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Thought for the Week: *Time spent laughing is time spent with the Gods.* Japanese Proverb



THE MOUSETRAP CONTINUES AT THE PULSE

"The Mousetrap," one of Agatha Christie's most beloved mysteries, continues its run at the Pulse Opera House. Opening weekend audiences had a lot of fun trying to guess who the murder was and why the victim was murdered. Shouts of "yes!" were heard on Saturday night when the murderer was revealed. Don't ask anyone who was there, though, because everyone was sworn to secrecy.

The show runs May 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Doors open at 7:30 and the show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations may be made by calling (260) 375-7017.

PHOTO: (L-R) Matt Stephenson as Detective Sergeant Trotter interviews David Scribner as Major Metcalf.

AUDITIONS FOR WILD OATS ON MAY 22

Auditions for the zany comedy, Wild Oats, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 22 at the Pulse Opera House in Warren. The "romance of the Old West" play will be performed melodrama-style in the historic theatre. Roles are available for men, women and children of all ages. Rehearsals are Monday - Friday evenings from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. beginning June 5. The play will be performed on July 14-29. Those auditioning should come prepared to read.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR PULSE DAY CAMP

The Pulse Opera House Day Camp is scheduled for the week of June 12-16. Classes for K-12 grades are available in stage combat, improvisation, intro to the-

atre, creative dramatics, stage lighting & sound and scene painting. Morning or afternoon sessions only are \$50 (for the entire week). All day sessions are \$75 (for the entire week-including lunch). There are price breaks for families with more than one child attending. For more information, check the Pulse website at www.pulseoperahouse.org or call (260) 375-7017.

SWIM CLASSES

Warren Recreation has plenty of spaces still available for swim lessons at Salamonie Pool. You can see the schedule at www.geocities.com/warrenrecreation/ or contact Stacia Perry at 765/348-7807, Shanna Fortney at 375-6359 or Brent Furnish at 375-2388 for more information.

HELPFUL SUMMER RESOURCES

When planning your summer activities, don't forget about the resources available at the Warren Library. In the parent shelf in the children's area there are books on family vacations and family travel, "365 Outdoor Activities You Can Do With Your Child; family crafting and "Party Paloozas" and much more.

Want to help your child stay sharp in reading and math? The Library has books of reading and math games, read-aloud classics, flash cards and other educational game sets (that can be checked out), reading and math textbooks and tutoring-type materials.

And don't forget to sign your child up for Summer Reading. The Kick-off is Tuesday, May 23 at 4:30 with Dinger. Children can pick up their materials that day. By reading 30 minutes each day, children can receive prizes and improve their reading skills. A wonderful magic show is also planned for the reading finale.

RECITAL PLANNED

The piano students of Eileen Dye will hold a piano recital on Sunday evening, May 21, at 7:00 PM at the United Methodist Memorial Home Chapel. Everyone is invited to come enjoy music of all kinds: classical, folk, pop and sacred. There will be a special tribute to "The Sound of Music" musical on their 40th anniversary from some of the students. See you there.

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

To help make children of families in Huntington County safer

To help improve the safety of young children left in the care of adolescents, the Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Babysitters Training on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 9am to 3pm at the Courthouse Annex 354 N Jefferson St Room 204.. The

cost of the class is \$30.00. This course instructs youth on how to care for infant through school age children by teaching them how to prevent injuries and what to do if an emergency arises.

The American Red Cross Babysitters Training is designed for youth age 11-15. It provides adolescents with a range of injury prevention, first aid, and basic childcare skills. Participants work on projects such as identifying safety problems around the house and yard, and selecting appropriate toys and games for children of various ages. Babysitters Training also builds decision-making and leadership skills and addresses the business of babysitting and how to seek babysitting jobs in a professional manner.

The Red Cross is offering Babysitters Training not only to equip youth with the knowledge of how to keep children and themselves safe but also to give parents the peace of mind they need when leaving their children at home with a sitter.

Payment of \$30 per student is required at the time of registration. All registrations are needed at the Red Cross office, 354 N. Jefferson St., Suite 203, Huntington by May 17th, 2006.

ROYALTY SIGN-UP

Sign-ups are going on now for Salamonie Summer Festival Queen, Jr. Miss, & Princess Contest. If you are a girl between the ages of 5 and 19, single and never been married, and live in the following townships: Salamonie, Jefferson, Rock Creek (Hgt'n Co), Jackson and Liberty (Wells Co), you are eligible to be a contestant in the 2004 Salamonie Summer Festival Queen(13-19), Jr. Miss(9-12), and Princess(5-8) Contest.

You will need a sponsor (an individual, organization, or business) which is responsible for paying the entry fee. The entry fee is \$25.00 for Queen and \$20.00 for Jr. Miss and Princess Con-

testants. Please make checks payable to Salamonie Summer Festival. The entry blanks and fee MUST be postmarked and submitted to Kelly Gray no later than Monday June 12th. NO EXCEPTIONS!! We need this time to get programs and everything else together with the girls names on it for the contest.

