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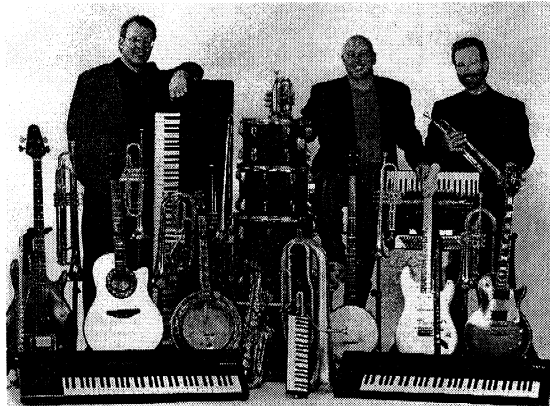
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Thought for the Week: *The years teach us much the days never knew.* Ralph Waldo Emerson



NEW ODYSSEY

Just when you think you've heard everything, you discover the NEW ODYSSEY! They've played everywhere to the delight and surprise of their audiences and their coming to the United Methodist Memorial Home on Tuesday, February 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel. These three gentlemen perform on 30 different instruments... a feat of cheerful abandon and confidence that is astonishing by any standard! Dynamic musical arrangements from Beethoven to the 40's, and from the Swing Era to the 80's and 90's top 40 mixed with some of the most original treatments of comedy, musical novelty, special effects, and lighting will create a memorable evening in just a few hours.

This virtuoso supergroup is one of the last big acts from the prolific "cover band" or "show band" era of the 1970's when it was common for top acts to perform elaborate shows consisting of diverse musical styles, dance music, comedic routines and skits that incorporated lavish costumes, lighting, and special effects. One of the distinguishing features of these show groups was extraordinary musical proficiency on a variety of musical instruments, and NEW ODYSSEY has taken this idea into the 90's and beyond. They have incorporated an array of traditional instruments mixed with highly sophisticated, state-of-the-art digital technology.

In the late 1970's when disco was the rage, this group continued to play in the clubs and also made a successful transition to private functions. They now perform for businesses, corporations, state fairs, charitable functions, and the like, in addition to concert tours throughout a five state radius.

The band members include drummer Gary Todd, who also doubles on trumpet, trombone sousaphone, banjo, and guitar; guitarist Michael Jay, who doubles on trumpet, trombone, mandolin, banjo, and harmonica; and arranger and keyboardist Gary Polkow, who, in addition to programming and performing on the group's extensive multi-MIDI keyboard set-up and digital sequencer doubles on trumpet, bass trumpet, accordion, drums, and vocals.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO

The Men's Methodist Fellowship of Jefferson Church are providing "Valet Parking."

How nice to drive up under our new portico and hand the keys to our friendly park attendants. After church the same drivers return with your car.

How much this service is appreciated in this winter weather.

Sunday school is at 9 with church services at 10.

JAZZ DANCE CANCELLED

The Jazz Dance reported in last week's paper has been cancelled.

BASKET BINGO

Southern Wells Partners in Education is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Saturday, February 28 in the Southern Wells Elementary cafeteria, 9120S 300W, Poneto. There is a \$10 donation for 20 games. One original Longaberger basket will be won for each game. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., games begin at 10. Concessions will be available. Participants must be at least 18 years old. For tickets, contact Julie Thompson at 260-694-6626, Tara Korporal at 260-375-4230 or Southern Wells Elementary office at 765-728-2121. Raffle tickets will also be available in house for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds to benefit Southern Wells Elementary School.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

March 1, 2004 is the 4-H enrollment deadline. This deadline is just around the corner.

If you would like to join 4-H, you need to pick up an enrollment form from your County Extension Office

Join 4-H by March 1. Learn to make the best better!!

ELECTRONIC TAX SERVICE

National City is offering a new service, "Business Tax Manager," available immediately to business owners and managers for electronically paying federal, state and local taxes.

Mike Price, National City executive vice president, small busi-

ness banking, said, "We are pleased to provide a secure, convenient and quick way to pay federal, state and local government taxes electronically. This product eliminates check writing, coupon payments and trips to the bank and requires only a computer with Internet access or a phone. It takes about 90 seconds to input payment instructions electronically."

He added, "We continually survey our customers regarding the kind of products and services they want. Business Tax Manager, like our Small Business Online Banking, Bill Payment, Check Imaging and a host of other solutions is simply our commitment to make life easier for our small business customers."

Business Tax Manager is available 24 hours daily, seven days a week. Customers should submit payments by 4 p.m. Eastern Time at least two business days before their tax due date. Taxpayers can even schedule payments up to 30 days before they are due. Acknowledgements will be received for every payment. The service, including taxpayer enrollment and taxpayer issues, is provided by govONE Solutions, LP. govOne Solutions, LP is one of the world's largest government payment processors, offering turn-key, secure e-payment solutions for federal, state and local governments and leading financial institutions.

The cost for Business Tax Manager is minimal - a \$10 setup fee and a \$2.50 fee per transaction. As an introductory offer, all tax payment transactions will be free until April 30, 2004.

Demonstrations of Business Tax Manager as well as instructions on using the service are available at NationalCity.com/taxpayments or by calling 888-NCB-4BIZ (622-4249).

NATIONAL RED CROSS MONTH

March is National Red Cross Month and this year will focus on Together We Prepare, a five step plan to being prepared for emergencies. One of the steps is do-

nating blood.

