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Thought for the Week: *Enjoy life, this is not a dress rehearsal!!* Unknown

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Warren Area Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata entitled "Jesus, Our Emmanuel" on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 3:00 P. M. at the Warren Church of Christ on the corner of Wayne and Third Streets. Please notice the change in time!

The choir has 25 members representing 9 different area churches. It is directed by Betty Yoder.

There will be a prelude of Christmas music starting at 2:45 presented by Ron Winkler, Organist.

We invite you all to come for this inspiring program!

## FEAR NOT FACTOR

The children of the First Baptist church of Warren would like to invite you the community to their Christmas program "The Fear Not Factor" on Saturday December 18 at 6:30pm. Fellowship with punch and cookies will be provided after the program. Please come and enjoy an evening of fun. The church is located at 727 North Wayne, Warren.

## ALUMNI BOOK

The Warren-Jefferson Alumni Book project is winding down. Wednesday, this week, we go for the final proof reading. Pick-up will start Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Fellowship Hall by the Post Office from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Then sales and pick-up, the same day, will be set up at the Salamonie Valley Museum, Knight-Bergman Civic Center (in the old Chemistry room). Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in the museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in the museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> in the museum from 1 to 4 p.m.

We have ordered extra books, which will be sold first come first serve. We are so excited to share your alumni books with

you. Hoping you will be pleasantly surprised. Got all your Christmas shopping done? Questions call Mary Emma Holmes 375-2062 or Joan Huffman 375-3104.

## RECOMMENDED MYSTERIES

At a recent library conference the following authors were mentioned as being popular with mystery readers. All are available at the Warren Library.

1. Nevada Barr. Each title has National Park Ranger Anna Pigeon at a different national park solving a murder. Background information about the parks contributes to the storyline.

2. Laura Childs - Tea Shop Mysteries. Theodosia Browning owns the India Tea Shop in Charleston. She gets involved in solving murders when she becomes a suspect. Her two co-workers enjoy helping her solve the murders. Includes recipes and tea-making tips.

3. Jo Dereske - Miss Zukas series. "Helma" Zukas lives an organized life just like her reference librarian position in Bellehaven. She doesn't let her regimen be disrupted by murder.

More later!

## BOOK DELIVERY

Just a reminder that the Warren Public Library provides book delivery to area shut-ins. If you are interested in this service, please contact the library at 375-3450.

## LIFEGUARD CLASSES

The American Red Cross is holding a Lifeguard class starting on December 27<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Red Cross Chapter and at the Huntington College Pool. This class will be from 9am to 4p.m. All participants must be 15 years of age by the completion of the course. This class is ideal for High School Juniors and Seniors, as well as College students who wish to get a summer job as a

lifeguard.

The first session of this course will include a skills challenge. Items being completed during the skills challenge include:

- Swim 500 continuously doing in this order: 200 yards of front crawl using rhythmic breathing and a stabilizing, propellant kick; 100 yards of breaststroke; 200 yards of either front crawl using rhythmic breathing or breaststroke (may be a mixture of front crawl and breaststroke).

- Swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface drive to a depth of 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound, return to surface, and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

The course fee is \$125 payable to the American Red Cross. To register for this class, please call 260-356-2910 or come by 354 N. Jefferson to pick up a form.

## MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Vintage Christmas trees add a festive seasonal touch to the Huntington County Historical Museum. A Pioneer era tree is decorated with strings of popcorn and cranberries, dried flowers and candles. A rare and valuable tabletop feather tree which was popular with the Pennsylvania Dutch more than a hundred years ago has antique candleholders and ornaments, while the main tree in the museum's Victorian room features period cornucopias, lace angels and dried hydrangea blossoms.

1940's era bubble lights and red and green paper chains adorn a tree in the World War II living room display. Another large tree is decorated with wooden ornaments.

A collection of Santa Claus figures is also on display as well as antique toys and a beautiful antique quilt which is appliqued with red flowers and green leaves. An unusual tricycle from

1900 is also shown.

The Museum is located at 315 Court Street, Huntington, and is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 - 4 and Saturday from 1 - 4. The Museum is closed during the month of January. For more information call 260-356-7264.

## SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Warren has scheduled a Special Meeting called as an Executive Session for Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 5:30 pm to be held in the Council Meeting Room, Assembly Hall, 131 N. Wayne Street, Warren, Indiana. The agenda will be to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

## ROUND BARN PROGRAM

"Round Barns .. A Threatened Treasure" is the topic of a program to be presented on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm by Mrs. Shirley Willard, President Emerita of the Fulton County Historical Society. She is a noted historian and speaker around the state of Indiana. The presentation will center around the role of round barns in American agriculture. Noting that the last round barn in Indiana was built in 1910, what will become of them? The Huntington County Historical Society will be hosting this meeting and program at the Historical Museum at 315 Court Street in Huntington. The business of electing officers for 2005 for the Historical Society will be followed by light refreshments. We hope to see you there!

## EYE INJURIES

Every holiday season, millions of children make wish lists and their parents flock to their local malls or toy stores, sometimes waiting in line for hours, to fulfill their little ones' holiday wishes. Often, the desired toys turn out to have many small parts and may be unsuitable, as they are

age inappropriate or poorly constructed.