Once we get your entry fee we will be sending out a letter that explains everything about the contest and the informal meeting before the contest. The informal meeting will be Sat. June 24th at 4:00pm at the Church of Christ. The Contest will be Sunday June 25th at 3:00pm at the Warren Church of Christ. Hopefully having the contest on a Sunday afternoon will not interfere with T-ball, coach's pitch and softball games. Interviews will be taking place that day and the winners will be announced that night!!

Entry forms are available at various businesses in town.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT

We are excited to invite you to be involved in the upcoming Alzheimer Support Group meeting. The featured speaker will be joining us from Family Hospice of Berne, IN. We will hear information on the progression of Dementia, criteria for admission to the Hospice program and how Hospice and the nursing facility work together to provide comfort care to your loved one.

We hope you are able to join us for this time of information and sharing. For further information or to RSVP, please contact the Social Service department at (260) 375-2201 Ex. 216 or 243.

Tuesday, May 23 rd 7:00P.M. in the 1A Activity Room of the United Methodist Memorial Home

SWING & SWAY

Don't forget to Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye Orchestra, directed by Roger Thorpe, at the United Methodist Memorial Home, Applegate Chapel at 2 p.m. May 21st.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

UPTOWN GARDNER

As the saying goes "when it rains it pours" and I think it is time to turn off the faucet for a while. I certainly hope the farmers are not seeing to much damage from standing water in fields.

I was able to get my "uptown garden" in before the rains came and believe me it was not a real fun time with a boot foot cast on. It sure seems much farther to bend over to reach the ground than before. With luck I will be rid of the cast this week.

Our peach a apple trees are looking good , I think they survived the cold . At our house we enjoy the fresh peaches and the ones I put away in jars for winter use. Also a peach pie from the freezer baked taste like fresh made. We are anxious for the strawberries and rhubarb to be ready.

Below is my recipe for strawberry rhubarb pie that is a favorite of my granddaughter Kendra. (Happy Birthday Kendra and Congrats on graduating!)

Till next time enjoy spring and see you at the next farmers market.

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

- Pastry for a 2 crust pie
- 3 cups diced rhubarb
- 1 cup strawberries
- 3 tablespoon flour
- 1egg beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the egg and add flour sugar and vanilla mixing well. Stir in the strawberries and rhubarb blending well. Add to the 9 inch pie shell and dot with 2 or 3 pats of butter and seal the top crust. Bake 15 minutes at 450 and reduce heat to 350 for about 50 minutes.

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Mike Malone, Pastor</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i> 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. 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).5:30p.m. Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) .. 6:30-8p.m. McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i> Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.	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. 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. SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m. 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. 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. LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i> Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i> 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. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., 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. 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.	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. 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 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. HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i> 1st Worship..... 8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship..... 9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth Programs 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. 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. UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m. 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. 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.
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AREA NEWS

SUMMER READING

Dinger, the lovable Fort Wayne Wizards mascot kicks off the Warren Library's summer reading program at 4:30 p.m. May 23 in the children's room (123 E. Third Street). You can get Dinger's autograph, have your picture taken with him, and of course pick up your record sheet and other summer reading supplies.

This year's theme is "Read with Friends." Children are invited to come to the Warren Library each day Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 5:30 to read with friends, new and old. Special "friends" will also be present. Of course, children can read to a cuddly friend, a pet friend or a family member who is also a friend. Just read!

Come to the library on May 23, meet Dinger, and find out more information. Children completing the program will receive, along with a ticket to the Fort Wayne Wizards game and a free paperback book, a pass to THE MAGIC IN BOOKS magic show, June 24.

Summer reading is open to all children of the Warren area 3 years of age through grade 12.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR OPTIONS??

With the rising cost of both healthcare and insurance premiums, wouldn't it be nice to know what options were available to you?

There are several alternatives to consider when it comes to your healthcare. Prevention is an option some people realize after the fact. They could have prevented some of their current health problems by simple lifestyle changes. Others can enrich their life and health by following their Doctor's orders and adding little extras. Take walks, add healthier foods to your diet, meet with friends once a week, get a massage. These little extras can lift your mood, change your attitude and best of all, start you back on the track to good health.

The alternatives are out there, but it's up to you to find which ones - work best for you. Some are right under your nose - Come try a massage at the Spa at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

RIFLE SHOOT

Attention on Deck!

The Roush Lake Range, the Bluffton Gun Shop and Sinclair International are teaming up for the First Annual Memorial Day American Service Rifle match on Monday, May 29, 2006 starting at 12:00 noon

All rifles must be service issue or replicas of rifles issued to American troops. Rifles include: 03A3, M1 GARAND, M1 CARBINE, M14/M1A, M15/AR15

Open sights only- No bipeds, shooting sticks or artificial rest allowed.

Targets will be provided, but please bring your own ammo.

There will be two divisions: Senior and Junior (16 and under)

All shooting will be done at 100 yards 5 shots at a time

At the command participants will start from a low ready standing position and will have a 10 minute live fire period to fire 5 rounds, reload and fire an additional five more rounds. A command will be given to make rifles safe.

