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Thought for the Week: *You can do anything for 15 minutes.* FlyLady

READING GROUP

The Book Discussion Group at the Warren Library is reading "The Five People You Meet in Heaven". The library has several copies just waiting to be checked out!

The group will again meet on Wednesday, February 9th at 7 pm.

You are invited to pick up a copy to read and join the group for discussion of "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" on February 9th.

SALAMONIE PRO

Parents Reaching Out at Salamonie School (PROS) will be sponsoring a luncheon Sunday, January 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren. The menu will include the following: Ham, Beef & Noodles, Chicken & Noodles, Lasagna, Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Corn, Green Beans, Applesauce, Assorted Salads and Desserts. Cost is \$7.00 for adults. \$3.00 for kids 6-12 and free for 5 & under, Mark your calendars and don't miss this Sunday lunch. All proceeds will benefit Salamonie School.

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club at the Warren United Methodist Church located at the corner of 3rd and Main Street will begin February 2 and continue each Wednesday thru March 30. All children Pre-school thru 6th grade are invited to join us from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the church. Our theme is "Fear Thou Not". We will be discovering how to overcome our fears and put our trust in God, while realizing that God is always with us. Please dress in old clothes as some of our games may become messy when we take on a "Fear Factor" theme! Transportation can be provided by contacting the church at 375-3871.

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley law firm will award 3 educational scholarships to deserving Huntington County senior students. One scholarship will be named in honor of the late James W. Bowers. Scholarship applications, including instructions and criteria, may be obtained from the Guidance Office of Huntington North High School or by contacting Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, 301 Warren Street, Huntington at 356-4800, or 121 N. Wayne Street, Warren at 260-375-2622. The applications are to be mailed to or dropped off at the Huntington law office by March 31st. All information submitted will be confidential.

BERGMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to offer the George A. Bergman and Garnet L. Bergman Scholarship. This scholarship is intended for a Warren, Indiana resident who graduated through Huntington North High School, Southern Wells High School or Eastbrook High School.

The Bergman Scholarship is specified for Warren residents because Warren was the place the Bergman's called home. Mr. Bergman continued his family's tradition of operating the Bergman Funeral Home that had been in the family for 100 years. He was proud of this accomplishment and enjoyed stating it was the longest operating funeral home in Indiana. Mrs. Bergman assisted in the business when possible. She was employed by Sears Roebuck & Company and retired from there with many years of service.

Mr. Bergman was considered by many to be the town historian with his vast recollection of Warren's past. In addition to this scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. Bergman also remembered their hometown in other bequests. To honor them, the civic center

in Warren was renamed the Knight Bergman Center.

The first three recipients of the George A. and Garnet L. Bergman Scholarship were Ryan Aldridge, Jennifer Feemster and Heather Sours. Application forms for the George A. Bergman & Garnet L. Bergman Scholarship are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation office, 356 West Park Drive, Huntington, (260) 356-8818 or by contacting the Guidance Office at the designated high schools. The application will not be available at Huntington North High School until February 25, 2005. The deadline for returning the completed application to the Community Foundation office is April, 2005.

The Huntington County Community Foundation currently has 77 permanent endowment funds 23 of which are scholarships. More information about these funds and the Foundation can be obtained by calling Marcia McClelland, Executive Director at (260) 356-8878 or by visiting the web site at www.hccfoundation.com.

HOHE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is pleased to offer the Dr. John W. and Marjorie H. Hohe University of St. Francis Scholarship. The scholarship is available to a Huntington North High School graduating senior or Huntington County resident enrolled as a full-time nursing student, or any allied health program, at the University of St. Francis. You must have a G.P.A. of 2.0 ("C" average).

This is the second scholarship program offered by Dr. and Mrs. Hohe. They also offer a scholarship to Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. The Hohe's are long time residents of Huntington where Dr. Hohe maintained a successful dental practice for many years. The first recipient of the Dr.

John W. and Marjorie H. Hohe University of Saint Francis Scholarship was Kelly Cutshall who is pursuing her Masters degree in the Physician Assistant program.

Applications for the scholarship may be obtained by contacting the Huntington County Community Foundation at 356 West Park Drive, (260) 356-8878, from the University of St. Francis Financial Aid Office, or at Huntington North High School Guidance Office beginning February 25, 2005. The Community Foundation office must receive all completed applications by April 1, 2005. Applications should be mailed to the Foundation at P.O. Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750.

