home to the usual fried chicken dinner with extra nice dessert. My one and only Easter basket was a tiny maybe 2-3 inches square and had 1 colored egg and a tiny metal green with car and couple jelly bean eggs. I cherished that basket as if it were the size of a bushel basket and loaded with all kinds of goodies. I still can very vividly remember waking up and finding it beside my bed and being told by my dad "now see I really did not shoot the Easter Bunny last rabbit hunting season" and of course being very young I believed anything he told me.

My wish is each of you had a joyous holiday time.

Soon the gardens will be producing nice fresh greens for salads, I have mine in a planter box and is growing nicely and patiently waiting so I can indulge in peanut butter sandwiches one of my favorite summer things.

Here is a nice salad dressing that is good and refreshing and keeps well.

1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon celery seed, 1/3 cup vinegar, 1 teaspoon mustard, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1 tablespoon dried onion, 1 cup oil. Mix all except the oil in blender and blend for about 1-2 minutes reduce speed of blender and slowly pour in oil and continue to blend till well mixed. Store in refrigerator.

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 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ... 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Brad Kelly, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.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.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Denise Heiningor, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Pastor - Heath Jones
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
 Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/224-3376

Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship Service

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

1st Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship 11:00 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 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.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings ... 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Chad Yoder
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 www.mountetnachurch.com
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m.
 Youth (Wed) 6:30 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 6:30 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Wass, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Prayer Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Not Home Alone - Wed 2:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ... 10:00 a.m.
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 p.m.
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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)

K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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accepted are tires, treated lumber, construction material, Freon, electronics such as computers, and anything not generally accepted in the Landfill. More information will be included in the May 1 utility bill. This service is for Town of Warren residents only.

SHEEP MEETING

The Huntington County Sheep Producers will meet on Thursday April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Huntington Co. Courthouse Annex Building (first floor) to discuss items related to the 4-H sheep project. Agenda items include the May 3 Sheep ID Day, 2014 4-H Fair Sheep Show and fundraising opportunities. All 4-H sheep members and interested producers are asked to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

SPRING CONCERT

The Mississinewa Valley Band will present their annual "Springtime at the Phillippe" show on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Phillippe Auditorium on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion.

The show will feature the top trumpet players from our local high schools: Marion, Mississinewa, Eastbrook, Blackford, Southwood, Oak Hill.

Also featured on the show will be a professional trumpet trio of local talent: Nick Manwell, Matt Walter and John Clark. A special selection is "Hallelujah Bye and Bye" written as a tribute in Honor and Memory of long time local trumpet specialist Max Tillman. This concert piece is commissioned by the Mississinewa Valley Band and composed by Les Taylor from Anderson. The concert band program will include: Strike Up the Band, A Tribute to Marvin Hamlish, The Barber of Seville overture, Triad, On a Clear Day, Hallelujah Bye & Bye, and The Three Trumpeters. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band will present their usual array of special selections in the form of the big band era of the Glenn Miller.

Our special guests trumpeters from the high schools are:

Blackford: Jenna Coleman, Autumn Miller, Sabrina Peters, Tricia Withers;

Eastbrook: Karleigh Lent, Braden Ouhs, Kyle Slusher, Brian Zimbrun;

Marion: Seven Ragle, Ruben Murilla;

Mississinewa: Jordan Croucher, Charles Huston, Sarah Kirkwood, Mikela Richardson, Spencer Shephard;

Oak Hill: Bradley Belcher, Nick Smith, Katie Sullivan; Southwood: Kolten Kersey, Riordon Watson, Grace Whitham.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be

served after the concert.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Time is approaching for choosing this year Samuel Jones elect that is awarded during the Salomonie Summer festival.

We are taking nominations for this year election of a special person who has given freely of time talents to the betterment of our community. If you care to nominate that special person please send a written nomination listing achievements and reason for the nomination of the person.

The committee of past pioneers elects select the new person on achievements they have given freely to the betterment of the Warren area.

Those wishing to nominate an individual, send your letter of recommendation to Ruth Herring 801 Huntington Ave Warren 46792 or drop it off at the clerks office at Town Hall before May 15.

RECERTIFICATION CLASS

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Wells County will be offering a Retail Food Recertification class on May 15, 2014. This is for food handlers who already have a Retail Food Certificate and simply need recertification before their current certificate expires.