In 2003, more than 10,000 children age 14 and younger were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for eye injuries related to toys. These injuries can result from accidents (e.g., a child tripping over a toy that is left on the floor), unintended misuse of the toy, or an inherent flaw in the toy's design or material.

"The fact is that virtually all of these eye injuries are preventable. You can help keep your children safe by showing them how to use the toys properly; by supervising them if they are very young, and by using sound judgment, rather than following the latest fad, when making a purchase," said Maureen Golden, Vice President & COO of Prevent Blindness Indiana.

"When choosing toys for your children, you need to make sure the toys are well constructed and appropriate for their ability and age," added Golden. Prevent Blindness Indiana recommends avoiding toys that shoot projectiles, such as air and BB guns - they contribute to a large number of serious eye injuries including blindness, and sometimes result in deadly accidents. In 2003, 1,700 eye injuries occurred in children age 14 and younger related to toy weapons, BB guns, slingshots and other propelled toys.

Today's BB guns are a lot more powerful than what parents remember receiving in their youth. Some of these guns can shoot with a velocity close to a .22 caliber rifle, which is why Prevent Blindness Indiana warns parents to not buy them for their children. "There are many better gift choices, but if one of these "toy" weapons happens to be on your child's wish list, it helps to sit down with them and explain the dangers and how important their safety is to you," said Golden.

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

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

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**SIGMA PHI THANKS**

All Beta Delta Chapter members "Thank Everyone" that purchased raffle tickets for the Longaberger Christmas Basket. The winner was Marlene Little from Van Buren. All money will go to our local Christmas projects.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank my family, friends, neighbors and fellow church members who were so supportive during my recent hospital stay. I appreciate all of the cards, meals, flowers, prayers, call and visits. Your love and concern means so much to me. A special thank you to Rev. Lynn and Betty Mefferd and Rev Dick Case for staying with me at the hospital.

Thank You  
 Jeanette Lee

**BOSSSES AND THE FASHION INDUSTRY**

**SAY IT'S TIME TO COVER UP**

After spending much of the 1990s trying to get people to bare their flesh and dress down, designers are returning to dressing up with suits, prim blouses, and tweed skirts. For men, blazers are going like hot cakes as guys try to upgrade their look.

The new modesty may strike some as overdue, but bosses couldn't be happier with the trend. Many think the super-casual, skin-bearing dress of recent years has no place in their offices or their stores.

One investment company asked its people to dress better after noticing that clients did. In one memo, they said they would prefer that a properly fitting sweater be worn with a collared shirt, and shaving regularly is a good idea for both sexes.

Another company simply sent a memo asking its office staff to "bump up your apparel choices at least one more notch."

Some companies are issuing dress codes. Target Corp. has a new 20-page dress code for employees at its Minneapolis headquarters. Men must now wear a sport coat and tie if they leave their usual work area. Women are required to wear a jacket over any sleeveless blouse.

Pencil skirts are a big hit this year. The best ones are made of a wool or wool blend and are lined.

At Nieman Marcus, they say the pencil skirts with turtlenecks are popular, and dainty sweaters over full skirts are in, as are ladylike bow-tied blouses under trim sweater sets.

Fashion experts at the retail publication The Tobe Report say there is a more serious attitude in the country now, and people want to look more promotable.

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 Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Hours ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00 p.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana  
 765-934-2199

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

**THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica**  
*Rev. Gus Hacker*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148

*Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor*  
 Sunday  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship & Classes ..... 9:30 a.m.  
*Come As You Are*  
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies  
 - all Sunday ..... 6:00 p.m.

**JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST**

Corner of 900S & 300W  
*Kathie Jones, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**WARREN UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
*Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery*

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022

*Gerald O. Moreland, Minister*  
*Joe Hartley, BS Supt.*  
 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren  
 375-2779

*Dick Case, Interim Pastor*  
 Sun - 1st Worship Service ..... 8:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Youth Group (6th-12th) ..... 5:30 p.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.

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
 375-2330

6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
*Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor*  
*Wesley Welch, Supt.*  
*Sue Brown, Youth Worker*

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE ... 7:00 p.m.**

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622

*Pastor Dan Sommer*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN**  
 468-2412

*Mel Zumbrun, Pastor*  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 758-2085

*Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor*  
*Sandy Keplinger, Supt.*  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35

*Gary Riley, Pastor*  
 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**  
*Steve Bard, Pastor*

Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510

*Bill Keen, Pastor*  
*Bus Service 375-2510*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102

*Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor*  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto

*Steve Sutton, Pastor*  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

*Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship*  
*Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life*  
*Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.*

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431

*Pastor Blake J. Neff*  
*Youth Pastor Adam Pierce*  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 UMYF ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor*

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

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
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*Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor*  
 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

*Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 468-2411

*Doug Sharrard, Pastor*  
*Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings ..... 7:00 p.m.**

**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**  
*Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor*

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

*Student Pastor - Eric Dubach*  
 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

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Prevent Blindness Indiana offers the following tips to help make this holiday season it safe one for children:

- Inspect toys for safe construction. Products given to young children should be made of durable plastic or wood with no sharp edges or points. The toys should be able to withstand impact. Avoid purchasing toys for young children with small parts, as they tend to put items in their mouths, increasing their risk of choking.