For more information about the scholarship, the Community Foundation or to make a donation to any of the 77 permanent endowment funds, 23 of which are designated for Scholarships, please contact Marcia McClelland, Executive Director, at (260) 356-8878. Our web site may also be visited at www.hccfoundation.com

SHUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation is offering the Charles A. and Wilma E. Shuman Family Scholarship. The scholarship is available to Huntington County residents, a graduate (or graduating senior) of Huntington North High School and to non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school.

Mr. & Mrs. Shuman reside in southwest Huntington County and are farmers in Huntington and Wabash counties.

Applicants must be enrolled at a four-year Indiana college or university as a full-time student for the fall semester. Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend the University of Saint Francis, Hunting-

ton College, Taylor University, Manchester College, Indiana Wesleyan University or IPFW. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average). Preference will be given to students pursuing a teaching career. Business Education majors will be given first preference. Other Education majors will be given second preference and majors in other fields will be considered.

Criteria for the scholarship is financial need, scholastic achievements, school related extra curricular activities, community involvement, qualities of character and leadership. Scholarship recipients who successfully complete their college freshman year will be eligible to reapply for the scholarships.

2004 recipients were Marisa Pike, Sherri Bickel, Danielle Hensley and Ashley Hill.

Application forms are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation located at 356 West Park Drive (260) 356-8878 or beginning February 25, 2005 at the Huntington North High School Guidance Office. The completed application must be returned to the Community Foundation by April 1, 2005.

For additional information about the Huntington County Community Foundation, please visit the web site at www.hccfoundation.com or contact Marcia McClelland, Executive Director at (260) 356-8878.

HOHE SCHOLARSHIP

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc. is offering the Dr. John W. Hohe & Marjorie H. Hohe Scholarship to Huntington North High School seniors and Huntington County residents currently attending Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne are also eligible for the Hohe

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

EAGLES IN JANUARY

Bald eagles can be found in every U.S. state except Hawaii. The largest convergence takes place in December on the Chilkat River near Haines, Alaska. The salmon run attracts 3,000 to 4,000.

In the lower 48 states, January finds up to five thousand bald eagles wintering on the Mississippi River between Cairo, Illinois and St. Paul, Minnesota. Several cities host bald eagle festivals during January including Dubuque, Keokuk, Rock Island, and Muscatine.

The bald eagle was designated as the national symbol in 1782. Two or three generations ago, however, most Americans had never seen one. By 1963, the eagles had virtually disappeared.

Efforts to protect our national symbol and preserve its habitat have brought the eagle back in significant numbers. The banning of DDT in 1972 and protection from the subsequent Endangered Species Act have helped the eagles recover.

In the Chesapeake Bay area near Annapolis, Maryland, there has been a tenfold increase in their numbers since 1977. In that year, there were only 74 pairs nesting in the watershed. It is now home to some of the nation's most productive nesting grounds.

On the Upper Skagit River Watershed in northern Washington, bald eagles that traveled from the Yukon and Alaska can be seen by the hundreds. Drawn by the salmon run, they make up one of the largest seasonal concentrations in the lower 48.

In late January and early February, visitors to any Kentucky or Southern Indiana lake or river can see evidence of the eagles' return, one of the most remarkable wildlife success stories of the past 50 years.

The number of eagles in the Kentuckiana area depends on the weather. If winter farther north is mild, there are fewer birds. If it's cold, eagles fly farther south. By March, they are flying north again.

FOUR NUMBERS

With so much health advice in the news today, just thinking about what you should or should not be doing can be a dizzying prospect. Harvard doctors agree that health can be an overwhelming topic. But they say that if you have a handle on these four numbers, you can have a pretty good idea of where you stand and what to do about it.

1. Your body mass index (BMI). Many people are overweight and don't think they are. The health risks climb when you reach the overweight level. Here's what they mean:

Underweight is a BMI of less than 18.5, and normal weight is a BMI of 18.5 to 24.9.

Overweight is a BMI of 25 to 29.9, and obesity is a BMI of 30 or over. If your calculation shows more than 24.9, it's time to lose weight. To get a fast BMI rating, see nhlbisupport.com/bmi/bmicalc.htm. Just enter your height and weight.

2. Your blood pressure. Ideally, it should be 120/80 or below. Starting at 115/75, the risk for heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular disease doubles with each increment of 20/10.

People with systolic blood pressure (the first number) of 120 to 139 or a diastolic of 80 to 90 are "prehypertensive." Changes in diet and activity patterns can help prevent cardiovascular disease at this level.