The next round participants will start out standing and once the range master gives the command participants will have 10 minutes to move to a prone position fire load and fire 5 rounds, reload and fire 5 more rounds. If you prefer using a shooting mat please bring your own. The make rifles safe command will be given and targets will be submitted to range officer for scoring.

Junior shooters will start from a prone position at 50 yards with the help of a coach. They will have 10 minutes to load and fire 5 rounds on command reload and fire 5 additional rounds. A command will be given to make rifles safe.

At the command participants will start from a low ready standing position and will have a 10 minute live fire period to fire 5 rounds, reload and fire an additional five more rounds. A command will be given to make rifles safe.

Gift certificates donated by

Bluffton Gun Shop and Sinclair will be awarded as follows:

Senior - 1st-\$30; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10 Juniors - Top two shooters \$10

We will raffle off two \$35.00 Gift Certificates for all participants during the awards.

The Range Masters decisions are final.

An entry fee of \$10 will be charged at the time of sign up.

Note: This is not a national event. Rules have been modified to fit our range rules and time constrictions.

TRAVELING TO CHINA

A Warren man will be among a U.S. trade delegation to China later this month. Brian Chapin, owner of HM Distributing in Warren will be among a group of five people from northeast Indiana led by Bluffton mayor, Ted Ellis who will visit four cities in an 11-day trip.

This is the sixth annual event organized by the U.S.-China Exchange Association (USCEA) and the National League of Cities (NLC). Former Indianapolis mayor William Hudnut is one of the organizers for USCEA and was instrumental in making arrangements for the Indiana group.

Face-to-face meetings with Chinese governors, mayors and business leaders will be held in Shanghai, Chengdu, Harbin and Beijing. Connection with local government officials in China has proven to be a valuable resource in developing productive business relations. The prior meetings arranged by USCEA have produced hundreds of leads and matches between U.S. and Chinese companies.

The itinerary indicates that the group will leave May 20 and return on May 30. In addition to the business agenda, there will be time to visit the Great Wall, the Panda Zoo and a boat tour of the Huangpu River.

Others in the Indiana group in addition to Ellis and Chapin include Charles H. Belch, presi-

dent of EBM of America, Fort Wayne; John Whicker, president of Thumbs Up Glove and Safety and James Almdale, president of Almco Steel Products both of Bluffton.

COUNCIL NOTES

A number of people were in attendance at the May 8 meeting of the Warren Town Council. The meeting was held in Assembly Hall and opened with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag. President David Scheib conducted the meet-ing.

Minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved as submitted.

A group representing the Farmers Market were in attendance and expressed their appreciation to Council for purchasing the former Eckman Car Lot. This summer Farmers Market will continue to be held there. There were questions about electricity and lights at the location. The summer Market will begin the first week in June.

Two tents are expected to be set up permanently for the summer and town employees agreed to put up banners.

Final plans and paperwork are expected to be completed soon.

Kim Coolman reported on a Park Board meeting held prior to the Council meeting. New doors for the park restrooms had arrived and expected to be installed soon.

Home School students will operate the concession stand.

Vicki Grimm reported on plans to date for Salamonie Summer Festival. Street closings will be basically the same as in past years.

Council accepted a 20 year contract as presented by AEP/I&M.

Council agreed on Ordinance 2006-3, Credit Card Policy.

The Streetsweep Project is expected to get underway soon.

Council agreed to a request from the Sportsman's Club to put in a new parking lot.

Curtis Day is to get estimates for 2006 paving schedule.

There will be a Public Hearing June 12 for Ordinance 2006-4, Flood Plan.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the April financial re-port.

Curtis Day reported from the Utility/Street Departments. Due to a couple of power outages

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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.

May 17	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
May 22	Warren Town Council, 8 a.m., Annex
May 26	Warren Recycle Day
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 7	Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon @ Annex
Jun 7	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jun 9	Warren Recycle Day
Jun 10	KBC Board Meeting, 8 am at KBC
Jun 12	Warren Town Council 6:30 p.m., Annex
Jun 13	Our Town Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
Jun 18	Father's Day
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	



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recently Engineers were scheduled to come in and repairs are to be made.

Tennis Courts at Tower Park are scheduled to be paved.

There was concern about properties where town employees have to mow when the owner fails to.

Fire Chief Tim Ford reported that on May 19 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. they will hold a Nelson Barbecue.

Signs in front of the Fire Station need to be repaired.

The department is currently taking applications for Firemen. The Fire Board is working on by-laws.

The truck purchased from Hy-Line is being repaired for the Department.

Town Marshal Dennis Spittler gave Council the monthly report from the Police Department.

The Department requested new firearms for the full-time officers. Training will be held in June for qualifications.

The Park Board will meet June 12.

IACT Northeast Roundtable is set for May 17 at Hamilton.

The next Council meeting will be May 22 at 8 a.m.

POPCORN FESTIVAL

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival Committee met May 8 at 6:30 at the Van Buren School. Events for the 2006 festival were discussed and set on the schedule. The theme for 2006 is "Got Popcorn?"