- Check your children's toys regularly for broken parts. Throw broken toys out immediately if they cannot be safely repaired. Older kids often alter their toys and misuse them, making them unsafe. It is better to be vigilant, even with older kids, so that serious eye injuries can be prevented.

- Read the instructions and the suggested age level on the packaging. Assess whether the item is appropriate for the child's ability and age. Age labeling is provided not just for developmental reasons, but for safety reasons as well.

- Look for the symbol ASTM F963. This indicates the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

- Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child.

- Remain aware of recalled products. Large toy retailers post regular notices of recalled toys usually at the front of stores. Take recalled products back to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. For further information on toy and product recalls, visit the U.S. Product Safety Commission website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Prevent Blindness Indiana offers two free fact sheets, Tips for Choosing Safe Toys, and Most Dangerous Toys to Children's Eyes, hoping to reduce the number of toy-related eye injuries that occur among children during the holiday season and throughout the year.

About Prevent Blindness Indiana: As an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America for over 50 years, Prevent Blindness Indiana is dedicated to advancing vision health and wellness with programs that emphasize comprehensive education, vision

screening, eye safety and sight preservation research. The organization relies solely on donations, vehicle contributions, memorial gifts and bequests to maintain sight-saving programs throughout the state. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.pbeye.org> or by calling (800)232-2551 or (317)955-9580.

## HOLIDAY SHIPPING

Package shippers, especially businesses and customers who ship a lot of packages, may wish to send those holiday parcels using the Postal Service's Click-N-Ship online package service. It's quick, easy and convenient and you can ship from your house with just a click of your mouse. Insurance is available online and Delivery Confirmation™ service is free when using this service.

Click-N-Ship service is available on the Postal Service website at [www.usps.com/clicknship](http://www.usps.com/clicknship). Click on the Register Now button to complete a short registration process. Enter the delivery address and weight. Choose the mailing service shipping option and method of payment. You will then be able to print out postage-paid shipping labels. The last step is even easier. Give the packages to your letter carrier, put them in a neighborhood mailbox or take them directly to your Post Office.

Click-N-Ship service allows you to store up to 500 addresses in your domestic and international shipping database. It pro-

vides you with an online label database history. You can also have an e-mail sent to your recipient when you mail a package. We recommend a laser printer or a high-quality ink-jet printer to use Click-N-Ship service.

While customers can use Click-N-Ship service to mail packages any time of the year, below are recommended package mailing dates for delivery by Christmas.

Holiday deadlines for delivery by Christmas: When using Priority Mail service, mail packages going out-of-state by Tuesday, December 21. Items going to in-state destinations should be sent by Wednesday, December 22. The deadline for most overseas military destinations and international locations is December 11.

After those dates, you can use Express Mail® service to have your packages delivered by Christmas.

## STORY TIME

Thirty-four children attended the Van Buren Public Library Bingo Party on Friday December 10th. The children signed in and checked over all the bingo prizes. They were excited to see the many prizes we had for them to choose from. We had books, stuffed animals, games, and bendables along with many other items. Rikki Rumble read the numbers as the children searched their cards. We all had a good time as they called out Bingo.

Those attending were: Amy Kerr, Robbie Stevenson, Erin Tate, Kristen Mullenix, Kayla

Shafer, Robert Tate, Ashley Kerr, Taylor Beck, Mandi Beck, Jaedyn Beck, Catherine Anderson, Delta Oswald-Benge, Icily Baker, Brittini-lynn Davis, Caitlyn Hoffheins, Austin Hoffheins, Rikki Rumble, Justin Smith, Nathan Timmons, Gaige Colburn, Cassie Davis, Randon Timmons, Haley Timmons, Samantha Kessinger, Philip Dailey, Mark Stevenson and Eddie Quick, Mallory Smith, Nixon Smith, Autum Smith, Breanna Davis, Rayne Rumble, Jessica Smith and Mallory Smith.

This Friday, December 17th, after school will be our Christmas Party. Hope to see you!

## IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club met in the Fahl Dining room of the United Methodist Memorial Home for lunch on Monday December 6, 2004.

The afternoon meeting was held in the Calico Lounge. Edna Alfeld opened the meeting by welcoming each member. She read the thought for the day, "Today will be yesterday tomorrow Make Haste to Redeem It."

Roll call was answered by revealing your secret Pal. Secretary report was read and approved. Treasurer gave her report. Ruth Brooks read "A Boy At Christmas."

A Christmas card was read from Violet Yoars who was un-

able to attend.

7-Up was played with Freda Finley high and Clara Mossburg low.

At the break of playing the committee of Devonna Leas, Margaret Knight, Ruth Brooks and Evelyn Schweikhardt served strawberry sodas.

Pres. Edna thanked the committee. Ruth made place cards for the dinner table and Miriam Rice gave out Christmas Kisses.