3. Your fasting glucose. If you have two fasting plasma glucose measurements of 126 mg/dL or greater, you have diabetes.

4. Your LDL cholesterol level. Your bad cholesterol reading should be below 100, but 70 is better. Diet, exercise, and medications like statins, or all three, can lower your LDL, reducing your heart disease risk by about a third.

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Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. <i>Come As You Are</i></p> <p>Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST Corner of 900S & 300W <i>Kathie Jones, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Mike Malone, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <i>Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Joe Hartley, BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Interim Pastor</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) 6:30-8p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">McNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH 375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren <i>Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor</i> <i>Wesley Welch, Supt.</i> <i>Sue Brown, Youth Worker</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 <i>Pastor Dan Sommer</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:55 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN 468-2412 <i>Mel Zumbrun, Pastor</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 758-2085 <i>Kyle Dahlquist, Pastor</i> <i>Sandy Keplinger, Supt.</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8294S 900W 35 <i>Gary Riley, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m. BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m. CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m. 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>Steve Bard, Pastor</i></p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 <i>Bill Keen, Pastor</i> <i>Bus Service 375-2510</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2102 <i>Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto <i>Steve Sutton, Pastor</i> 765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Wiley, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i> <i>Youth Pastor Adam Pierce</i></p> <p>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. www.vanburennumc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST <i>Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor</i> <i>Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion, IN 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship 8:20 a.m. 2nd Worship 9:45 a.m. 3rd Worship 11:11 a.m. Sunday School Children & Youth Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-2691 <i>Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LANCASTER WESLEYAN 468-2411 <i>Doug Sharrard, Pastor</i> <i>Teresa Davis, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME SUNDAY:</p> <p>Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier <i>Student Pastor - Eric Dubach</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.</p> |
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AREA NEWS

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Scholarship. The Huntington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount of each Scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship are currently being accepted and the awards will be made in May 2005. Applications are available at the Huntington County Community Foundation office, 356 West Park Drive, 356-8818, at the IPFW Financial Aid Office from Vicki Dahl, and at the Huntington North High School guidance office beginning February 25, 2005. Application deadline is April 1, 2005.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a Huntington County resident, a high school senior enrolled at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne for fall 2005, or a full-time student at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Non-traditional students planning to attend Indiana. Purdue University, Fort Wayne for the school year 2005-2006 are also eligible for the scholarship. Non-traditional students are those who did not attend college immediately after graduating from high school. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C average).

Past recipients of the Dr. John & Mrs. Hohe Scholarship are: 2004 - Carlee Hedrick, Danielle Hensley, Nathaniel Hubley. 2003 - Aaron S. Kiefer, Gavin Schenkel, Carlee Hedrick. 2002 - Liane Marie Hildebrand, Aaron S. Kiefer, Gavin Schenkel 2001 - Liane Marie Hildebrand, Aaron S. Kiefer, Rudy F. Kusher III 2000 - Liane Marie Hildebrand

The Huntington County Community Foundation builds and maintains a permanent endowment. Earnings from permanent endowment funds are used for charitable purposes in Huntington County. The Foundation administers 77 permanent endowment funds, 23 of which are designated for scholarships. For information about the Huntington County Community Foundation, contact the Community Foundation at 356 West Park Drive, PO Box 5037, Huntington, IN 46750, (260) 356-8878, www.hccfoundation.com.

GLAUCOMA POINTS

3.3 million Americans age 40 and older are blind or have low vision, and this number is expected to increase to 5.5 million by 2020 as the population ages. As a fast-growing segment of the population, seniors need to be aware that vision health is vital to maintaining independence and quality of life.

An individual diagnosed with glaucoma at age 65, for example, might expect to live another 15 years, emphasizing the importance of patient involvement and commitment to treating the disease.

Prevent Blindness America's Vision Problems in the U.S. report states that 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older or about 1.9% of that population have glaucoma. This statistic includes over 451,000 Hoosiers! According to the National Eye Institute (NEI), another 2 million Americans may have the disease and not know it. According to the NEI, glaucoma is almost three times as common in African Americans as in Caucasians, Hispanics age 65 and older are also at increased risk of glaucoma.

In the early stages, glaucoma has no symptoms - no noticeable vision loss, which is called the "sneak thief of sight." By the time symptoms start to appear, some permanent damage to the eye has usually occurred. Glaucoma that is undiagnosed or poorly controlled can lead to damage of the optic nerve, visual field loss, and ultimately sight loss. People with glaucoma usually lose peripheral vision first. Over time, glaucoma may also damage central vision. Once lost, vision cannot be restored.