The next meeting will be June 12 at 6:30 at the Van Buren School. Everyone is invited to join the committee and help with the festival. Extra help is always needed.

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

The Small World Nursery Preschool classes recently went on a field trip to East of Chicago. They were given a tour of the kitchen and prep areas. Afterwards, the children got to make their own flash pizzas. After waiting 7 anxious minutes, as their pizzas were baking, they finally got to eat! The children, Mrs.

Sills, Mrs. Freck, and all of the volunteers would like to say "Thank You" to Becky Souder and her employees for a fun time!

The Small World Nursery Preschool was paid a visit at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center by the Warren Volunteer Fire Dept. The volunteers brought the fire truck for the children to see. They also gave a very informative talk about fire safety. A smoke alarm was given for the classroom to replace the old one. The children, teachers, and the Small World Nursery School Board would like to say "Thank You" to the volunteer firemen for all of their community help!

ALUMNI MEETS

More than 230 people were in attendance at the 2006 Warren High School Alumni Banquet held Saturday evening, May 13 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

At 5:00 p.m. a social hour was held in the gym.

At 6:30 p.m. a delicious meal was served in the auditorium. The serving tables were decorated in a blue and white color scheme, school colors. Decorations included blue and white balloons, geraniums and other spring flowers.

Jim Howell served as master of ceremonies. Phillip Blair, a member of the class of 1956 presented a short program of gospel songs.

The graduating classes of 1956, 1946 and 1966 were honored. Several people, including former teachers, were also honored, some more than 70 years.

The evening closed with all singing Let There Be Peace on Earth and the school song.

CLASS OF '51

The 1951 class of Warren High School meet at the home of Wayne and Ruth Herring to celebrate the 55th anniversary of their graduation. A delicious noon lunch was prepared and served by Treva Flemming. The afternoon was spent reminiscing of the years spent together in school and catching up on our families.

Those attending were Donna and Max Kiser of Marion, Mary Jane Marvo of West Palm Beach Florida, Earl and Harriet Fairchild of Tallahassee, Florida, Bob Prible of Annapolis, Maryland.

Those from the Warren area were John and Carolyn Kindley, Barbara Souder, Peggy Clark, Marcella Davis, Bob and Opal Brubaker, Dale and Wiladene Schwob. Barbara and Kyle Breedlove, Charles and Beverly Boxell, Gail Wamsley and Wayne and Ruth Herring. Special guests were Frances Smith and son from Madison Wisconsin and Nancy Smyth of Warren both from the class of 1950.

PARK RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Ashton Nicole Park is a recipient of a scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 from First Baptist Church of Warren, plus matching funds from Indiana Wesleyan University. Ashton will be a sophomore this coming fall.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Marge Jones. Florence Taylor won high, Mary Jo Zoda had low and Joyce Wullman had the most lones. Others playing were Lu Elyn Pond, Sharon Gebhart, Marjorie Michaud, Phyllis Dickey, Sharron Roush, Jo Banter, Jane Lieurance and Mary Ann Monce. Next month we will meet at the home of Florence Taylor.

JC ALUMNI

The Jefferson Center Alumni met on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Knight-Bergman Center for their annual meeting. Kim's Katering Affair served a delicious meal and the entertainment was by the "Men in Service to Christ" from Calvary United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

Those attending from Warren were: Howard & Pauline Adsit, Curtis & Garnet Allen, Dale Brown, Dorothea Brown, Marjorie & Arthur Gard, Clarence & Alta Highley, Maurice Holmes, Steve

& Mary Ann Holmes, Joe & Willie Huber, Agatha & Jim Miller, Mary Kathron & Frank Minnich, Ron Neff, Jerry & Sharon Piquine, Don Ruble, Lorene Scott & her daughters (Delores Hippensteel, Martha Harp, & Rosemary Hartman), Chuck & Ardith Shideler, Shirley Shultz, Dale & Norma Smith, Robert & Nancy Smyth, David & Wanda Spahr, Wilbur & Roxie Wesco.

Attending from Huntington were Jay B. & Jo Ellen Allen, Bob & Carolyn Allen, Ronald & Betty Jean Brinneman, Dudley & Pharaba Campbell, Jack & Janis Davis, Jarrod & Betty Eliot, Ruby Stephen. From Fort Wayne - Roger & Margaret Detamore, Martha Harrold, Christie Lake & Guest Nancy Lake, Mary B. & Max Ulrich. From Gas City - Nona & Robert Kreischer. Philip & Sarah Sprowl from Greenfield, Harry D. & Lois Brown of Hartford City, Eugene & Martha Barnes of Lebanon, Betty Blinn, Barbara & Dean Hart, Frank & Nancy Marshall, John Moon & Guest, Carolyn Stevens all of Marion, Everett & Colleen McMillan of Montpelier, Dorlan & Ruth Wagner of North Manchester, William & Dottie Mann of Ossian, and Dorrell Allen & Guest Jerry Allen and George & Doris Moon of Van Buren completed the Indiana guests.