Your donated blood will help the victims of emergencies, disasters and disease. Blood availability is a preparedness issue. Blood must be on the shelf, ready and available for every day personal emergencies and large-scale manmade or natural disasters. The key to community preparedness is regular donation.

The following blood drives are scheduled:

Monday, March 1, at Parkview Hospital from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Parkview Hospital is located at 2001 Stultz Rd. in Huntington.

Thursday, March 11, at Methodist Memorial Home from 12 noon until 5 p.m. The Methodist Memorial Home is located at 801 Huntington Ave. in Warren.

Monday, March 15, at First Church of the Nazarene from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. The First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1555 Flaxmill Rd. in Huntington.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

COUNCIL NOTES

The February 9 meeting of the Warren Town Council was held in the Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A meeting was set for Feb. 23, preceding the next Council meeting to discuss the Electric Project-Pole Change Out with T&B contractor. Poles marked for removal during the last phase of the project will be replaced.

Ron Neff and Larry Poulson will be setting up the Huntington County Expo Booth on March 20 and 21. A sign up sheet is available for those wishing to assist with the event.

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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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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

TWO TRIBUTES TO THE WARREN COMMUNITY

To All WARRENITES,

I'd like to thank everyone personally for their kind words, acts and attitudes in Warren.

My husband and I had a furnace fire on Sunday and by Monday someone had delivered a care package to our house. Only the furnace was lost, but we've moved, temporarily, to my parents in Huntington. We have no insurance or money to replace the furnace, therefore the move. We'll be back though.

The signs upon entering Warren read "Small Town, Big Heart". That is putting it lightly. You see, my husband, David, is the Can-Man. He walks around collecting your aluminum cans you've thrown out. Many of you collect them for him, even give him rides to town, back home, and around town for more cans.

David was a truck driver. In 2002, he had a brain infection that has robbed him of his long and short-term memory, sense of smell and some comprehension, but he's still determined to work and support me. I suffer constant kidney stones, osteoporosis, carpal tunnel and other ailments, so I also can't work much.

I believe Warren is a small piece of heaven. Everyone takes care of each other. Even the town drunks give us care and humor.

I apologize if David takes cans he's not supposed to. He simply doesn't realize it, and might not remember to leave them the next time.

Everyone please give yourself a notch of your good deed belt, everyone deserves it.

Warren brings so much joy and peace to our lives that I can't express it fully.

To all teens: Warren may not be "happening" but it is the best family to have.

Thanks again everyone,
David and Pam Uncapher

To the RESIDENTS OF WARREN,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with everyone how wonderful and generous the people of Warren are.

Due to illness and circumstances, I have been unable to work for nearly two years and my wife has had limited hours many times. Needless to say, Christmas was not only looking bleak, but was not even on our radar screen. Then the cavalry came.

The community rallied and gave our family, which includes our teenage granddaughter, a beautiful gift of Christmas spirit. Specifically, the Men's League of Salomonie, a ladies organization, and an anonymous Christmas Angel gave generously to us and made our Christmas one to remember. It seems whenever we came home from being out, Santa Claus had left something at our doorstep. Santa has many faces, and we see them around town every day.

We wish to thank all our wonderful neighbors and express our gratitude for such kindness and generosity.

In closing I must say that, "Yes Warren, there is a Santa Claus."

Ray Denman & family

(Editors Note: Makes a person feel pretty proud to live in this little town, doesn't it?)

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 Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 8:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.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 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148
 Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Sunday
 Trad. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Mdm Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST
 Corner of 900S & 300W
 Kathie Jones, Pastor
 375-2779

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

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

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 BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren
 375-2779
 Lynn Mefferd, Pastor

Sun - Worship Service 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30p.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHafen, 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
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 Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sue Brown, Youth Worker

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Pastor Dan Sommer

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
 Mel Zumbun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 758-2085
 Nathan Doyle, Minister
 Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 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
 Ayissa Luginbill, Assoc. 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 7:00 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/3rd of the Month
 Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
 Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
 Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.

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
 Pastor Blake J. Neff
 Youth Pastor Adam Pierce

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur.) 7:30 p.m.
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BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

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

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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
 Wayne Wright, 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, Montpeller
 Student Pastor - Eric Dubach

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

*Attend the Church
of your choice*

AREA NEWS

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Tower Park Board members need more information concerning the concession stand at Tower Park before a decision is made as to handle the situation. Sigma Phi Gamma had charge of the stand for many years, but have given up the project.

The names of Brady Smekens and Kim Coolman were submitted to Council as possible new Park Board members and were accepted. Dave Scheib will serve as Council representative to the Board.

The rules were suspended and Council approved Ordinance 2004-1, Water Loan from Electric. The short term loan allows payment of the I-69 water Extension project by TIF monies generated at the I-69 area.

Council was informed that General Insurance has increased 6%. Further increase will be seen as the new wastewater plant is online.

Indiana Northeast Development is not under a three year contract. Council decided not to make an additional donation as the economic development group is supported by Huntington County Economic.

Town Clerk Marilyn Morrison gave the January financial report. TIF and other monies, including additional 2003 property taxes have been received.

The State Board of Accounts Audit continues, but is expected to be completed soon.

Darrel Bice gave the Utility/Street Departments reports. Quotes were presented in the amount of \$5212.68 for new cabinets at the new water plant. Town employees are to install the new cabinets.

Change orders were discussed and it was agreed to release retainage in the amount of \$10,000 to Sullivan Excavating for the Phase two portion of the project.