While there is no cure, glaucoma is usually a treatable condition if diagnosed early. One recent study published in the Archives of Ophthalmology reported that daily prescription eye drops might prevent or delay glaucoma in African-Americans at high risk of developing the condition.

Prevent Blindness America recommends that older people get regular, comprehensive eye exams, even if they have no signs of vision problems. The earlier glaucoma is detected, the better the chances are of preserving sight. An online Adult Vision Risk Assessment is available at

www.preventblindness.org/eye_tests.

Prevent Blindness America in partnership with Allergan, Inc., launched ProtectVision.org In April 2004, a resource designated to assist eye care professionals to improve the care and management of glaucoma.

Glaucoma Risk Factors***Age: Those ages 40 and older are more likely to develop glaucoma. The older you are, the greater your risk. Race: People of African or Afro-Caribbean heritage are more likely to get glaucoma than the rest of the population. They are also likely to develop glaucoma at a younger age. Family History: If you have a parent or sibling who has glaucoma, you are more likely to develop the disease. Diabetes: People with diabetes have a higher risk of developing glaucoma. Nearsightedness: People who are very nearsighted are at greater risk. Eye Injury or Surgery: Those who have had eye surgery or eye injuries may develop secondary glaucoma. Steroid Medication: Steroids may increase the risk of glaucoma when used for extended periods of time.

WHITEWATER RAILROAD

The Whitewater Valley Railroad at Connersville, Indiana will conduct Operating Classes for brakeman, conductor, fireman, engineer, agent, and operator. The classes will be held each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. beginning February 12 and continuing through April 2.

Classes include classroom instruction and hands-on practice

in train operations, signaling and switching, and an introduction to diesel and steam locomotive operation. The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. All volunteers are qualified only for the Whitewater Valley Railroad by attending our training school. These classes are open to the general public. A \$15 donation is requested to help cover the cost of class materials.

The South Connersville Yard Office is located on Indiana 121 South. For information, call (765) 825-2054 or visit our web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org.

WHITE SNOW PROGRAM

Enjoy learning about nature in an active and exciting way with your child or grandchild. Register him or her in this special program designed for youth, ages 3 to 5. Join the fun as we talk about snow and ice on Tuesday, February 1st or Wednesday, February 23 at 10 a.m. This program is offered twice to accommodate more children. In this one and a half hour program, children and their parents or caregiver enjoy activities focused around nature in winter and

the letter G, go outside, hear a story, enjoy a craft and tour the interpretive center and wildlife viewing window.

Teresa Rody, interpretive Naturalist, states, "I'm hoping to spend time outside building snow animals with the children this month. We'll create an owl and talk about how they raise young so early in the year that the mothers can get snowed on while sitting on the nest."

Parents are asked to pre-register for this event and stay with their child throughout the program. Participants can choose to bring their lunch to eat together after the event. The Salamonie Interpretive Center is open Wednesday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October through April. This barrier-free building features exhibits, floor to ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit our web site's new address www.in.gov/dnr/uwis/ for more information about available programs. To register for this event, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive services, 260/468-2127.

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Community Calendar

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

Jan 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Annex
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

ALDRIDGE SPEAKS

Linda Aldridge speaks for February Senior's Program at the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

The February 7 Senior's program begins with a meal at 12:30 p.m. If you are age 50 or over, you are invited to join us. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The meat dish is provided by the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Please pre-register at least three days before this session to help us prepare. Linda Aldridge from the Huntington County Extension Office is our guest speaker. She'll show a presentation from a recent trip to Russia. "Russia Far East, expanding citizenship and character in a newly emerging society."

The Salamonie Interpretive Center is open Wednesday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October through April. This barrier-free building features exhibits) floor to ceiling windows in the wildlife viewing area, and staff to answer your questions. The center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

Visit our web site at WWW.in.gov/dnr/uwis/ for more information about available programs. To register for this Seniors' Program, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY

Nine children attended the after school story time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday January 21st, 2005. Since January 26th is National School Nurse Day we decided to invite our very own School Nurse Mrs. Kelly Mullen to be our Special Guest.

The children were thrilled to see her. Mrs. Mullen shared some personal information. She and her husband have two children. The family loves animals, so they have animals inside and outside their home. She used to work in the Blackford School System before she came to Eastbrook. The Eastbrook System has only one school nurse so she travel ls around to the different school building.