Out of state guests were Roger & Carole Worster of Ann Arbor MI, Danny & Joan Rennaker of Clarksville, GA, and Sylvia Partridge & Guest of Port St Luce FL.

HAPPY HATTERS

The Van Buren Happy Red Hatters enjoyed lunch at the 9th street Cafe on Thursday. Waneta Linton Bald conducted a short meeting with Elissa Crothers volunteering to host the May 25th luncheon. Change in plans, the gals will not need to bring a desert at this time. Meet at

11:30 for lunch and a white elephant bingo game will be played following lunch.

Donna Zent will trade jobs with Waneta and be Princess of C.R.A.P. and Waneta will be Queen Mum with help from Shirley Shinholt. Those enjoying the day were Elissa Crothers, Louise Rumble. Nancy Cook, Helen Fincannon, Phyllis Harper, Mary Ellen Hawkins, Janet Hunnicutt, Shirley Shinholt, Lana Stuber, Annd Lou Saylor, Norma Briner, and Donna Zent.

The group furnished deserts for the Lions Club Chicken/Beef Noodle dinner on May 6th and worked clean up duty. The proceeds from the dinner went to the community Garfield Project.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME

Twenty children attended Library Day at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday, May 5th, 2006.

The children entered into the children's department of the library and signed in.


The children received an All About My Library book this booklet is a coloring and activity book. We had fun answering the questions and coloring the pictures. Karen shared information about the policies of our very own library. Some of the children were able to answer the questions and others were able to learn the answers.

Karen read the book "The Library" by Sarah Stewart. This book told the story of a lady who enjoyed reading more than any thing else, and when her house could hold not one more book. She donated the books to the town and the town started a free library. This book can be found in the children's department of our library.


A game was played with the children. They drew a piece of

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GENEALOGY REPORT

SEIBERLICH



RADM Carl Seiberlich, 84, passed away in a Reston, VA hospital on March 24th. Seiberlich was born in Jenkintown, PA on July 4th, 1921. During high school, he was a member of a local Pennsylvania Sea Scout organization and rose to their highest rank of Quartermaster.

After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Pennsylvania studying to become a CPA. However, he later enrolled in the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, NY from which he graduated in 1943. During the early part of WWII, he served on two merchant troopships in the Pacific. In 1943, he was commissioned in the Navy, served aboard the USS Mayo (DD-422) as navigator, and saw combat in both the Atlantic theater (Salerno and Anzio invasions) and the Pacific (Okinawa invasion). Seiberlich was present in Tokyo Bay when the historic peace agreement with the Japanese was signed on September 2.

From 1946 until 1952 he obtained his Navy pilot's wings in lighter-than-air craft (aka blimps) and spent time at Lakehurst, NJ. He also made the first night landing of a blimp on an aircraft carrier. During this time, he helped develop tactics for the deployment of a blimp-towed anti-submarine warfare device that protected carrier fleets. For this, he was awarded the Harmon International Trophy by President Truman in the White House Rose Garden on Nov 18, 1952. He then served in various air and sea billets, also becoming qualified to land helicopters and fixed wing aircraft on aircraft carriers, the only naval aviator to earn all 3 designations. During the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, he played a prominent role in the surveillance, reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare operations.

In 1967, Captain Seiberlich became the Commanding Officer of the fleet oiler USS Salamonie (AO-26) and remained with the ship through its decommissioning at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in Dec of 1968.

In May of 1969 he took command of the aircraft carrier USS Hornet (CVS-12). On July 24, 1969 the Hornet gained worldwide fame as the recovery ship for the first NASA lunar landing mission, Apollo 11. The largest TV audience to that time, over 500 million viewers, watched live as President Nixon welcomed Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins back to earth. On Nov 24, 1969 the Hornet repeated its flawless performance by recovering the Apollo 12 crew

as they returned from the moon. After decommissioning the Hornet in 1970, he became the Commander of ASW Group 3 with his flag on the USS Ticonderoga (CVS-14). Later assignments included Deputy Chief of Naval personnel and Commander of the Naval Military Personnel Center. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit (6 times) and the Air Medal.

Retiring from the Navy in 1980, RADM Seiberlich worked for several defense contractors in the transportation industry, including American President Lines, the global container shipping company, and Transystems, a maritime consulting corporation. He also was the US representative to the International Standards Organization on a working group trying to improve the security of ports and cargo against acts of terrorism.

A Catholic mass will be held at 12:45pm on July 11th at the Fort Meyer Chapel, Arlington, VA, followed by burial with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

More information about his life and career can be found on the USS Hornet Museum website, www.uss-hornet.org.

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SMITH

Leola Voree Smith, 92, of rural Huntington died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Smith was born September 18, 1913 in Warren to Tracy LeRoy and Mary Delia (Walters) Eikenberry. She married Carl I. Smith on December 21, 1931 in Plum Tree. He preceded her in death on December 26, 1949.

She was a 1931 graduate of Warren High School and was owner and operator of a beauty salon in Plum Tree for more than 60 years. She was a member of Plum Tree United Church of Christ and a lifelong resident of Huntington County.