The four-hour class will take

place 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., with check-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. The exam will be administered at 1:00 p.m. A photo ID with signature is required to take the exam. The cost of the class with exam is \$60.00. "Exam Only" testing option is not available for this course date. Pre-registration is recommended in order to assure availability and avoid a \$10.00 walk-in fee. The RSVP deadline is May 8, 2014.

To register call 1-800-678-1957, or go to <http://indianarestaurants.org/ViewTraining.asp?ID=297&Type=Training>

For more information call Molly Hoag, Wells County Extension Educator, 260-824-6412. The class will be at the Wells County Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Instructors: Molly Hoag, HHS Extension Educator, Wells County Extension Office, Jessica Bergdall, Environmental Health Specialist, Wells County Health Department, Nancy Manuel, HHS Extension Educator, Adams County Extension Office.

MINISTRY DEGREES AT HU

Huntington University will launch three new graduate Christian ministry degrees this fall to continue its mission to "impact the world for Christ."

The two-year, master's level degree programs will concentrate in the areas of global ini-

tiatives, global youth ministry and pastoral leadership.

"These programs will challenge students with sound biblical and theological principles to effectively lead ministries to fulfill the mission of the church," said Dr. Karen Jones, professor of ministry and missions. "We are excited to expand our graduate ministry options."

Unlike any program before at HU, these degrees will be offered in seven-week blocks through onsite, online live and online recorded classroom training. Undergraduate students at HU also may earn graduate credit through the programs while completing their degrees.

"We have a unique opportunity to reach students with this instructional model," Jones said, explaining that every class will be broadcasted live as well as posted online for a later viewing. "Students will have the option to learn in an environment that best suits their needs."

Each program offers distinctives to effectively prepare students for careers in the

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Community Calendar

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

Apr 16 7:00pm Van Buren Town Council
Apr 21 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting at Knight Bergman Center
May 7 Noon Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Assembly Hall
May 7 7:00 pm Van Buren Town Council
May 125:30pm Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
May 196::30pm KBC Board Meeting at Knight Bergman Center
May 217:00pm Van Buren Town Council

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC; **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus


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(Huggy Bear Tenderloins)

Saturday April 26
4-7 PM.

\$8 for adults,
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ministry field.

The global initiatives program provides students with the foundational principles and skills needed for effective cross-cultural ministry leadership in the church.

The global youth ministry program takes another step in its cross-cultural training to specifically prepare students for leadership in the area of youth ministry. Students will gain the skills needed for effective youth ministry leadership within traditional settings, as well as internationally and with specialized populations within the United States.

The pastoral leadership program provides Christian ministers and those preparing for a pastoral ministry vocation with the foundational principles and skills needed for effective leadership in the church. The program builds on a Christian ministry core with classes to train existing and future pastors in pastoral counseling, hermeneutics, homiletics, mission, worship and Christian education.

Huntington University is taking a step forward in its graduate program offerings. The addition of these graduate Christian ministry programs and the launch of a doctoral program in occupational therapy this fall will increase the opportunities available for students. Huntington also offers master's degree programs in counseling, youth ministry leadership and education.

To learn more about Huntington's graduate programs, visit www.huntington.edu/graduate. To learn more about the graduate Christian ministry programs, visit www.huntington.edu/graduate-ministry.

DEADLINE APPROACHING

Youth in first and second grades are invited to join in the fun of Mini 4-H and exhibit a project at the Wells County 4-H Fair, July 19-24. Mini 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in one of

the various projects of their choice. The projects include: Collections, Crafts, Dinosaurs, Farm Animals, Foods, Horse & Pony, Models, My Pet and Me, Plants and Flowers, Sewing, Whales & Dolphins, and Rabbit.

Participants complete the project during the summer and bring it to the Wells County 4-H Fair, July 19-24. Mini 4-H members are also invited to the annual Mini 4-H Round Up which will be held June 26th at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Information about Mini 4-H has been distributed to all Wells County first and second grade students in the public schools.

Parents of home schooled youth or children who missed getting a form at school may contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 260-824-6412. The office is located in the Wells County 4-H Park in Bluffton. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, or you may use the drop off box.

The enrollment form is also online at www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

Final sign up for Mini 4-H is May 1st.