Mrs. Mullen shared some of the many jobs that a School Nurse does during a day. She checks to see if the children had their required vaccinations before they start school. Mrs. Mullen lives eye exams. The children have eyes checked in 1st, 3rd, and 8th grades. Some of the children shared how they have been helped out at school when they have a medical concern. We had heads checked,

splinters removed, temps taken and sores bandaged. Some of the children received a special container to put their tooth inn that fell out during school. I think: our children are well taken care of at school. We want to thank Mrs. Mullen for taking good care of our children and for coming to the library to share about her job. The children signed a thank-you note for Mrs. Mullen to take with her.

This is National Soup Month~so for refreshment we had homemade soup and crackers. Those attending were; Amy Kerr, Icily Cromer, Cassie Davis, Ashley Kerr, Jarren, Nathan Smith, Justin Smith, Emily Webb and Eddie Quick.

This Friday, January 28th we will celebrate National Ground Hog Day. Hope to see you.,

LITTLE PANTHER STORIES

Little Panther Pre-School attended with two classes on Wednesday January 19th, 2005 to the Van Buren Public Library for Story time.

The children entered into the Children's Dept. of the library. Music was playing and the children were invited to wiggle with the music. Karen shared with the children. She was going to read The Wiggles Books "Aho, Captain Feathersword" and "Wiggly Numbers". Some of the children knew who the Wiggles are. The children could help read the book "Wiggly Numbers". I found out just how smart these Preschoolers are. Not only do they know how to count from 1 to 10 but the afternoon class knows how to count them backward. I was really impressed. Each child was able to check out one book to take back to the church for Mrs. Green to read.

Those attending were: Jenna Boucher, Trevor Brane, Lavonte Cox, Matthew Deskman, Ethan Embry, Scott Garrison, Tala Garrison, Alex Jones, Dylan Joseph, Parker Kelly, Levi Marley, Broc Miller, Emilee Morgan, Rose Nevil, Joshua Plummer, Morgan Richwine, Isaac Roush, A. J. Smith, Jade

Stuber, Timothy Taylor, Tylon Wright, Aly Anderson, Matthew Ashley, Christian Bratcher, Robert Carr, Jeffrey Duckwall; Abbie Gressley, Jarod Hastreitler, Tori Hinshaw, Emma Huffman, Wyatt Jackson, Alton Jones, Zach Jones, Cash Lee-Suddarth, Nicholas Monks, Sydney Pattison, Pandora Rhodes, Jake Taylor, Levi Theurer, Ian Thomas and Jacob White.

FICTION READERS

The second meeting of the fiction readers book club will be held at the Warren Library on February 9th at 7pm.

The book being discussed is "The Five People you Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Anyone is welcome who enjoys reading. Come even if you haven't read the book. For more info call 375-4117.

40 DAYS

When McNatt United Methodist Church launches its "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" on January 29th, it will join a worldwide network of thousands of churches.

Inspired by remarkable stores of spiritual renewal and growth, an estimated 13,000 churches from 60 denominations have experience the purpose-driver phenomena inspired by a California pastor's best selling book.

At the center of the campaign is the fastest-selling hard cover nonfiction book in history. The Purpose Driven Life has sold more than 16 million copies since the book's release in 2002. The book's author, Rick Warren, in senior pastor of one of America's largest churches, Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California.

During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign at McNatt, the truths about God's five purposes for people—worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evan-

gelism—will be communicated repeatedly in six ways. 1. An all-church Simulcast seminar on January 29th. 2. A weekly message by the pastor. 3. A personal or family daily devotional reading. 4. A weekly Scripture memory verse that everyone memorizes. 5. A weekly small group or Sunday school lesson. 6. A daily e-mail of encouragement.

People will hear about God's purposes for their lives in many different formats, this will allow for the truths to sink deeper into hearts, which is essential for any permanent life change.

You are encouraged to join in at a 8:30am kick-off breakfast and 9:15 simulcast from Rick Warren.

STORY TIME - WARREN

Story time has resumed at the Warren Public Library. Parents don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your pre-school children.

Story time is each Friday morning 10:00-10:30 unless school is cancelled due to the weather.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Van Buren Auxiliary meeting was held January 14th, 2005, because of bad weather at the Van Buren Legion.

An informal meeting was held. Linda Linton read a letter from a third grade teacher, thanking us for our program for Veterans Day at the school.