Survivors include three sons, Ira C Smith of Napa Valley, CA, Thomas L (Lisa) Smith of Huntington, and Charles (Mary) Smith of Fort Wayne; a step daughter, Doris Simpson of Plum Tree; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sisters Frances Gilmer, Fern Engelman and Bernice Kimmel and stepson Bryce Smith.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren with Dr. Jean Spoor officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

BIRTHS

Ben and Jodi (Bower) Schweikhardt of Van Buren are the parents of a son, Bryce Nolan Schweikhardt born May 5, 2006 at 6:55 p.m. The infant weighed 9 lbs 2.6 ounces and measured 21 1/4 inches. He joins a brother Trent at home.

Grandparents are Barry & Rhonda Bower and Gary & Janie Schweikhardt. Great-Grandparents are Robert & Joan Abbott, Gene & Roseann Bower, Virginia Yount and Evelyn Schweikhardt.

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paper from a basket. They had to find the book listed on that paper by authors name & title. The children had fun as they searched the children's department of the library looking for the book by the author's last name. Refreshments were cool-aid and cookies.

Those attending were: Icily Cromer, Jessica Smith, Nixon Smith, Amy Kerr, Autum Smith, Caitlin Imhoff, Remi Felver, Halley Felver, Alie Gray, Jackson Reid, Karlee Laypool, Tristan Isier, Ashley Kerr, Savanna Hancock, Cathryne Anderson, Brandon Hutcheson, Brett Bridenthal, Amanda Keifer, Olivia and Emilee.

Next story time we will celebrate Mother's Day. Hope to see several kids along with their Mother or a special guest.

GROWING GROCERIES

There is still time to sign up for the Blackford County Extension Program, Growing Groceries. This program is a series of three workshops designed to teach the basics of container vegetable gardening, how to can and freeze produce, and improve diets through better food choices. Participants will receive vegetable plants in containers, frozen fruits, and processed vegetables. The program begins May 30th. Call 348-3213 to register by May 25th.

EATING DISORDERS

Eating disorders are real and serious illnesses that can sometimes turn life-threatening. They are also very common with estimates of more than 5 million Americans affected each year.

Types of Disorders

There are three major types of eating disorders. Approximately 1 to 3 percent of teenage girls and young women may be affected by these disorders.

Anorexia Nervosa is a disorder where people intentionally starve themselves and weigh at least 15 percent below their normal body weight. Those with the disorder constantly exercise and always feel cold or tired. One in ten cases leads to death, with cardiac and other medical complications present in the remainder.

Bulimia Nervosa is the disorder where those affected consume large amounts of food and then rid their bodies on the excess calories by vomiting, abusing laxatives, diuretics, taking enemas or exercising constantly. Some telltale signs include tooth decay (from stomach acids present when vomiting) to cuts on the backs of hands to induce vomiting.

Binge Eating Disorder resembles bulimia and is characterized by episodes of uncon-

trolled eating. Binge disorder differs from bulimia in that individuals do not purge excess food from their bodies. Estimates reveal that up to one-third of binge eaters may be males.

Why Do Teens Develop Eating Disorders?

There may be more than one reason a person develops an eating disorder. A person's self image, the need to be perfect, a stressful personal life, societal or family pressures, and even the body's own chemistry can influence the development of and recovery for eating disorders.

It is not uncommon for those with eating disorders to be diagnosed and treated for other mental illness at the same. Known as co-occurring disorders, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse disorders may also appear.

Treatment Options

Eating disorders are most successfully treated when diagnosed early. The first step is a complete physical examination to rule out any other illnesses. Once an eating disorder is diagnosed, the doctor will decide if the person is in immediate medical danger and should be treated in a hospital. The tools to treat eating disorders include cognitive behavioral therapy, psychotherapy, nutritional counseling, and medication. While most people can be treated on an outpatient basis, some may need hospital care.

The Mental Health Association in Indiana is the state's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. The Association works to improve the mental health of all Hoosiers through advocacy, education, research and service.

CHINESE ADOPTION

Thousands of people successfully adopt healthy, beautiful children from China each year. If you are interested in learning more about adopting from China, please attend Great Wall's free informative workshop on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Joe County Public Library Downtown, 304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Attendees will receive a coupon for \$25 off the application fee.

China's eligibility requirements and the home study process will be discussed ... and families who have recently adopted will be on hand to answer questions. Space is limited, so for reservations or additional meetings call, toll-free 1.888.GWFAMIL Y, locally at 574.289.4326 or julia.in@gwca.org, or visit us online at GWCA.org.

BREAD MACHINES

Blackford County Purdue Extension is sponsoring a lesson on learning how to use a bread machine. Take the mystery and hard work out of bread making. The bread machine has a computer brain so it mixes, kneads, proofs, and bakes without your presence. Learn to be an ex-pert at bread making. This lesson will be presented by Betty E. Bagley, CFS Extension Educator from Blackford County.

The program will be Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blackford County 4-H Building, 310 E. Park Avenue, Hartford City. The cost of the Program is \$1.00.