The Park Board will hold its next meeting in March.

FAIR ASSOC. TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. will meet on Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall. The 4-H Fair Association will be continuing their organizational and promotion efforts toward the 2004 Huntington County 4-H Fair, scheduled for July 16-29 at the Chief LaFontaine Saddle Club Grounds and Hier's Park. This will be the 74th annual 4-H Fair held in Huntington.

VEAL CALF ENROLLMENT

To enroll in the 4-H veal calf project, interested youth must notify the Purdue Extension Service - Huntington County Office no later than Monday, March 1. The 4-H veal calf project is a great 4-H project for youth who are interested in raising and working with cattle, but this project requires a shorter time frame to raise the animal to market weight than the 4-H beef project. It also involves a much smaller animal, reaching approximately 450 pounds at 4-H fair time.

Veal calves will be distributed during the 3rd week in April and will be approximately six weeks of age at time of delivery. 4-H youth will purchase their project calf at the current market price for veal calves.

For more information contact Alan Lauer, 4-H Veal Calf Superintendent, 260/982-7335, evenings, or the Huntington County Extension Office at 260/358-4826 or 358-4827 in the daytime.

4-H JUDGES CLINIC

Adults interested in 4-H project judging should mark their calendars for the 2004 Northeast Indiana 4-H Judges Clinic set for Saturday, March 6 from 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM at Indiana Springs Middle School south of Columbia City.

The judges' clinic is open to adults at all levels of experience. Objectives include reinforcing the educational value of the judging process, delivering positive and motivational feedback to youth,

and sharpening participants' technical proficiency in specific project areas.

The agenda will open with registration at 8:45 AM followed by an opening session focusing on positive youth development at 9:15 AM. Two individual project sessions will follow prior to lunch. An afternoon session will complete the program. Specific 4-H project areas to choose from include Computers, Crafts, Garden, Genealogy, Gift Wrapping, Natural Resources (Wildlife, Weather, Sportfishing, Forestry, Soil & Water Conservation), Photography, Posters & Notebooks, Scrapbooking, and Shooting Sports Education.

The cost of the judges' clinic is \$10 which includes lunch, refreshments, and all materials.

4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in the world. In Indiana, the program is administered by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. It combines public and private support and guidance of adult volunteers. In 2003, some 300,000 Indiana youth and 20,000 volunteers took part in 4-H through opportunities such as club and project work, camps, career development events, Purdue campus programs, classroom enrichment, and community service.

For more information about the clinic and a registration form, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

SWINE WORKSHOP

Youth from around the state will have an opportunity to attend the annual Junior Pork Day, Saturday, March 6th at Purdue University.

Registration will be held from 8-9 AM at Lilly Hall of Life Sciences Lobby.

Dr. Alan Grant, Head of Animal Science Department will welcome the group at 9 AM. Hands-on workshop sessions will be held from 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM. The topics include: how to judge swine; evaluation pork cuts; ear notching; giving injections; and ultrasound scanning.

Afternoon sessions include: pig handling and health care; ham processing; swine reproduction; and semen handling.

Cost of the event is \$5 (which

includes lunch) and can be paid at registration.

For more information about the event, contact Brian Richert, Extension Swine Specialist, 765-494-4837, or Clint Rusk, Youth Livestock Specialist, 765-494-8427, rusk@purdue.edu

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Van Buren American Legion (765)934-2700

Tuesday - All-U-Can-Eat Broasted Chicken
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday - Steak, Chicken & Ham Steak Cook-Out 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Includes Salad Bar

Saturday - Prime Rib - 4 to 8 p.m.

(February 21 through March 27)

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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.
- Feb 18 Van Buren Town Council, 7:00 p.m.
 - Feb 20 Warren Recycle Day
 - Feb 23 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Mar 2 Fish, Chicken & Tenderloin Supper, Salamonie Church of the Brethren, 4:30 - 7:00
 - Mar 13 Sigma Phi Gamma Chicken Supper at Sportsman Club
 - Mar 15 Salamonie Summer Festival Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. at KBC
 - Mar 20 24th Chili Supper, Poneto Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - Mar 26 Salamonie School Carnival Food 5:15 - 7:30, Games 6 to 8
 - Apr 17 United Church of Christ Spaghetti Supper at UCofC
 - Apr 17 Port-a-Pit Chicken Dinner, Markle Church of the Brethren, 4-7
 - May 8 Warren Alumni Banquet - Contact Jim Howell 375-3048 or howellj@citiznet.com
- 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 Storytime at Warren Public Library 10 a.m. Fridays, Walking in the Gym 7a.m. to Noon at Knight Bergman Center**

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

SERVSAFE FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

ServSafe Certification Training Course will be offered again on Monday, March 8 and Monday, March 15 at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton, Indiana.

ServSafe is a nationally recognized program dedicated to helping the restaurateur or food service establishment, prevent foodborne illness potentials. ServSafe provides practical training for all food service workers. The course meets and exceeds the FDA recommendations on its content.

The training focuses on the proper sanitary methods of receiving, storing, preparing and serving uncontaminated food. The comprehensive and up-to-date course focuses on the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems of food safety. HACCP traces the flow of foods through a food service operation, concentrating on those critical areas where contamination is most likely to occur.