Those enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Freda Finley, Mildred Gilbert, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight, Marjorie Lieurance, Clara Mossburg, Georgia Poulson, Helen Trout and those already mentioned.

The Club gave \$75 to American Red Cross as their Christmas project.

## CORDUROY STORIES

The ever popular Corduroy Bear stories were read by Brady Smekens at Story Time at the Warren Library on Friday, December 10. Mr. Smekens read the books, Corduroy, Corduroy Goes to the Doctor, Corduroy's Busy Street and Corduroy's Christmas to Shelby Bowman, Sydney Bowman, Fletcher Sabinski, Lily Sabinske, Amerlia Sabinski, Sarah Sline, William Sackett, Colin Sackett, Sydney Smekens, Andy Smekens and Sophia Smekens.

Story time will be held December 17 and then again January 7. If school is closed due to the weather, there is no story time.



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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.

Dec 15	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Dec 24	Warren Recycle Day
Dec 27	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
Jan 7	No Warren Weekly - due to health issues
Jan 14	No Warren Weekly - due to health issues

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

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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter met December 7 in their room at the Knight Bergman Center. President Sondra Zabel presided over the business meeting. Secretary Susan Ralston read the minutes of the November meeting. Treasurer Tara Korporal gave the treasury report. Vice President Beth Ostermeyer gave us printed organizational schedule for 2006 International. Our local Christmas projects were decided on. We had a successful raffle ticket sales.

Those present were Georgia Poulson, Peggy Clark, Rosemary Zeller, Sharon Gebhart, Betty Yoder, Shelly Stafford, Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Susan Ralston, Tara Korporal, Suzette Gebphart, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Booher, Carol Irick, Sandy Eichhorn and Elise Smith.

### CLUB NEWS

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 368 held its meeting Thursday, December 2, 2004, at the Post. President Toni Jones opened the meeting with prayer from Chaplain Waneta Linton. Pledge to the Flag. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave financial report.

Linda Long reported she took popcorn to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes for National Education week. Ruth Bole handed in a paper telling that families with loved ones overseas, the post office has free packaging and labels.

Jr. Auxiliary girls are still collecting gloves for the kids at school.

5<sup>th</sup> District meeting is at Van Buren Post January 8, 2005. Auxiliary to have a 50/50 drawing.

Plaques for the persons overseas that don't make it back home were discussed. Ruth Bole made motion for us to get a plaque made for them, from Eastbrook school and present it to the library or the school. Motion carried. Flo Doyle reported we have a new boy at Knightstown Home. He is a senior and name is Brandon.

We are still collecting food for our Harvest House for Christmas.

The meeting was then adjourned to party time. It was our Christmas party. Everyone had a great steak dinner, desserts were brought in by officers.

Games were played with lots of prizes. Lots of them even got stolen. Everyone had a good time.

Those attending: Toni Jones, Irene Pickard, Pam Sanders, Lori Linton, Rhonda Fleming, Floy Doyle, Kim Weinley, Waneta Linton, Ruth Bole, Joyce Loftis, Lequita Taylor,

Shirley Shinholt, Linda Long, Creta Arlington, Julie Webb and Jr. Auxiliary member Rikki Reneer joined us for the games. Next meeting January 6, 2005.

I want to wish all our Legion members a very Merry Christmas and Happy (safe) New Year.

### SW 4-H MEMBERS

#### HONORED

4-H members in Liberty, Jackson and Chester Township met recently at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park for their annual Achievement Awards Program.

Participants enjoyed a carry-in supper and viewed the "4-H Fair Highlights" in a PowerPoint presentation.

Township Record Book awards were presented to:

Chester Township: Vanessa Haigh, Arts & Crafts; Jessica Nusbaumer, BBQ; Chad Ramsyer, Beef; Kaitlyn Boxell, Cake Decorating and Sewing; Casey Carroll, Collections; Ian Boxell, Electric, Forestry, Rabbit, and Soil & Water Conservation; Josh Lavanchy, Entomology and Models; Cinda Mounsey, Flowers, Home Environment, Strawberry, and Swine; Karie Lavanchy, Foods and Scrapbooking; Rebecca Lane, Genealogy; Kendra Mounsey, Goat, Personality, and Sheep; Elizabeth Moore, Poultry; and Leah Grimm, Soybean.

Jackson Township: Kasey Miller, Arts & Crafts, BBQ, Cake Decorating, Gift Wrapping, Home Environment, and Poultry; Sadie Herr, Beef and Photography; Linly Lloyd, Child Care, Electric, and Sportfishing; Quaid Zoda, Collections and Swine; Chelsea Smith, Consumer Clothing; Emily Hartley, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf; Holly Lloyd, Flowers; Samantha Piquene, Foods; Acacia Herr,

Models, Sheep, and Wildlife; Jenny Lloyd, Personality; Mandy Lloyd, Scrapbooking; and Lillian Hartley, Sewing.