4-H ROBOTICS

Wells County 4-H will be hosting an informational meeting about the new 4-H Robotics Club that is being planned. The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 30, 7 PM, at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Parents and youth in grades 3-12 are invited to attend.

The Huntington County 4-H Robotics Club Leader and members will demonstrate and explain some of their activities.

Wells County 4-H Robotics Club Leaders Jason Bricker, Brandon Gephart and Darren Gregory will share information about the Wells County 4-H Robotics Club.

Details will also be announced about the Robotics Camp that is being planned for Wells County

youth this summer.

Roger Sherer, Extension Educator, will share information about the three day Robotics Science Workshop at Purdue, June 11-13 and also the State Fair 4-H Robotics Challenge that will be held in August.

Any youth or parent interested in the program and not able to attend the meeting is encouraged to call the Purdue Extension Office, 260-824-6412.

VB COUNCIL

The Van Buren Town Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, April 16. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall.

President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police Report. He gave quotes for Taser guns. The matter was discussed but no decision made.

Rob Reeder was reported to be in Lafayette attending mosquito spraying school.

Due to a change in dates, the May meetings will be held May 14 and May 21.

TENDERLOIN SUPPER

The Popcorn Festival Committee will be hosting a Tenderloin Supper on Saturday, April 26. The event will be held at the Van Buren Lions Club from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Proceeds will go to the 2014 Popcorn Festival.

CLEAN UP DAYS

The Van Buren Spring Clean-up days are scheduled for May 2, 3 and 4.

Dumpsters will be placed behind Town Hall.

Articles not accepted in the dumpsters are: plastics, tires, appliances and electronics.

BASEMENT NOTES

Your Bargain Basement will reopen April 25th all set for Spring and Summer shopping.

The turn-over went great. Thanks so much to Doug Boyd, Jeannie Boyd, Donna Horn, Sherry Roop, Ellen Moon and Sue Yohe.

There are certain areas that are very popular in the Bargain Basement. We always need more kids clothes, men's jeans, plus size ladies clothes and shoes.

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COUNCIL REPORT

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 21, at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Barb Trospier, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Tracey Brown; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spittler, Lee Poulson. Others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Ordinance 2014-1, an ordinance to Amend the Subdivision of Land within the Planning Jurisdictional Area of the Town, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Following discussion, Brown moved, seconded by

Trospier, to adopt the Ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously. Ordinance 2014-2, an Ordinance to Amend the Jurisdictional Planning area of the Town, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Brown moved, seconded by Trospier, to adopt the ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously. Both ordinances had been introduced and discussed with Mark Mussman, Director of the Huntington County Department of Community Development.

Trospier moved, seconded by Stivers to approve the renewal of the Maintenance Agreement with Keystone Consulting. The Agreement covers all aspects of municipal software. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

President Glessner read a letter from the Board of Directors of the Warren Sportsman Club in which details for upgrades to the building were outlined. Following discussion Trospier moved, Brown seconded, that \$500 be donated from CREDIT Funds. The motion was approved unanimously.

Town Clean-Up week was set for May 5 through May 10 following procedures as used previously. A Tox-A-Way Day will be scheduled for later in the summer.

Chamber of Commerce report was given by Stivers.

Morrison reported that data is still being forwarded to the Financial Consultant for the updating of the Sustainability Study and updating of the Town's Ten Year Comprehensive Financial Plan. Brown moved, seconded

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GENEALOGY REPORT

FRANTZ

Joyce E. Frantz 70 of Liberty Center passed away 11:51 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2014 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Joyce was born on April 26, 1943 in Wells County to Charley & Esther (Yager) Meyer. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1961 and operated a day care out of her home for over 36 years, retiring in 2006.

On February 16, 1963 in Wells County Joyce and Daniel W. Frantz were married. He precedes her in death on February 16, 2007.

Joyce was an active member of the St. John United Church of Christ – now St. John's Family Worship Center at Vera Cruz where she served as the church organist, director of the choir and Sunday School Teacher since 1960. She enjoyed volunteering at Southern Wells School for the last 2 years as a teachers aide.

Joyce is survived by a son Scott D. (wife Seta) Frantz of Fishers, Indiana, Steve W. (wife Crystal) Frantz of Franklin, TN, Lisa A. Frantz of Liberty Center, IN and Diane K. (husband Todd) Rockwell of Liberty Center, IN, along with 9 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by three sisters; Ruth Dentel, Pauline Moser and Dorothy Richmond, along with a brother Roy C. Meyer.