Judi Merkel of the Wells County Extension Office and Trisha Hockemeyer of the Adams County Extension Office are teaming up to teach the ServSafe Certification Course. The program requires pre-registration and is scheduled for 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. both March 8 and March 15 at the Wells County Community Center in Bluffton. Call the Wells County Extension Office at 260-824-6412 for a registration form or if you have questions.

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If your best strategy is just one step above stuffing money under the mattress, then it's time to learn more. The Wells County Public Library is featuring The Dynamics of Investing on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. With a focus on investment fundamentals, this special program is aimed at beginning investors of all ages. It promises plenty of good financial information in a casual, non-threatening atmosphere.

Ray Paxson, financial advisor with Raymond James & Associates and member of the New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, is our expert for the evening. With 20 years of financial experience in Wells County, Paxson will cover a broad range of topics. From explaining the secret language of investment terms to discussing general financial choices, he will provide an assortment of take-home literature. Paxson will also open the discussion for a few questions from participants at the end of the program.

Dynamics of Investing is a free program at the library, but class

size is limited. To register, call the library at 260-824-1612 or stop by the reference desk to sign up.

FISH FRY REPORT

What a gratifying sight, the CROWD that attended the annual Fund Raiser for the Senior Center. It shows the Center how very much their loving care is appreciated. Warren's Red Hatters, the Real Elegant Dames showed their appreciation, too. They enjoyed the special reserved table covered with royal purple, and a red foil goodie bag for each one, filled with home made cookies! (We're guessing this was the work of Marcia Jackson as she never confesses, she's a special angel). The excellent food was enjoyed by Willy Hethcote, Barbara Kleinhans, Velma Lindstrom, Lilly Nutter, Virginia Olson, Helen Stokes, Helen Jo Strassner and Maro Wall.

We celebrated Maro's birthday with song and a candle-lit cake. We basked in the welcome we received from Huntington and Warren officials and are looking forward to the next event.

FORREST AT HNHS

Bay Forrest a former NBA player with the Phoenix SUNS will speak at the Huntington North High School Auditorium MONDAY, March 1st 7PM sponsored by Huntington College and Churches of Huntington County.

He will also be speaking at Union Church 3688 E 400 N (North of Markle) 758-2550 on SONday Feb. 29th 8:50-9:50AM; 10-11AM; & 6PM (Sanctuary), Tuesday Mar. 2nd 7-8PM (Family Life Center), Wednesday Mar. 3rd 7-8PM (Family Life Center).

SALAMONIE SCHOLARSHIP

Parents to reward former Salamonie students. Beginning this spring, Huntington North seniors who spent at least four years attending Salamonie Elementary will be eligible to apply for a \$500 college scholarship.

The new scholarship is intended to recognize alumni of Salamonie Elementary who have demonstrated success and potential during their high school career. Applications and information are available at Salamonie School and at the Huntington North guidance office after March 1. The deadline for applicants is April 15, 2004.

The Salamonie School parent organization, P.R.O.S., sponsors the scholarship with funds raised through its Schwan's food delivery fundraising program. Community members can support the scholarship program by participating in the Schwan's home delivery program, or by making a direct contribution to the scholarship fund.

To participate in the Schwan's fundraising program, delivery customers must specify to their

Schwan's driver that they want a portion of their payment to go toward the Salamonie scholarship program.

For additional information, contact Salamonie School at 375-3434.

ADVENTURES WITH GRANDCHILDREN

Allen Johnson, author of the fun 'Adventures with Grandchildren' travel series, will share his experiences on Thursday, March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. Area senior citizens and their guests are invited to enjoy coffee and dessert while Johnson describes "Australia From the Back of a Camel"-an exotic vacation shared with his 7-year-old granddaughter.

Johnson, age 68, believes in sharing adventures with his grandchildren rather than have them learn about the world on TV. His grandson, Paul, joined him on a 500-mile canoe trip down the Wabash River. Granddaughter Tracy biked with him across Ohio, Granddaughters Emily and Jessica actually kayaked the Artic Circle around Iceland.

To document his grandchildren's accomplishment, Johnson began writing everything down. This adventurous family has completed a dozen unique vacations - with a dozen more planned. His book series includes: "Biking to the Artic Circle"; "Rollerblading Across Holland"; and "Kayaking Around Iceland". Copies of his books will be for sale at the program.

In this program, Johnson will present a slide show featuring a seven-day trip with a camel train across the Simpson Desert. Together, these two adventurers ate native foods, explored Aboriginal caves and traveled the brush-covered plains along migration trails the Aborigines have followed for 80,000 years. Johnson's obvious delight in the sights and sounds of Australia are exceeded only by his joy of sharing the experience with his grandchild.

While Johnson speaks, coffee and a choice of gourmet desserts will be served. The combination of family fun and delicious dessert promises an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon.

Adventures & Dessert is free, but please pre-register so there is enough dessert for everyone. Call the library at 824-1612 or stop by the reference desk to sign up. The deadline to register is March 9.

The Wells County Council on Aging will display an exhibit of their upcoming tours and trips. Free shuttle transportation by the council is available by calling them with 24-hour notice at 824-1070.

JOY CLASS

The Joy Class of the United Church of Christ met Saturday, February 14, 2004 in the church lounge for a Sweetheart dinner. The delicious meal was hosted and prepared by Pastor Charley and Eileen Dye and Robert and Opal Brubaker.

Pastor Charley gave devotions titled "Bred for the Journey", followed by a short business meeting.

The "Ole Wed" Game was played with a lot of laughter and fun. Pastor Charley was the game master.