To make a reservation, please call the Blackford County Extension Office 765-348-3213 by May 24, 2006.

MAKING SWAGS

Blackford County Purdue Extension is sponsoring a Special Interest Program on Swags. There will be a demonstration on creating a swag. There will also be a display of various swag designs. Door prizes will also be given away. This demonstration will be presented by, Carol Pierson, FNP Educator from Blackford County.

The Swag program will be Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Commons Activity Room, 100 Independence Parkway, Hartford City, IN. The cost of the Program is \$1.00.

To make a reservation, please call the Blackford County Extension Office 765-348-3213 by May 22, 2006.

BIBLE QUIZ

United Brethren Central Region Bible Quiz Regional Tournament

The Bethel Church (rural Bluffton, IN) Bible Quiz team came in first place in the United Brethren Central Region Bible quiz finals on Sunday afternoon 5/7/06. The Regional Tournament was held at the Chapel of rural Fort Wayne. Bethel won their 4 matches, and the Chapel came in second place, after being defeated by Bethel twice. These 2 teams will represent the Central Region in the National Bible Quiz Tournament on June 17th at Huntington University.

Teams were formed by youth groups of area United Brethren & independent Churches, Bethel Church (of rural Bluffton), the Chapel (Fort Wayne), Convoy (Ohio), Trinity Friends (Van Wert, Ohio) had 2 teams, Monroe & Cornerstone (Decatur, IN). Quizzes during the first 4 months were over sections of the Books of Romans & James. Each Quiz consisted of 20 questions from verses of Romans & James. The Chapel was awarded first place

for the season with a 15-1 record. Bethel, also 15-1, finished the regular season in second place.

Participating on the Bethel team were Sarah Daniels, Trina Lloyd, Kara Dettmer, Andrew Daniels, Jessica Braun, Trevor Lloyd & Jordan Braun. The team is coached by Titus Lloyd.

Bible Quiz events for this region have been energetically coordinated by Donalynn Strine.

Awards were given to the Top 10 Quizzers: 1. Josh Koiner The Chapel 1520, 2. Chelsea Bradburn The Chapel 1260, 3. Andrew Daniels Bethel 1240, 4. Kara Dettmer Bethel 1160, 5. Sarah Daniels Bethel 1080, 6. Joey Evans Trinity Friends A 1060, 7. Jayde Chaires Monroe 920, 8. Brittany Crook Monroe 700, 8. Chris Koiner The Chapel 700, 9. Jessica Braun Bethel 680, 9. Jessica Coil Convoy 680, 9. Rodney Dennis Cornerstone 680, Top Rebounder 100 Shana Beers Cornerstone, High Scorer 1520 Josh Koiner The Chapel, Rookie of the Year Brittany Longwell Trinity Friends B, Most Valuable Quizzer Josh Koiner The Chapel, Coach of the Year Paula Dennie Convoy, Good Sportsmanship Cornerstone, Kristen Cooley Award Bethel, Senior Awards Chris Koiner The Chapel, Jayde Chaires Monroe, Brittany Crook Monroe, Sarah Daniels Bethel.

CELEBRATION OF READING

A "celebration of reading", an after school story time at Salamonie School - sponsored by the Warren Public Library, concluded Monday, May 8. Thirteen children participated in the time of reading and activities. A big thank you to Salamonie School for allowing the Library to use their library and to Ann Spahr for being our delightful reader. Hayley Haines, Henry Sackett,

Robby Bolinger, Sophia Smekends and Cassie Littlefield attended every week.

The Library would like to continue this program in the fall and possibly expand to other grades if there is enough interest. Watch your paper for further information.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held Memorial Service at the United Church of Christ on Tuesday, May 3. Their business meeting followed at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center with President Sondra Zabel calling the meeting to order with members reciting the Pledge. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasury report given and filed for audit.

A letter from Small World Nursery was read. We then voted to give them \$100. Scholarship Committee met to decide from the returned applications who would receive our scholarships, \$300 each this year. It was voted to give a high chair and utility cart to the Civic Center after the April Sunday buffet.

Correspondence from International President, International Ways and Means, and Province Organizer were read.

More information about International Convention at the Hilton in Ft Wayne this July was given. The chaplain closed the meeting with prayer. Members present were Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Peggy Sue Clark, Sandy Eichhorn, Sharon Gebhart, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Mandy Maddock, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Georgia Poulson, Susan Ralston, Elise Smith, Shelly Stafford, Betty Yoder and Sondra Zabel.

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

"Where Did I Go Wrong?" According to recent U.S. Census Bureau reports, over 5 million grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Why aren't the parents raising their own children? Among the most common reasons are drug addiction, teenage pregnancy, and incompetent parenting. If you are one of the over 5 million grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, I'm sure you have asked yourself more than once, "Where did I go wrong?"

Many grandparents blame themselves when they have to parent their grandchildren.

It is certainly possible that some of the mistakes you made when you were raising your own children contributed to your current situation, but it is equally possible that you are not to blame for as much as you think.