A service to celebrate Joyce's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday (April 25, 2014) at St. John's Family Worship Center in Vera Cruz. Pastors Don Rentschler, Jim Mortimore & Rick Polling officiating. Friends can visit with her

family on Thursday from 2 to 8 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials can be made in Joyce's memory to the Crippled Children's Society through the funeral home.

JAMISON

James Leonard Jamison, 82, of Warren, IN, passed away at 10:37 AM on Friday, April 18, 2014 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.



He was born on Wednesday, September 09, 1931, in Wells County, IN, the son of the late Revi W. and Mary M. (Gaiser) Jamison. He married Helen R. Jamison on Friday, February 15, 1957 in Huntington County, IN. Helen passed away January 22, 2012.

James retired from General Motors in Marion, IN. He was an active member of the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, Warren, IN. He was also active in the Warren Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. James will be missed by his many friends and family.

Survivors include: Son - Gary (Rochelle) Jamison, Bluffton, IN, Son - Jimmy A. Jamison, Bluffton, IN, Daughter - Diane (Rick) Reynolds, Warren, IN, Son - Michael D. (Amy) Jamison, Phoenix, AZ, Son - Barry W. Jamison, Warren, IN, Grandchildren - 15, Great Grandchildren - 7, Great Great Grandchild - 1.

He was preceded in death by his: Father - Revi W. Jamison, Mother - Mary M. (Gaiser) Jamison, Wife - Helen R. (Flenor) Jamison, Sister - Ruby Martz, Brother - Francis Jamison, Brother - Dee A. Jamison.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N. Matilda St. Warren on Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A service to celebrate James life will be at

Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene 406 E. 1st. Warren at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 25, 2014 with Pastor Mark Davis officiating. Calling will also take place from 10:00AM to 11:00AM prior to the service.

Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren. Preferred memorials: In lieu of flowers Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene (In memory of James & Helen Jamison) 406 E. 1st Street Warren, IN 46792.

WEST

Louise D. West, 75, of Bluffton, passed away Sunday, April 20, 2014, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

She was born June 28, 1938, in Wells County to Andrew and Mildred Davidson Bertsch-Graft. She married Donald L. West Feb. 16, 1991, in Tocsin; he survives in Bluffton.

She was a lifelong resident of Wells County and a member of the Bluffton Church of God. She attended Lancaster High School and retired from Kitco in Bluffton in 2002 after 34 years of service. She loved to sing in the church choir. She also loved to work in her flowers and garden.

Grandma Weez loved spending time with her grandchildren and was always present at their activities.

She is survived by her children, Anita (Brian) Penrod of Ossian, Christian "Chris" (Jennifer) Earhart of Bluffton, Charles (Deb) Earhart of Decatur, Angie West-Waldron of Huntington, Tammy King of Bluffton, Stacey West of Warren, and Kelly (David Jr.) Gardner of Bluffton; three sisters, Irene Brown of Zanesville, Roberta Kunkel of Tocsin, and Helen (Max) Myers of Decatur; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Bluffton Church of God with Rev. Don Marlow and Jeff Lemler officiating. Calling hours are 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be at Prairie View Cemetery in Tocsin.

Memorials may be made to the Bluffton Church of God through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements by Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

HUFFMAN

Rylee Sue Huffman was stillborn on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

She is survived by her mother, Heather Huffman, of Huntington.

There are no calling hours or services.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BURNWORTH

Donald L. Burnworth, 69, of Andrews, IN, died Friday, April 18, 2014, at 8:37 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burnworth was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He worked in production at Majestic, of Huntington, for several years and worked as a jailer at the Huntington County Sheriff's Department for 10 years.

He was born Jan. 7, 1945, in Huntington to Maurice and Vivian Yahney Burnworth.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry (David) Carrell, of Rochester, and Tracy (Dan Junker) Burnworth, of Huntington; three brothers, Thomas Jay Burnworth, of Warren; Terry L. Burnworth, of Eastview, KY; and Gary L. Burnworth, of Hamilton, AL; and three grandchildren, Jessica Kantzer and Marissa Kantzer, both of Rochester, and Andrea Henson, of Huntington.

Calling is Wednesday, April 23, 2014, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W.