Those enjoying the evening were: Guy and Carlene Jackson, Max and Marge Tyner, Gary and Suellen Jones, Larry and Roselyn Poulson, Bernard and Sharon Gebhart, Bob and Nancy Smyth, Jim and Linda Large, Jerry and Peggy Wilson and grandson, Jo Spade, Janet Klefeker and the committee.

READING CLUB

Bay View Reading Club met February 10th in the Calico Room at the Methodist Home, where we were served lunch at noon. The Hostess gift was won by Mary Wiley. After lunch Lavonna Myers, club president, opened the business meeting by the reading of the Club Collect in unison.

Roll call was answered by sharing memories of "a special Valentine" received. Helen Stokes gave the history of how Valentine's Day came to be. The Treasurer's report and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A most interesting program was shared by Ann Brauchla which she entitled "Gifts" which reminded us of the many gifts we have that we take for granted far too often. Then she showed a number of gifts that had been given to her by friends and the history of those gifts. A reminder again that the greatest of all gifts is friendship and love.

The guests present were Leona Flora and Vida Myers and Ann Brauchla.

NEW AT WPL

New books at the Warren Public Library include the following.

Adult Fiction - The Debt by Hunt; The Sweet Potato Queen's Book of Love by Browne; The Four Seasons by Monroe; Aunt Divinity, Snowbound by Atherton; Bet Me by Cruise; High Country by Barr; Land of My Heart by Peterson; Deadly Aim by Rushford; Mona Lisa Smile by Chiel.

Adult Non-fiction - The Real You by Leman; Baking Soda: Over 500 Fabulous, Fun & Frugal Uses You've Probably Never Thought Of; Vinegar: Over 400 Various, Versatile & very Good Uses.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

PUGH

A former teacher at Southern Wells High School, Alan G. Pugh, 58, Huntington, died at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Hartford City June 18, 1945 to Cleo N. and Dorothea Miitsch Pugh, he married Carol L. Martin on April 12, 1985 in Bluffton; she survives and lives in Huntington where she is executive director of the Huntington County United Economic Development. She is a former executive director of the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Pugh spent most of his career as a computer systems analyst and software designer, and began Pugh Consulting Service in 1995.

Survivors include Garnett Martin, his mother-in-law, of Bluffton.

Services were held at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel.

Preferred memorials to United Way of Huntington County, Helping Paws Pet Haven, or the Huntington County Humane Shelter.

SEEVERS

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, Garland H. Seavers, 94, died at 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at the home.

Born Sept. 17, 1909 in Grant County to Samuel B. and Minnie Marshall Seavers, he was married to the former Marie M. Wine, who preceded him in death.

A 1927 graduate of Upland High School, he lived in Upland until 1987 and moved to Albion to be closer to his family. He had been a resident at the Methodist home in Warren since 1991.

He was a pressman for the Edward Cox Printing Co. and retired from 3-M Co. in Hartford City in 1974. A member of the Upland United Methodist Church, he had been a member of Asbury United Methodist Church while living in Albion.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Joel (Carole) Moore, Albion,

six grandchildren and 16 great-grand-children.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard, who was a serviceman in the United States Air Force.

Calling hours at the Methodist Home are Thursday, 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. time of services. Officiating will be Pastors Austin and Nancy Fergusson and burial will be in the Union Cemetery, Eaton.

Memorials may be made to the Upland United Methodist Church or the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

KENNEDY

Marcella L. Kennedy, 80, 10869 E. 300N, Van Buren, died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2004 in her home.

She was born January 29, 1924 in Van Buren Township to the late Lenard Lee and Hazel Van Ness. She was married to the late Henry Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy was owner/operator and bookkeeper for Kennedy's Heating and Plumbing for several years. She attended Dillman United Brethren Church. The homemaker enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Brent Kennedy, Van Buren; a daughter, Cindy Kennedy, Mebane, N.C.; grandchildren, Shawn (Angel) Kennedy and Heather Kennedy, both of Marion; great-grandchildren, Delana Kennedy, Cole Kennedy and Logan Kennedy, all of Marion.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., with the Rev. Lynn Mefferd officiating. Burial is in Van Buren Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

FINLEY

Geraldine "Gerry" Finley, 72, died at 3:53 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2004 in Marion General Hospital.

She was born in Greenburg, Pa., to the late Michael Guspan and Mary (Colianni) Guspan.

Mrs. Finley "Gerry" was employed at Indiana Bell Phone Co.

She also spent 20 years as a volunteer at the Grant County Sheriff's Department and Marion General Hospital.

She was a member of the Telephone Company Pioneers.

Survivors include sons, Grant Finley, Van Buren, Doug (Marilyn) Finley, Sparta, N.J.; sisters, Nancy Baughman, Greenburg, Pa., Mary Guspan, Royersford, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren with Chaplain Jack Brady officiating.

In addition, the family would like to have friends and family gather at the Van Buren American Legion sharing memories of the life of Gerry.

The family asks that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, instead of flowers.

BIRTHS

Mr and Mrs Josh (Jessica Minnich) Foss of Bluffton are the parents of a son, James Thomas, born at 11:29 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Don and Sue Minnich, Sherry and Lou Schmidt and James Arnold.