Flo Doyle passed around a think you card she got from out Knightstown Home child.

Our wheel chairs are in sad shape. There was discussion on purchasing a new wheel chair and also a transport chair.

Irene Pickard ask if we could get an eagle throw to raffle off sometime. The discussion was we do this.

Those attending were Linda Long, Flo Doyle, Lequita Taylor, Waneta Linton, Irene

Pickard, Eulla Bell Farr.

Rikki Reneer has collected 652 pairs of gloves for the Children at school who doesn't have gloves. Good job, Rikki.

The next meeting is February 3, 2005.

IDLE HOUR CLUB

The Idle Hour Club met on Monday January 3rd in the Fahl dining room for lunch with Edna Alfeld as Hostess.

The after noon meeting was held in the Calico Lounge. Edna Alfeld, President opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming and giving the thought for the day. She also read "I Know Old Man Winter".

Roll call was answered by "How did you spend New Years Eve."

The Secretary gave the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer gave her report.

It was announce that an Open House will be held February 6th for Miriam Rice's 90th birthday in the Fults Building from 2-4 pm


Kinds on the corner was played with Ruth Brooks high and Maxine Jones low.

The enjoying the day were: Edna Alfeld, Marjorie Lieurance, Ruth Brooks, Clara Mossburg, Jean Boxell, Evelyn Schweikhardt, Freda Finley, Helen Trout, Mildred Gilbert, Georgia Poulson, Jane Haley, Maxine Jones, Margaret Knight and Devonna Leas.


The next meeting will be February 7th at the home of Georgia Poulson, Hostess.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

THANK YOU

The family of Lillian "Lil" Martz wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their prayers, flowers and thinking of us during this time. Also thanks to the ladies at the Central Christian Church for their delicious meal, it was great!

Thank you to Ferguson Funeral for doing what you do best. Also to John Parks for his words of caring.

Buddy Joe, Beverly and Todd Martz and extended families.

MARTZ

Lillian U. Martz, 93, Van Buren, died at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, January 9, 2005 in Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

She was born December 9, 1911 in Ashland, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Millie (Wiley) Lash. She spent most of her life in the Van Buren area. In 1937, she married Herman (Bud) Martz; he died in 1986.

Mrs. Martz retired in 1983 from Martz Market, Van Buren, after 27 years in business with her husband. She was a member of Van Buren Central Christian Church.

Survivors include son, Buddy Joe (Beverly) Martz, Syracuse; grandson, Todd A. Martz, Nashville, Tenn.; nephews, Max (Irene) Martz, Marion, David (Marva) Martz, Upland, and Richard (Judy) Rupley, Chassell, Mich.; and nieces Nancy (Jack) Gaunt, Wabash, and Mary Jo (Jerry) Zoda, Marion.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Rupley.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with the Rev. John R. Parks officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Van Buren Central Christian Church.

BAKER

A resident of Salamonie Township in Huntington County near Warren, Chloeevelyn "Cody" Baker, 86, died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005 at her residence.

Born July 23, 1918 in Liberty Twp. in Wells County to Ora and Gertie Grace Wolfgang Mounsey, she married Forrest A. Baker on Thanksgiving Day, 1937. He preceded her in death Nov. 23, 1978.

A member of the Warren United Church of Christ, she was a graduate of Liberty Center High School. She was an office assistant at the Riverside Veterinary Clinic in Warren for several years.


She is survived by her son, Jerry, of LaPorte, and two grand-

sons.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Mounsey. Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel with Pastor Charles Dye officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials are to Helping Paws Pet Haven at 2242 S. Marion Road, Huntington.

SILLS

 Paul E. Silles, 77, Montpelier, died at 5:19 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Born June 23, 1927 to Elijah and Assenith Alma (Beeks) Silles in Montpelier, he married Carol Russell on Sept. 22, 1979 in Montpelier; she survives.

A 1946 graduate of Jackson Township School in Wells County, he served in the Air Force as a Staff Sgt. during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Montpelier and retired from Chaney Hardware after 44 years. He had served on the Montpelier City Council, was a member of the Millard Brown American Legion Post 156, the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Dept, where had served as Assistant Fire Chief and was a lifetime member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association.