Park Drive, Huntington. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689 will conduct military rites at noon at the mortuary.

Memorial gifts may be made to Huntington Area Transportation (HAT) in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

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by Trosper, to approve the motion. The on-line bill paying module should be in place for use in May allowing for utility customers to make payments. The announced startup will be June 1st pending any further delays.

Poulson submitted a quote from Utility Equipment Service, Inc in the amount of \$85,000, less at least \$9,000 trade in, for a used 2008 Auger (Digger) Truck for the Electric Utility. The truck would replace the 1983 Truck currently in use. Following discussion, Brown moved, seconded by Trosper to approve purchase of the Truck with the price not to exceed \$76,000. The motion was approved unanimously. Poulson will continue to price used Dump Trucks as the truck under consideration is no longer available. Poulson submitted quotes as follows for replacement of the Utility Garage Fencing: Arrow Fencing at \$4,800 and R&C Fencing at \$6,280. Glessner moved, Trosper seconded, to accept the Arrow Fencing quote. The motion was approved unanimously. Reviewed and updated was a previously submitted schedule for replacement of Well #2 in Tower Park, a well which is no longer functioning up to par. Phase I has been completed. To meet IDEM approval, the project must be completed in one year from submission of documents. Approximate cost of installing a well is \$80,000 plus.

Poulson submitted the monthly Fire Department Report.

Spitler submitted the monthly Police Department Report.

The rehiring of Skye Bowers

and Kourtney Brubaker as summer employees was approved by consensus. As both Bowers and Brubaker will only be available part time this summer and will not be returning next summer, Poulson recommended that Austin Rosen be hired full time for training purposes and for full time availability. Brown moved, Trosper seconded the recommendation with Brown, Trosper, and Stivers voting for the motion and Glessner abstaining due to the relationship with the Rosen Family. The motion was approved.

Discussion was held on misuse of Tower Park, specifically for unscheduled tournaments. Morrison and Trosper will submit a proposed contract, payment schedule, and/or other documents for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be May 12 with a Public Hearing scheduled for the proposed vacation of an unapproved portion of Hendricks Street.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter held their April business meeting Tuesday April 1st at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

President; Carol Irick, called the meeting to order. Recording Secretary; Claudia Boxell, gave the minutes from the last meeting and Treasurer; Rosemary Zeller gave her report. Vice President; Tara Korporeal reported she is working on getting the Bylaws retyped. Also reported that we will be doing Memorial Service in May. The members decided not to have a social this month. Correspondence was read from Betty Sprunger, Cindy Stath, Betty Pettit, Cheryl Anthony and Renee Chenault.

Our delegate for International Convention in Indianapolis IN in June will be Rosemary Zeller.

Our new slate of Officers for next year beginning in September will be; President, Tara Korporeal, Vice President, Claudia Boxell, Recording Secretary, Susan Ralston, Treasurer, Kathy Ralston, Organizer, Suzette Gephart, Service Secretary, Beth Ostermeyer, Editor, Lorie Fiock, Historian, Sandy Eichhorn and Social and Corresponding Secretary, Jenny Plummer.

Those attending the business meeting were, Susan Ralston, Suzette Gebhart, Sharon Gephart, Betty Yoder, Sandy Booher, Sondra Zabel, Opal Brubaker, Lorie Fiock, Kathy Ralston, Jenny Plummer, Carol Irick, Tara Korporeal, Claudia Boxell and Rosemary Zeller. Our next business meeting will be May 6th at 7:30 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

HP BOWLING

The Wednesday morning Mixed League scores are as follows: High Scores - Game 2 & 3 Ralph Taylor -175 -177, Game 1 & 4 - Clara Mossburg - 181 & 207. High Series was Clara Mossburg at 662.

The Thursday morning Men's League Scores were Games 1 & 3 - Tied by Ralph "Curly" Taylor and Floyd "Sawdust" Minnich with scores of 180 & 168. Clarence Myers won game 2 with 187 pins, and Ralph Taylor won game 4 with a 195 score.

POOL TOURNEY

On Monday April 14th the Residential Activities Department at Heritage Pointe hosted the annual pool tournament. Twenty men and six women put their skills to the tests. The morning began with rolls and coffee provided by the Heritage Pointe dietary department. The brackets were set, the coin tossed and the competition began. The winner of each bracket had to win two

out of three games to advance. The group also enjoyed lunch together provided by dietary. The final and actual Championship round was Tuesday.