Timothy Nathan Metzger of Hoagland and **Nicole Marie Bastaich** of Huntington, are the parents of a son, Torin Timothy Marley Bastaich, born at 6:01 a.m. January 5, 2004 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Patricia Overstreet, Huntington, Paul Bastaich, Langley, VA, and Daniel and Pamela Metzger, Hoagland. Great-grandparents are Sandee Watkins, Huntington, James Denman, Warren, Paul and Mary Bastaich, Kokomo, and Donald and Carol Metzger, New Haven.

Christina Marie Schock Wolf, Warren, is the mother of a daughter, Baleigh Marie Wolf, born at 9:37 a.m. January 20, 2004 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds at

birth. She joins a sister, Lileigh-Roze Kaye Wolf, 3.

Grandparents are Joe and Tammy Schock, Warren, and Truddie Planck, Gas City.

50 YEARS TOGETHER

Mr and Mrs Ray Yeiter, Huntington, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a reception and open house Saturday, February 7, at the Majenica Conservation Club. The gathering was hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren.

Ray Yeiter and Carol Mills were married February 7, 1954 in Mt Etna by Rev. JT Wood of the South United Methodist Parish.

Mr Yeiter is retired from the former Majenica Tile Company, where he served as vice president for many years. Mrs Yeiter is retired from the Huntington County Community School Corporation.

The Yeiters are the parents of David Yeiter, Huntington, and Cheryl Stanley, Warren. They have 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr and Mrs John (Carol) Meeks of Ossian, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 26, 2004. John and the former Carol Schoeff were married January 26, 1954 at Epworth Methodist Parsonage by Rev EN Rosier.

Mr Meeks farmed in Lancaster Twp., Wells Co., and also drove a semi truck for Western Auto, Incel and Thurmtron until he retired. Mrs Meeks was primarily a homemaker, but she worked a short time at Country Squire Florist and at The Print Shop.

They have two daughters, Mrs. David (Marilyn) Webb of Bluffton, Mrs. Terry (Linda) Masterson of Poneto, and two sons, Mike Meeks of Liberty Center and Richard Meeks of Ossian. They also have two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

LOVE IN THE AIR

Joan Boyer led story time at the Warren Library on Friday, February 13 with Valentines as the theme. She read *The Runaway Valentine*, *I Love You As Much, Hugs*, *A Book of Hugs* and *Best Valentine Book*.

The children received a coloring page and a surprise treat made by Treva Flemming. (Thanks Treva).

Story time is each Friday morning at 10:00 unless school is cancelled due to weather.

GRADUATES BOOT

Private Wendell E. Biddle, Huntington, graduated from the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot in San Diego, CA on January 9, 2004. Following a short leave, he will go to Camp Pendleton, CA for Marine combat training.

Biddle is a 2002 graduate of Huntington North High School. His wife is Bethany Jacoby Biddle. He is the grandson of James and Shannon Biddle and Larry and Kay Bishop, all of Huntington, and Linda Larkey of Warren.

K ROUNDUP

Southern Wells Elementary School will hold Kindergarten Round-Up on April 14, 2004.

Parents may choose to come at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. This is an informational meeting for parents, children need not attend at this time. Both meetings will be conducted exactly the same. Be sure to bring your child's birth certificate at this time.

Developmental screening will be done near the end of May. The entire screening process will take about an hour and a half, and sign-ups will occur at Round-Up on the 14th.

Children need to be 5 years old on or before July 1, 2004, to be eligible to enroll. However, there is a provision to allow parents who have students who are 5 in August to apply for early enrollment. The test for early enrollment will be given at the same time as the developmental screening in May.

Please call the school at (765)728-2121 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for further details and pre-registration or fill out the form below and drop it off at the Elementary Office by March 15th. If you know of someone that will have a Kindergarten student in the Fall, please pass this form on to them.

SWES "TAKE ON" HOOPSTERS

February 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym the Southern Wells Elementary staff will be taking on the K105 Hoopsters in a friendly game of basketball.

Students are being asked to come and show their support by wearing school colors. Grades K, 2, 4 and 6 should wear red and grades 1, 3 and 5 should wear

blue.

East of Chicago pizza will be available for purchase from 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the H. S. Cafeteria. Concessions will be sold at the game by the sixth grade class, with proceeds from concessions going to help fund the annual Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Trip.

There will also be a 3-point contest at half-time, and the winning class wearing the most color to display their school spirit will be announced.

Admission to the game is \$2.00 for K thru adult. (These tickets will be sold at the door).

The game is sponsored by our P.I.E. group. Proceeds from the game and the meal will be used for the Elementary School. Please come out and support our Elementary staff and Partners In Education for this event. This will be a fun filled evening!!

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Little Panther Pre School attended with the morning class on Wednesday February 11, 2004 to the Van Buren Public Library for Storytime.

Since Valentine's Day is this Saturday, Karen read the book "Franklin's Valentines" by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark.

The children are studying about parts of the body in Pre School. Karen read about the heart in the book "Looking Into My Body" a Reader's Digest Book, that we have in the Children's Dept. of the library. The children were able to tell me some different information they learned in Pre School about the heart. It was so neat to listen as the children shared their knowledge. The children enjoyed singing and doing the Bonny - Hokey - Pokey.

Each child was able to checkout one book to take back to the Pre School for Mrs. Green to read.

Those attending were: Lavonte Cox, Dylan Joseph, Scott Garrison, Tala Garrison, Sydney Pattison, Tylon Wright, Matthew Ashley, Emma Huffman, Emilee, Mikayla Cordill and Cash Lee-Suddarth.