Sally Houtman, author of a book entitled, "To Grandma's House, We...Stay," advises grandparents who are "hopelessly sinking in the mire of guilt," to avoid placing blame. Ms. Houtman goes on to say, "By merely adjusting some of your old ideas, you can be relieved of much of the unnecessary guilt you've piled on yourself." She suggests that understanding the circumstances gives you the ability to learn from your mistakes. Forgiving yourself and others for being imperfect allows you to make necessary changes in the here and now. "To Grandma's House, We...Stay," discusses topics that are related to raising a family the second time around, and offers good suggestions that can improve the relationship between the grandparents and the grandchildren they are raising.

If you are raising your grandchildren, why not stop by the Caregiver Library at Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc., 2927 Lake Ave. in Ft Wayne, and pick up a copy of "To Grandma's House, We...Stay." The library is open Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We are looking forward to meeting you!

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EXERCISE HELPS TO BALANCE CHOLESTEROL

Many factors influence cholesterol levels including diet, family history, body weight, and even hormones. But when people start an exercise program, good HDL cholesterol levels begin to rise within a few weeks.

Exercise also has another big benefit. It changes the makeup of the cholesterol particles themselves, making them less dangerous to the heart. It's good news to hear that exercise can create these positive changes regardless of diet and body weight, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers found that it was the amount of exercise that brought about these changes. Many people think they have to exercise vigorously, but that was not found to be the case. The length of time spent in exercising was more important.

The fact that these benefits came from exercise alone is significant. They were not from weight loss as some other studies assumed. That means that exercise decreases cholesterol problems even in people who are overweight.

SPRING IS PRIME TIME FOR ASTHMA, ALLERGIES

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation estimates that 32 million Americans suffer from seasonal allergies. If you are among them, there is plenty you can do to keep symptoms under control. Allergists at Temple University say the spring season is intense because trees ramp up their production of pollen. They release as much pollen as possible in spring so it can be spread by the wind.

No need to get rid of spring flowers in your yard. Bees are working vigorously to spread flower pollen in an efficient manner. Avoiding tree pollen should be your goal. Pollen counts are higher in the morning. Don't jog or play golf early in the day and avoid going out after it rains. Raindrops kick up the pollen. If you have spent time outdoors, change your clothes and wash them.

When none of these avoidance techniques have worked for you, over-the-counter medications can help. Antihistamines are a traditional treatment, but they can cause drowsiness. Newer drugs such as Claritin and Alavert tackle the symptoms better and don't make you sleepy.

If you have severe allergies, consider getting a skin test or blood test to determine what you are allergic to. Once you know, you could undergo a series of

allergy shots. They will ultimately work, but could take a year or more to be effective.

HELP YOUR CHILD SLIM DOWN

The National Institutes of Health recommends eating at home where you can control levels of fats. Additionally:

- * Get kids to help with shopping. Have them read nutrition labels. Don't buy junk food. Buy milk and get kids to enjoy it even if you have to add chocolate.
- * Eat together as a family. Avoid mindless eating in front of the TV.
- * Don't use food as a reward.

Figure out what kids want and talk about that. Girls might want to look good in clothes. Boys might want to play a sport.

GUEST ROOM CAN BE SMALL

Need an extra bedroom for the holidays? It can be a big decision about whether to have a convertible sofa in the living room or to turn a smaller store room or porch into a sleeping space.

Advisors quoted in the Indianapolis Star say any place is better for guests than having to bed down in the middle of a living room. If there's little or no room to walk around a convertible sofa in a small room, guests can turn the bed back into a sofa when they get up.

FINDING YOUR LOST CAT

So your indoor kitty bounded out the door when you opened it, and now you can't find him. The editors of Prevention have this advice for you:

Indoor-only cats tend to hide close to home, but they probably won't come when you call them. Check under the deck or porch. See if someone closed the door of the shed, closed the garage door, or lowered the lid on a trash container. The cat could be trapped there.

With a flashlight, check under bushes, boats and cars. Look up at trees and scan rooftops. Then do the same in your neighbors' yards.

If you have seen your kitty and called several times without it coming back, buy or rent a humane trap. Cover the floor with shredded paper and bait the trap with smelly bits of sardines or chicken. Wrap the outside with a towel. Leave the back open so he can see through it.

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ADDING AN ANNUITY TO YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

With the changing pension scene and the uncertainty of Social Security, an immediate fixed lifetime annuity is now an option in retirement planning.

If you deposit \$500,000 into Vanguard's "lifetime income annuity," a 65-year-old man would collect \$3,221 a month for life. For a \$100,000 deposit, the return would be about \$644.

The downside is that you lock yourself into a prescribed return, you forgo easy access to your money, and your heirs often receive nothing when you die. But if you live a long time, it can be a very good investment.

Stay with a basic immediately fixed lifetime annuity. The more add-on features, the higher expenses will be.

Choose a provider rated AA- or better by Standard & Poor or Aa3 by Moody's, says Steve Vernon, author of Live Long and Prosper (John Wiley & Sons).

Buy directly from commission-free providers such as Fidelity, T. Rowe Price, and Vanguard.

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