The residents playing in the final round were Bud Lee and Norman Hiser for the men, and Shirley Mounsey and Coleen Midwood represented the ladies. The winners were 1st Norman Hiser and 2nd Bud Lee for the men and 1st Coleen Midwood and 2nd Shirley Mounsey for the women.

Other participants included: Women's Division - Ruby Childs, Phyllis Hubartt, Virginia Langdon, and Clara Mossburg. Men's division - Carl Hubartt, Herb Grover, Dick Hinton, Phil Kaylor, Richard Bonham, Dick Lintner, Floyd Blake, Jim Slaughter George Oden, Melvin Dooley, Gordon Smith, Larry Langdon, Elwood Karchner, Kay Mounsey, Clarence Myers, Ralph Taylor, Floyd Minnich, and Bob Beavans.

A great day was had by everyone. Special thanks to Alex Stanley and Dick Hinton for taking pictures, resident referees and Jim Jones for acting as officials and all the spectators who helped make these and exiting two days.

The pool players will begin their Travel Tournament May 5th starting at North Manchester. Heritage Pointe in Warren hosts the Championship on May 11th. The public is welcome. Watch for results.

RAPTOR EXPO

Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab will host the 2nd Annual Raptor Expo from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 26 at Franke Park Pavilion No. 1 adjacent to the Fort

Wayne Children's Zoo. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

The event will feature live presentations of birds of prey, including Jefferson the Bald Eagle; Apollo the Great Horned Owl; Ruby the Red-Tailed Hawk; Mr. Peabody and Sherman, a Barred Owl and Short-Eared Owl; Peanut the Screech Owl; and other raptors. The presentations are tentatively scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"This will be a great chance to see up close birds that play critical roles in northeast Indiana's ecosystem," said Soarin' Hawk Board Member Barb Hathaway. "Beyond gracing our skies and fields with their majestic beauty, these birds are at the top of the food chain and are our environmental barometers. When raptors are not doing well, it is an indication that something is amiss in the environment."

Among the other expo highlights:

- * A presentation at 4:30 p.m. by award-winning 14-year-old Indiana conservationist Alexandra Forsythe of Bippus.
- * A contest to name a screech owl.
- * A hands-on exhibit of raptors' wings.
- * A pellet dissection lab that will allow visitors to see what birds of prey eat.
- * Projects for children.
- * A silent auction of raptor-themed photographs and artwork.
- * A chance to "adopt" raptors via donations.
- * A book signing by Soarin' Hawk

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SEASONAL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS THAT SAVE TIME AND MONEY

(StatePoint) If you're not careful, basic and seasonal home maintenance can cost you a pretty penny and a lot of time. Take steps to simplify these tasks.

Clean and Organize

Even if you use a professional cleaning service, you'll still need some in-between maintenance:

- Divide clutter into three groups: junk, charity and undecided. Toss the first, give away the second and store the third until you decide whether it's worth keeping.

- To reduce dirt, use only one entry door into your home and use doormats inside and outside.

- Clean the house and each room from the top down. Dust first, vacuum last. Scrub, wipe and polish in straight lines instead of circles. Squeegee windows and mirrors with an initial horizontal stroke across the top, then vertical strokes, wiping the blade after each stroke.

- Store basic cleaning supplies in an apron or bucket and carry them with you from task to task.
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- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for unit maintenance.

- If your air conditioning system breaks down, a home warranty can help protect you from unexpected repair costs. It covers the repair or replacement of many of the most common home system component breakdowns regardless of age, and can be purchased any time, not just when a home is bought or sold. Last summer, American Home Shield responded to nearly 700,000 requests for air conditioning repairs during record-breaking heat waves. To learn more about home warranties, visit www.YouTube.com/TheAHSTeam.

Fight Pests

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THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN ESTATE PLANNING

(StatePoint) You may worry about what will happen to your house and property when you're no longer willing or able to care for it -- particularly if you own property that has special meaning to you, such as a family home or woodlands. With so many options on the table, it's important to research the facts, make important decisions and get paperwork started.

When it comes to estate planning, here are some things to consider:

Your Legacy

Ask yourself, "is my property an asset or an heirloom?" If it's not important for you to keep your land in the family, you must determine whether you want to sell it or give it away to charity. Both options have important financial and tax benefits and drawbacks. Ask an estate planner or tax advisor about them.