Liberty Township: Jared Jacobs, Alfalfa; Ashley Adams, Aquatic Science; Emily Pinkerton, Arts & Crafts, Home Environment, Personality, and Rabbit Poster; Andrew Huffman, BBQ and Dairy Feeder Steer Calf; Jacob Alford, Bee and Poultry; Pat Kober, Beef; Jake Ripperger, Collections and Dog Poster; Amy Spaulding, Consumer Clothing; Adam Sills, Corn and Soybean; Allison Williams, Dairy; Trent Smith, Electric, Goat, and Woodworking; Steven Smith, Entomology and Models; Kaitlyn Huffman, Flowers and Scrapbooking; Jayde Sills, Foods; Sara Alford, Garden and Sewing; Meredythe Smith, Genealogy; Damon Smith, Geology; Amy Spaulding, Gift Wrapping; Conner Stoffel, Health; Caige Morris, Model Rocketry and Wildlife; Sarina Winterrowd, Photography; Caleb Pinkerton, Rabbit and Weather; Brandon Bales, Sheep; Cody Campbell, Small Engines; Shane Estes, Starter Beef; Morgan Perry, Swine; and April Reynolds, Wheat.

County Record Book Awards were presented to: Casey Carroll, Collections; Ian Boxell, Soil & Water Conservation; Josh Lavanchy, Entomology; Cinda Mounsey, Strawberry; Kelsey Miller, BBQ & Cake Decorating; Linly Lloyd, Child Care; Emily Hartley, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf; Jenny Lloyd, Personality; Ashley Adams, Aquatic Science; Emily Pinkerton, Arts & Crafts and Rabbit Poster; Jacob Alford, Bee and Poultry; Adam Sills, Corn; Allison Williams, Dairy; Kaitlyn Huffman, Flowers; Sara Alford, Sewing; Meredythe Smith, Genealogy; Damon Smith, Geology; Conner Stoffel, Health; and

Cody Campbell, Small Engines.

Outstanding Record Books submitted at the County Fair are judged by 4-H Leaders and submitted for township and county awards. Accuracy, completeness, and neatness are the major factors considered in the judging.

Electric Awards were presented to: Trent Smith, Advance Division, and Cody Campbell, Advance Division Certificate. The awards are provided by United REMC and the State 4-H Electric Committee.

Mini 4-H members were presented with special 4-H pencils by members of the Wells County 4-H Jr. Leader Club.

Sandy Harris, a member of the County Committee of the Indiana 4-H Foundation reported on the successful events conducted by the organization this year. 4-H members were encouraged to apply for the scholarships and educational trips that are sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

Wells County Farm Bureau was thanked for the financial support of the meal and 4-H member pins. Scott's Foods were also thanked for their support of the meal.

4-H Leaders Cindie Mounsey, Christina Furnish, Carol Herring, and Shawna Herring were thanked for their work with the 4-H clubs during 2004.

Volunteers serving on the Wells County 4-H Association and 4-H Council were also thanked. These volunteers included: Cindie Mounsey, Dan Perry, Mike Piquene, Troy Drayer, Bruce Herr, Travis Sills, Tammy Painter, Robin Lane, Jesston Nusbaumer, Tim Morris, Leon and Louella Kilander, Larry Barr, Denise Beck, Steve Stauffer, and Randy Smith.

Additional adult volunteers from the townships are requested to serve on the 4-H Council and 4-H Association

from Chester, Jackson, and Liberty Townships. Interested adults should contact the 4-H Leaders or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

The 4-H program is organized by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Wells County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### EAGLES WIN THREE

The Eagles met longstanding rival, Wells Area Christian Home Educators (WACHE) Warriors at the Life Center Gym (the old Bluffton High School).

The Lady Eagles beat the Lady Warriors 44-15. Becca Weaver led the attack with 13 points, 2 rebounds, 6 steals; Megan Gibbons 11p, 6r, 3s; Samantha Kelsey 8p, 8r, 5s; Rebecca Daniels 6p, 14r; Kiera Shultz 4p, 2r; Trina Lloyd 2p, 3r, 3 steals & 4 assists. The Lady Warriors' Leah Fiechter had 5p, 7r; Shana Beer 4p, 3r; Stephanie Gahman 6 boards, 6 steals.

The Huntington Eagles Junior Varsity boys won 41-31. Colin Featherston 15 points, 8 rebounds & 4 assists; Taylor Frank 11p, 3r, 2a; Kolby Shultz 9 points on 3 of 7 at the arc, 4r, 2a; Austin Abbott 4p, 6r, 3a, 1 steal; Aaron Robinson 2p. The Warriors were led by Matt Hirschy with 9 points, 4 rebounds; Matthew Fiechter 6p, 5r, 2 assists; Isaac Stoller 6p, 5r.

The Eagles Boys Varsity met a team on the war path. Starting with a 2-9 Warrior run, the Eagles coach called time-out to reset the defense, then went on a 9-0 run, and ended the quarter 19-14, then 27-20 at half-time.

A strong Warrior 3rd quarter tied the score at 35. With a 50-47 Eagle lead, and less than 30 seconds, Warrior Trent Mounsey drove to the hoop, and

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### VOGELHUT



David A. Vogelhut, 84, died Sunday, December 5, 2004 in United Methodist Memorial Home.