Other survivors include three sons, Richard, Roger and Rex Silles, all of Montpelier; a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Barbara) Weterick of Bluffton; three step-sons, David Bowman of Hartford City, Robert Bowman of Arkansas, and Terry Bowman of Montpelier; three step-daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Cindy) Layman of Montpelier, Mrs. Bill (Tracey) Paxson of Bryant, and Mrs. Fred (Ann) Miller of Montpelier; a sister, Ruby Miller of New York, NY; 24 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary I. (Bray) Silles, on Dec. 6, 1976; a sister, Edythe Silles; and a brother, Raymond Silles

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier with Rev. Frank Rodgers and Pastor Darrin Morgan officiating. The Montpelier Volunteer Fire Dept. gathered at the funeral home on Friday to pay their respects.

Burial was in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County. Preferred memorials are to the church.

SHEETS

A Liberty Township native, Margaret Jane Sheets, 86, of Iowa Park, Texas, formerly of Marion, Indiana, died Monday, January

17, 2005.

The former, Margaret Carey, she was born June 18, 1919. Her marriage was at Marion, Ind., on April 4, 1942, to Noel Sheets, who preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1990.

Mrs. Sheets was a member of the First Baptist Church and very active in the Friendly Door Senior Citizens organization at Iowa Park, Texas, where she resided the past 20 years. Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Davis of Iowa Park, Texas; her mother, Bessie M. (Parker) Carey; a brother, Howard Carey of Marion; a sister, Evelyn Grim of Marion; four granddaughters; 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were held at Dutton Funeral Home in Iowa Park, Texas. Services were held at the Faith Baptist Church in Iowa Park, Texas, with Dr. Greg Ammons officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery at Iowa Park, Texas.

Memorials to the Friendly Door Senior Citizens.

GOUL

The mother of Mrs. Jerry (Jodi) Jeffers of Warren, Johanna Ruth Goul, 78, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005 at her home in Muncie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Muncie and burial was in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery north of Muncie.

Mrs. Goul was born in Muncie and lived most of her life in the area. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, the No Name Euchre Club and the 50 Plus Club.

In addition to the daughter in Warren, other survivors include two sons, Pat and David; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Goul, who died in 1988.

Memorials may be sent to St. Lawrence Catholic School, 2801 E. 16th, Muncie, IN 47302.

PATTERSON

William L. Patterson, 63, Van Buren, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2005 in Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

He was born March 12, 1941 in French Camp, Calif., to the late Louis Harrold and Genevieve Louise (Metcalf) Patterson.

He graduated from Tracy (Calif.) High School in 1959. He lived in Morris Hill for 25 years and Van Buren for the last five years. He was a general contractor and handyman.

He loved to build and repair


things. He also loved spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include daughter, Antoinette "Toni" (P.J.) Jones, Van Buren; sons, Christopher (Sandy) Patterson, Independence, Ky., and Benjamin (Cheri) Patterson, Milan; brothers, Allen (Jane) Patterson, Stockton, Calif., and Gordon Patterson, Merced, Calif.; sister, Kay (Lloyd) Proctor, Tracy, Calif.; grandsons, Adam Patterson, Independence, Ky., Gunner Patterson, Milan, and Philip and Alton Jones, both of Van Buren; and special friend, Gary Taylor, Van Buren.

Memorial services are in Tracy, Calif., in July 2005. Interment is in Tracy, Calif.

Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main, Van Buren, handled arrangements.

STEVENS

 Dana L. Stevens, 62, Largo, FL died at 6:29 a.m. Thursday, January 20, 2005 in Sun Coast Hospital.

He was born January 21, 1942 in Marion to the late Kenneth E. and Marthana (Tomlinson) Stevens and had lived in Largo for three years and formerly in Van Buren. He was a lance corporal in the Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964. He married Barbara J. Denton on Dec. 7, 1973. She survives.

Mr. Stevens worked at the Marion Dana Corp. plant for 36 years. He went out on disability March 1999. He was a member of the Dana Sympathy Club, Van Buren American Legion Post 368 and Marion's Calvary Social Brethren Church. He also attended New Testament Baptist Church in Largo for 2½ years and was a member of the New Testament Baptist Senior Suncoaster's Club.

Additional survivors include daughters, Kimberly Weinley and Kathy (Greg) Stucky, both of Warren, Tina (Burlie) Higginbotham, Norma (Neil) Morriscal and Tresa Satterthwaite, all of Marion, and Katerina (Ruben) Rodriguez, Goshen; a son, J. Kevin Satterthwaite, Marion; "adopted" daughter, Loretta (Troy) Parker, California; brother, Truman (Bonnie) Stevens, Marion; half-brother, Larry (Shirley) Boots, Florida; and grandchildren, Adam Satterthwaite, Michael Weinley, Jessica, Austin, Nicholas and Logan Stucky, and Nikki Lahr all of Warren, Eric Hartupee and Dustin Carmack, Alisha and Kimberlee Morriscal, all of Marion, Robert and Kevin Satterthwaite, Joshua Trees and Matthew and Elizabeth Parker; and a great-granddaughter,

Hayley Hartupee.