Find an Estate Planner

Start by asking people you trust for recommendations. Once you have a list of names, conduct informal interviews. Ask questions that can help ensure that a planner's interests and skills fit your needs before you commit to working together.

"Look for someone with significant experience particularly with land assets and families, who has up-to-date knowledge of the field and relevant laws, and possesses expertise in woodland or has a forestry background," says Caroline Kuebler, Outreach Manager of the American Tree Farm System, a network of 82,000 family forest owners sustainably managing 24 million acres of woodlands.

Your Family

Your plan for your property's future won't work if your family can't or isn't willing to put it into action. Kuebler, an expert on family forest outreach, recommends getting them involved if you plan to pass your land on to them.

"If your family lacks a connection to your land, it can lead to conflict when planning for the future," says Kuebler. "Talk to your family about your experiences on your land. Go on a hike. The more you camp, fish, hunt, work and play on the property together, the more they'll appreciate and value it."

Take advantage of free online tools that can help your family manage your land and plan for

its future. For example, My Land Plan's mapping tool can be used to mark out features on your land, including areas that are special to you and your family. The site also features a journal, which can be used to capture family memories, upload photos, record wildlife sightings and more.

In the property history section, you can document how you first acquired your land. Such tools can be a great way to introduce the next generation to your land and what makes it so important to you.

The non-profit website My Land Plan also contains a wealth of information on options for your land, such as conservation agreements and trusts. To learn more or sign up for a free account, visit www.MyLandPlan.org.

Estate planning is complex. So don't assume that it can wait. Your family can only carry out your wishes if you've thought them through and shared them.

THIS NATIONAL PET MONTH: TIPS FOR CUTTING COSTS ON PET CARE

(StatePoint) Regardless of whether you're a dog, cat, bird or other pet lover, most people can agree that pets are part of the family. Caring for your pet doesn't have to cost a fortune with a few helpful tips.

In honor of National Pet Month this May, the experts at Dollar General are offering some helpful advice for saving on pet care.

Homemade Toys

Consider making homemade toys for your pet. There's nothing more satisfying than watching your pet bat around a catnip mouse or chase after a crinkle toy that you made with love. Look for pet-friendly craft ideas online.

Feeding Time

First, choose a pet food that balances your budget with your pet's dietary needs. Consider the new EverPet food, treats and toys, which are available exclusively at Dollar General, to help nourish and spoil your pet without costing you a fortune.

Another way you can save money on pet food is to avoid overfeeding by following label instructions for the recommended amount of food you should give your pet. These are generally based on weight and activity level. With a proper and

balanced diet, you can help keep your pet healthier and happier and spend less in the process.

Quality Time

One of the best ways to show your pet love is by spending some quality time together. Beyond giving your pet a healthy dose of exercise and fresh air, the best part of an extra-long walk or a game of catch is that it's entirely free!

Smart Shopping

Pet care can be expensive, so be careful where you shop for your pet's medical needs. From heartworm medication to flea and tick treatments to hypoallergenic shampoos, a discount retailer like Dollar General can help you save on these necessary items.

All your pet needs are available at more than 11,000 Dollar General locations, and for more frugal pet care advice, visit www.DollarGeneral.com/Pet.

If your budget for pet care is limited, learn more about how you can take better care of your pet for less this National Pet Month.

WAYS TO SAVE ON SPRING TRAVEL COSTS

Families eager to enjoy some fun in the sun are turning their attention to spring getaways. According to a recent Bank of America survey, nearly half of Americans say the most difficult part of planning a trip is sticking to a budget.

But don't go over budget or put your dream vacation on the back burner without exploring alternative methods for funding your journey, says travel expert and Travel Channel host, Samantha Brown.

"When you start researching vacation destinations, it's important to keep in mind that a credit card with a good rewards program can help offset travel costs," says Brown.

For example, the BankAmericard Travel Rewards credit card offers 1.5 points for every dollar spent that can be used to pay for flights, hotels, vacation packages, cruises, rental cars, baggage fees, theme park tickets and travel upgrades.

According to the same survey, 77 percent of American families will use credit cards for vacation planning and shopping this spring. If you're among them, let your spending help you offset your costs.