Mr Vogelhut was born June 6, 1920. The Army veteran of World War II retired from Smith-Bridenstine Opticians, Indianapolis.

Survivors include wife, Maxine; children, Dennis, Montana, and Jennifer Mason, Huntington; three stepchildren; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services with military rites were held in Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood.

Visitation was in Bailey-Love Mortuary and in Applegate Chapel, United Methodist Memorial Home.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or the United Methodist Memorial Home Foundation Fund, care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington.

### JOHNSON



Walter L. "Bud" Johnson, 84, Marion, died at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at home.

Mr. Johnson was born August 15, 1920 in Hartford City to the late Opal (Riggs) and Edward Johnson. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He married Freeda Leach in 1943, who survives.

Bud grew up in the Van Buren area and graduated from Van Buren High School in 1938. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1946 with the 596th Ambulance Com., EAME Theater and the Philippine Liberation. After Bud came home from the service, he joined a group of his offballplaying buddies and they developed into the Draper Dodgers, who won the honor of playing in an international tournament in Portland, Ore., in the summer of 1948. Bud retired in 1978 after 28 years of service at the RCA plant in Marion. He was a supervisor. His thinking was to farm after retirement, but

his life was sports, basketball, baseball and softball, fishing and last of his love of golf. Bud was a member of the Van Buren American Legion Post 368, Samaritan Masonic Lodge 195, Marion, Hanfield United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Elks Golf Club.

Additional survivors include children, Dan (Teri) Johnson, Amboy, and Greg Johnson, Roanoke; granddaughter, Jennifer (James) Richey, Fort Wayne; great-granddaughter, Kiersten Richey, Fort Wayne; step-grandson, Jeremiah and Nathan Sherrill, both of Idaho; and brothers, Jack (Ann) Johnson, Muncie, and Norman (Liz) Johnson, Marion.

He also was preceded in death by brothers, Hurbert and Charles Johnson.

Services were held in Hanfield United Methodist Church with the Revs. Lloyd Hall and Charles Roome officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

Visitation was held at Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with Masonic rites, and prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels and Guardian Angels Hospice, both in Marion, in care of the funeral home.

### ROOP



Rick L Roop, 52, Warren, died at 4:55 p.m. December 13, 2004 at his home.

Mr. Roop was born August 18, 1952 in Fort Wayne to Joe and Darlene (Heiser) Roop. He married the former Sherry Grace in Huntington on October 28, 2002.

Mr Roop was a 1970 graduate of Central Catholic High School and served in the US Army. He was a tool & die maker at Cyclone Manufacturing in Urbana, IN. He was also owner and operator of R&S Electronics in Warren. Mr Roop previously lived in Allen County and moved to Huntington County in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, father of Pleasant Lake, three sons, Dan Laisure of Lakeworth

FL, Richard Roop of Waterloo, Derick Roop of Fort Wayne; two daughters Kay Crocker of Jupiter FL and Tracey Steinmann of St Charles MO; a brother Terry Roop of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, James, Elizabeth, Alesha, Nicholas and Chelsea; two great-grandsons, Dylan and Zachery and a nephew Travis and niece Jennifer.

His mother preceded him in death.

Calling hours will be held at Glancy Funeral Homes H Brown & Son Chapel from 2-5 pm and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, December 16 and 10-11a.m. Friday December 17. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday December 17 with Pastor Kathie Jones officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Huntington County Cancer Society, PO Box 51, Huntington IN 46750.

### RAMOS-SHOWEN

Selena Ann Showen and Wolgan Esduardo Ramos were married Aug. 14, 2004, in Medway VFW, Medway, Mass., with Jarred Tiberi, Framingham, Mass., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Michelle) Sexton, 406 E. Main St., Van Buren, and the late Ronald K. Showen. She graduated from Eastbrook High School and Massachusetts Bay Community College, Framingham, Mass.

She is a radiologist employed with New England Medical Center, Boston.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose (Olga) Ramos, 17B Marian Road, Framingham, Mass. He is with the Massachusetts Army National Guard, Milford, and is being deployed to Kuwait on Dec. 17.

Dennis Sexton, stepfather of

the bride, escorted her to the altar.

Maid of honor was Staci Sexton, Van Buren, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Angie Baer, Lapel, Debra Munger, Woonsocket, R.I., Shannon Bernardi, Framingham, Mass., Jaimie Doucette, Ashland, Mass., Amanda Cobb, Milford, Mass., and Lauren Pontremoli, Framingham, Mass., all friends of the bride.

Best man was Jerry Dehane, friend of the groom, Holliston, Mass.

Groomsmen were Scott Showen, brother of the bride, Frankton, Henry Funes, Framingham, Mass., friend of the groom, Jeremy Doucete, Ashland, Mass., friend of the couple, Eric Wells, Ashland, Mass., friend of the groom, Chris Cobb, Milford, Mass., friend of the couple, and Mynor Flores, Framingham, Mass., cousin of the groom.

Flower girl was Taylor Catrett, friend of the bride, Massachusetts.