RAIDER OF THE DAY

The following Southern Wells Elementary students were Raider of the Day winners for December and January: Richard Wirt (3), Bridget Rugg (3), Brandon Longenberger (4), Keith C Morton (3), Clayton Hamilton (4), Kayonna Benefiel (3), Tom Stepp (K), Morgan Cavanaugh (3), Damion Watters (K), Tanner Prible (5), Matt Powell (K), Allyson Hamilton (K), Amber Monroe (5), Dakota Clark (K), Chandler Harris (2), Mickayla Culbertson (K), Daniel Mossburg (2), Amanda Hoglund (K), Korbin Rhamy (4), April Grove (6), Levi Jones (6), Kirk Poling (6), Austin Ely (3), Zach Leyman (3), T C. Perry (K), Conner White (K), Amanda Price (2), Brittany Tudor (K), Drew Penrod (5), Mike Thompson (2), Chloe Maddox (K),

Tara Gerstorff (K), Chantel Merchant (2), Brant Mechling (K), Shana Hicks (2), Darren Gillum (2), Taylor Vanover (K), Carissa Carter (2), Brandon Bryant (K), Tequila Carr (2), Jackson Bartlett (K), Hannah Penrod (K), and Sheridan Carney (1).

AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME

Fourteen children attended the after school Valentine's Day Party at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday February 13th.

As the children entered into the children's Department of the library they signed in, and received either a Valentine Word Search or a color sheet of hearts to do.

Karen read the story "A Valentine for Norman Noggs" by Valiska Gregory as they finished their work sheets.

The game that everyone enjoyed was Heart Bingo. A free book was given to each winner to take home and enjoy.

The children were invited to make two valentines. They had all kinds of valentine craft items to choose from so they could be creative. When completed their valentines were very pretty.

The refreshments were cupcakes for them to decorate and cool aid.

We had an attendance prize drawing for 2 valentine books. The winners were Remi Felver and Zach Handshoe.

Those attending were Nixon Smith, Autumn Smith, Icity Baker, Ciara Swagger, Caddy Swagger, Holly Felver, Remi Felver, Philip Dailey, Cassie Davis, Paige Brown, Nathan, Zach Handshoe and Delta Oswalt.

This Friday's after school story time is "Animal Drawings" with special guest Jody Heaston, Interpretive Naturalist, from Mounds State Park. Animal Drawings was going to be February 6th but due to no school it has been scheduled for this Friday February 20th. So if you want to learn how to draw animals now is your chance. Hope to see you!

NATIONAL HONOR ROLL

Kelly Bucher of Warren and Carlee Hedrick of Huntington recently qualified for induction into the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like these inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. By taking advantage of National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service, high school inductees can

notify the admissions offices of as many schools as they wish that they have been inducted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. (A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with that letter.) Each state governor and U.S. Senator receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students who have been inducted in their states, and their mailing addresses. And complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 61% of the inductees in the Spring 2003 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 39% averaged B through B+. 27% were Seniors (Class of 2003); 38.5% Juniors

(Class of 2004); 22% Sophomores (Class of 2005); 12% Freshmen (Class of 2006); and .5% Middle School.

HONOR ROLL

The following students achieve Honor Roll status for the 2nd grading period.

Sixth grade High Honor: Chelsea Mossburg and Nicole Quinn.

Sixth grade Honor: Chaz Carroll, Jenny Lloyd, Justin Perry, Josh Stultz, Alex Trosper, Nick Pursifull, Samantha Piquine, Elizabeth James, Blake Huffman, Chelsea Smith, Courtney Morton, Jacob Miller, Tori McClain, Chase Harris, and Lisa Murray.

Fifth Grade High Honor: Julia Bartlett, Megan Bryant, Cristin Carter, Karie Lavanchy, Chelsea Masterson, Emily Oswalt, Mandy Stoffer, Maria Velasquez, Chelsea Adams, Devin Bower and Mikala Habegger.

Fifth Grade Honor: Acacia Herr, Tyler Cassidy, Tyler Hogston, Mackenzie Jordan, James Mossburg, Kelsey Samsel, Dustin

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ATTENDING CONVENTION

Amy Elliott, age 7, daughter of Jon and Bonnie (Raver) Elliott, rural Bluffton, has been invited to attend the Millie Lewis American Modeling & Talent Convention in Orlando, FL June 29-July 5. She will be representing Charmaine Modeling Agency in Fort Wayne.

Participants of the AMTC are hand-selected by a National Scout and come from all over North America and beyond. Less than 40% of all applicants worldwide are invited to attend. This convention is the most respected of its kind in North America, and is where prospective models, talent and their families can meet, learn and compete in front of top international modeling and talent agents. Contestants will compete in Runway, Photography, Swimsuit, TV Commercials, Acting, Singing, Dance and more. The AMTC gives contestants an opportunity to find out if they have what it takes to work in a major market like New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, Atlanta, Paris, Milan or Tokyo. Education, opportunity and placement are the goals of the Millie Lewis Convention.

Amy is a first grade student at Southern Wells Elementary School, and is a third-year student of Pizazz School of the Performing Arts where she is involved in Song & Dance as well as voice lessons. Amy was also involved in the Wells Community Theatre Production of "The King & I" last summer, and performed in the Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre's 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2003.

SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

The University of Saint Francis is offering opportunities for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in science to participate in a two-day program of workshops using research techniques and equipment generally unavailable in a high school setting.

The Science Symposium will take place on campus on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20, 2004.