Ring bearer was Kyle McMahon, friend of the bride, Massachusetts.

Ron Sexton was usher, uncle of the bride, Marion.

Scripture reader was Josh Ramos, brother of the groom, Los Angeles, and Micki DeLaney (scripture), aunt of the bride, Festus, Mo.

The couple hosted a reception at Medway VFW and traveled on a cruise to Bermuda for their honeymoon.

The couple live in Milford, Mass.

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was able to sink the basket and then the foul shot. The aggressive Warrior defense allowed the Eagles to add 11 of 12 at the line during the 4th quarter, and 8/10 in the OT period, to finish the match 65-57.

The Eagles were led by Blaine Hitzfield with 21 points, including 11 of 14 at the stripe, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal; Andrew Daniels 20p, including 5 treys, 8r, 3a, 2s; Joe Weaver 13p, 8r, 2a; Trent Lloyd 5p, 12r, 3a, 3s; Thomas Meehan 4p, 4r, 2a, 1s; Austin Abbott 2p.

Although both teams shot 36% from the field, the Eagles were 21/26 at the foul line, Warriors 2/2.

Warriors were led by Trent Mounsey with 16p; Kyle Walker 11p, 9r; and Luke Fiechter with 10.

## EAGLES WIN TWO

The Eagles met the Wabash Area Teaching Children at Home (W.A.T.C.H.) Marksmen & Lady Marksmen (North Manchester area) at the Horace Mann School Gym.

The Lady Eagles took a 1st quarter lead 9-7, and maintained it for a victory over the aggressive Lady Marksmen 35-32.

Rebecca Daniels put in 4 buckets from the paint and 5/6 at the line to end with 13 points, Megan Gibbons 8, Baili Bennett 6, Samantha Kelsey 4, Becca Weaver 3, Trina Lloyd 1.

The Lady Marksmen<sup>1</sup> Lori Greene had 21 points; Kellie Bernard 8p. The Lady Eagles are now 7-2 and are coached by Julie Hendryx & Mary Ehinger.

Their next match will be Thursday night against Bethlehem Lutheran School at the Horace Mann School Gym.

The Eagles Boys Varsity, with a strong 25-5 second quarter, enjoyed a 40-10 half-time lead. The Varsity bench had significant playing time to finish the match 56-35.

Andrew Daniels sunk 2 treys to lead the Eagles with 9, Trent Lloyd 8, Joe Weaver 8, Colin Featherston 8, Jake Smith 6, Blaine Hitzfield 5, Thomas Meehan 4, Austin Abbott 4, Vincent Burnworth 2, Taylor Frank 2.

The Marksmen were led by Lane Sander with 11 & Dan Shepherd 9.

After a challenging start to their season, the Varsity Boys are now 9-5 and are coached by Mark Featherston & Mark Shultz.

Their next match is against the Noble/Whitley Warriors, with center Brent Scheckler, Friday night at the Salomonie School Gym.

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## FRAUD RING

Owners of construction firms, please secure all accounting information!!!

A fraud ring that hit banks in the northeast Indiana area in July 2001 are making their rounds again. There are approximately 10-15 fraudsters going into banks and cashing payroll checks stolen from construction businesses. They forge checks and use them at several branches of the bank holding the business account for the construction company. Method of Operation: One or two suspects enter construction businesses looking for job applications. They then scout the business and take unattended books or sheets of payroll checks. The suspects prepare the checks as close to the way the company would prepare them, i.e.; handwritten, typed, or stamped. The "pay to the order of" section is made out in the name of a Hispanic subject, as well as an address local to the jurisdiction where they are passed. They

start on Friday night by walking to the drive-up, acting as if they can't speak English, wanting to cash payroll checks. If banks are open on Saturdays, they hit again, cashing more of the stolen construction company checks. The customer doesn't even realize the scam until the overdrafts start hitting the account on Monday or Tuesday. Most of the fake identifications used are from North Carolina and Tennessee.

A detective working on a case that occurred in West Virginia the middle of November has received calls from banks in Missouri and Grand Rapids, MI, so their route is sketchy. In 2001, they were successful in the northeast Indiana area, so they may try again; they received \$26,000 from financial institutions in this area at that time.

When last seen, these suspects were driving an older model gold or tan minivan and/or a white box van with unknown Florida license plates. If you suspect anything, please alert your local law enforcement.

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### SIMPLE STEPS CAN KEEP FAMILIES HEALTHY DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON

(NUI) - With the flu vaccine shortage, parents are searching for answers on how to keep their children healthy during the cold and flu season.

Many parents confuse the flu with a rotavirus infection. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus that causes symptoms such as high fever, headache, dry cough and sore throat.

Rotavirus, often confused with the flu, is characterized by vomiting, diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain. It is more prevalent than the flu in children from 6 months to 5 years old. More than 3 million cases of rotavirus are diagnosed every year, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. Unlike the flu, there is no vaccine currently available for rotavirus.

Parents can teach and practice defensive measures to decrease the chances of infection and keep their children healthy this season.