Two workshops are offered, "The Body Shop: Anatomy and Physiology of the Vertebrate Body at Work" and "Crystal Chemistry."

The Science Symposium awards up to \$32,000 per year in honor scholarships to participants who eventually enroll at the university

as full-time majors in biology, chemistry, environmental science, general science, science secondary education, or a pre-professional program.

The deadline for receipt of application material is March 8. Applications and further information are available by calling 260-434-3245 or 800-729-4732, on the Internet at <http://www.sf.edu/sciencesymposium/> or by e-mail to cexner@sf.edu.

CAREER OPEN HOUSE

The University of Saint Francis will hold a Health Careers Open House on Saturday, March 20 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education at the corner of Spring Street and Leesburg Road, Fort Wayne.

The university offers degree programs in Medical Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology, and Social Work and pre-professional studies in medicine, physical therapy, dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary science. In addition, Associate of Science in Nursing, LPN to ASN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN Completion for registered nurses, Master of Science in Nursing, and Master of Science in Physician Assistant programs are available.

Prospective students and their families can meet with faculty, tour healthcare simulation labs, have transcripts evaluated for transfer credit, obtain financial aid information, and learn more about the many health care majors offered by the University of Saint Francis.

For further information, contact the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 800-729-4732.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM YOUR SHIPPER?

What do you need from your shipper? Taking the time to think through the answer, and compare shippers, can save you a lot of money.

Do you need convenience? Affordability? Service and reliability? Access to shipping supplies? Security? Value-added extras?

Let's look at these one at a time: Convenience

Are there nearby locations for both you and your customers? Can you get answers 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Do you have a variety of payment options? These are important considerations for both you and the person who will receive your package.

A shipper who offers one-stop shopping can make your life a lot easier. With end-to-end services that provides pickup and delivery of packages as well as merchandise return, your needs are more easily met. Especially if these services include a range of options for domestic and international deliveries. At the end of the

day, it's all about making your life a little easier for you and your customer.

Affordability

You probably want a shipper who provides a range of affordable options and easy payment methods. You want to make sure there are no hidden charges, too. Some shipping companies offer deep discounts (as much as 40 percent), but only if you meet certain requirements. Fall below the minimum, and you pay more. Often, a lot more. Make sure you know the actual costs you'll pay in every situation.

Remember to ask about surcharges. Believe it or not, some vendors have more than 80 different surcharges and forwarding fees. Others charge extra for residential or rural delivery, weekly delivery, Saturday delivery, and delivery to Hawaii and Alaska. Be sure to ask your shipping vendor about surcharges and additional costs. The cost of doing business is expensive enough. The last thing you want to do is waste money on hidden and unnecessary shipping expenses.

Service and reliability

You need someone who's there when you need them. Someone who provides a range of speeds and service options. Someone who goes where your customers are. Do your customers use Post Office boxes? Do some live in other countries? Make sure your shipper delivers to the places you need to go.

Since we live in such a mobile society, you probably need a carrier that can forward your packages. One that has Internet tools you can download and use at your convenience. One that has a strong, reliable transportation infrastructure. After all, your carrier is there to serve you - to save you time and money and to help you run your business more efficiently.

Access to shipping supplies

You may be surprised at how quickly the costs of shipping supplies can add up. Then again, if you're keeping up with what you're paying for tape, boxes, envelopes and labels, you've already felt the pain. It makes sense to pick a vendor that provides free supplies. You'll reduce your costs, and save yourself the time and aggravation of having to hunt down sturdy boxes. Bottom line, why should you pay for shipping supplies when you can get them for free?

Security

There's a lot to consider when you're shipping documents and valuable items to customers. You need someone you can count on. If something happens, are they in a position to do something about it? For example, let's say there's a strike. If your shipper doesn't offer strike protection, your packages could be stranded. You also have to consider the Federal protection and sanctity of your items. In other words, you need a trusted carrier who is willing and able to

help your business grow.

Value added extras

Proof of delivery. A signature that verifies delivery. Insurance that protects your valuables. These are just a few of the things you may need at one time or another. What if you shipped a valuable package to a customer in Washington, DC, that wound up on a runway in Paducah, Kentucky? If you didn't track the package or insure it, you'd be out of luck.

You should also be aware that some shippers position insurance as part of the price. You're paying for it, whether you need it or not. Find out if your shipper offers insurance as an option. That way you get to choose.

Convenience. Affordability. Service and reliability. Access to shipping supplies. Security. Value-added extras. These aren't "business electives." They're mandatory qualities that most companies need in a shipping vendor. Shop around. Ask the tough questions. Compare. That's the way to get the best business value for your shipping dollar.

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HOST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents (with or without children at home) who are adventurous, fun-loving, responsible, and most of all caring who are interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student. By hosting a student from another country, your entire family will discover a world of fun and enlightening adventure. Students who spend a semester or year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream. American culture plays an important role all over the world; the English language is the international language of our times. Share your home for a year; enjoy a friendship for a lifetime!

To begin this exciting cultural experience, please call Sherri, a World Heritage Area Representative, at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY LESSON

A Photography Lesson will be presented by Don Rogers and is a special interest program sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension of Blackford County. The date is March 11, 2004, 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Commons Activity Room, 100 Independence Parkway, Hartford City. Cost of the program is \$1.00.

To make a reservations, please call the Blackford County Extension Office at 765348-3213 by March 9, 2004.

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