Because germs and viruses tend to stay on the hands, frequently washing hands, covering the mouth and nose when sneezing, using hand sanitizer, and using disposable diapers for infants can help prevent the spread of illnesses among friends and family members.

It also is important for parents to stock up on the necessities to fight the flu and rotavirus head-on and to keep surfaces clean, especially those on which food is prepared, such as countertops and tables.

One of the primary challenges for children who have rotavirus is the threat of dehydration. When vomiting or diarrhea occur, excessive amounts of fluid and electrolytes can be lost. Giving an oral electrolyte solution formulated especially for children at the first sign of infection can help reduce a child's risk of dehydration.

"Common household beverages like sports drinks, soda and juices contain large amounts of sugar which can draw water into the intestines and away from the rest of the body, making diarrhea worse and increasing the risk of dehydration," said Dr. Robert Murray, a professor of gastroenterology and pediatrics at the Ohio State University and a medical director with Abbott's Ross Products Division. "I cannot stress enough the importance of staying well-hydrated during an episode of diarrhea and vomiting. Drinks such as Pedialyte are an excellent

source for re-hydration since it is formulated specifically for young children."

For more information on keeping your children healthy, visit [www.pedialyte.com](http://www.pedialyte.com).

### NEW WEB SITE HELPS YOU REDUCE ENERGY BILLS

(NUI) - As gasoline, natural gas and heating-oil bills skyrocket and overall energy prices go up and down like a roller coaster, what's a frustrated consumer to do?

If you want to take greater control of your energy bills, a great place to start is the Alliance to Save Energy's new consumer Web site, [www.ase.org/consumers](http://www.ase.org/consumers).

Everything you need to know about reducing your energy bills is there.

Most of the content on the site is new and has been developed and organized to meet the needs of consumers, said Alliance Communications and Marketing Director Rozanne Weissman.

Here's a rundown of what you can find on the new Alliance consumer site:

- \* Tips on lowering your energy bills, including seasonal tips for summer and winter, tips for the home office and targeted tips for consumers in various states.

- \* Advice on remodeling your home to maximize energy efficiency - including information on home energy ratings, financing possibilities, smart investments and a link to finding a good contractor.

- \* An animated version of the Alliance's popular free consumer booklet, "Power\$mart: Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet," along with ordering information for single, bulk and customized printed booklets and a downloadable flyer for use at trade shows and fairs.

- \* A variety of home energy tools from the Alliance, Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency that demonstrate how you might save the most money, plus a home energy audit that can be done together with children as a learning tool.

- \* Help with shopping for energy-efficient products. The Alliance shopping section, organized by product category, makes getting information and shopping for energy-efficient products easier for consumers. It links to appropriate consumer information on the Web sites of government agencies and of retailers and manufacturers that have made a commitment to energy efficiency through their work with the Alliance.

- \* A Multimedia Screening

Room. The Alliance brings together its multimedia offerings in a screening room for use by media, consumers and schools.

- \* Resources for kids. The Alliance's kids page helps teach children how to save energy and the environment through games, animated features, activities and articles written by and for kids.

### PROTECT YOUR NAME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

(NUI) - The holiday season is the time of year when you should be spreading holiday cheer and buying the perfect gifts for everyone on your shopping list, not spending time recovering a stolen identity.

In order to ensure that your name and credit are protected, banks, credit card companies and other organizations are working overtime to protect you. By working with your financial institution, you can avoid becoming a victim.

Chase, for example, has developed sophisticated systems to prevent identity theft and has a 1,300-person support team that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. On its Web site, Chase educates its customers about the growing threat of identity theft and how to prevent it. With these resources and tools - and consumers who are careful with their personal information - Chase prevents up to 80 percent of fraud before it occurs.

Although fraud activity increases approximately 15 percent during the holiday season, it doesn't have to happen to you. So, as you reach for the plastic to purchase everything on your holiday shopping list, follow these easy steps to ward off any unwanted "presents" on your next credit card statement.

- \* Secure your personal information. Do not carry your Social Security card with you.

- \* Never give out personal information over the phone unless you initiate the call or know the organization.

- \* Be aware of suspicious e-mails that ask for confirmation of a credit card number, PIN or other sensitive information.

- \* Shred all documents that contain sensitive information.

- \* Check your credit bureau report at least once a year.

### SOMETIMES IT'S OK TO PASS A GIFT ON

When you receive a very nice gift from someone, but it's something you could never use. Is it ethical to give it as a gift to someone else?

At the Rutland Center for Ethics at Clemson University, they say re-gifting is not unethical. But you have to consider whether the person you give it to would really like it. If you doubt that they would, give something else.

Then, you have to ask yourself what you owe to the person who gave you the gift. If your aunt gave you an ornate copper elephant, you might decide to give it away. But what do you tell your aunt when she asks about it? No one wants to lie, but you may have to do it to in order to avoid hurting her feelings.

Another factor in passing on a gift is whether the person you send it to will ever see the person who gave you the gift originally.

Rules of the re-gifting: When the original giver lives out of town; you know the next owner will like it; it's still new and in its original box; and you are prepared to tell a white lie if necessary, it's OK to re-gift.

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