He also was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents and a brother, Philip Stevens.

Services were held in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Revs. Edward Darnell, Marion Creech and Matthew Trill officiating. Burial was in Grant Memorial Park cemetery, Marion.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County.

TURNER

Paul E. (Gene) Turner, Warren, IN died at 8:35 am Tuesday, January 25th, 2005 at United Methodist Memorial Home.

Mr. Turner was born December 28th, 1909 in Marion, IN to Floyd E. Turner and Audrey (Sleeth) Turner. He married Bertha G. Bonham on October 8th, 1933 in Warren who survives.

Mr. Turner was owner-operator of Gene's Sanitary market in Warren, IN for 42 years. He graduated from Marion High School and also attended Carlton College in Northfield, MN. He was a 50 year member of the King Lodge #246 F&AM in Warren. He was a member of the Warren Church of Christ. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite. Mr. Turner lived in Huntington County most of his life, before entering the United Methodist Memorial Home, September 1, 1999.

Survivors in addition to his wife, including a son George B. Turner, of Rancho Murieta, CA; and a daughter Jean Anne (Robert J.) Finley of Greensboro, NC; 2 grandsons, Mark R. Finley of New York City, and Scott E. (Betsy) Finley of Lake Forest, NC. Also two great-grandchildren.

Calling hours are 6 to 8 pm Thursday, January 27th, and 1-2 pm Friday, January 28th at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown and Son Chapel. Services will be held Friday, January 28th at 2pm at Glancy Funeral Homes, officiated by Gerald Moreland and William Weaver, with burial following at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

SIGMA PHI GAMMA

Beta Delta Chapter held their January Guest Night at the Knight-Bergman Center, January 18th. Hostesses were Sandra Zabel, Sharon Gephart, and Sandy Eichhorn.

The game of 7 up was played with Elise Smith having high and Susan Ralston having low. Beth Ostermeyer received the door prize.

Refreshments of angel food cake and a fruit cup, with a choice of Sprite, iced tea, or coffee was served. Others present were Tara Korporal, Peggy Sue Clark, Shelly Stafford, Sandy Booher, Rosemary Zeller and Suzette Gephart.

BRMC RECOGNIZED

LAKEWOOD, CO – In a new study released by HealthGrades, the nation's leading healthcare quality company, Bluffton Regional Medical Center received 5-Star ratings for the treatment of heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and stroke; gastrointestinal (GI) services, and orthopedic procedures such as total knee replacement and hip fracture repair. The HealthGrades ratings measure whether patient outcomes for each of more than two dozen procedures and diagnoses are better than expected (5-Star), as expected (3-Star), or worse than expected (1-Star).

Bluffton Regional Medical Center's ratings for overall GI services rank the organization 2nd in the state of Indiana and in the top ten percent of hospitals in the nation providing such services, according to HealthGrades. This rating includes top honors in the Fort Wayne area for overall GI ser-

vices, GI surgery and procedures, and the treatment of pancreatitis; and the only 5-Star rated hospital in the Fort Wayne area for the treatment of pancreatitis. For purposes of the study, HealthGrades defined 13 geographic regions within the state of Indiana.

The hospital received the highest possible 5-Star ratings for the treatment of heart failure and COPD, which earned the hospital top honors for these services in the Fort Wayne area. The Bluffton hospital was also cited for its stellar quality outcomes for stroke treatment and orthopedic surgery. The facility received 5-Star ratings for the treatment of stroke, joint replacements, total knee replacement surgery, and hip fracture repair surgery.

"We are blessed to have a talented and committed Medical Staff as well as outstanding associates at Bluffton Regional," said Tom Clark, Chief Executive Officer. "We have known for a long time that between the physicians and our staff, our patients have been receiving outstanding care. It is rewarding to be recognized by a national leader in healthcare quality for those efforts, and we are proud to be honored in this way."

"A hospital is much more than brick and mortar," noted Clark. "Shiny new buildings are nice, but in the end it is the quality of the care provided that really matters. This HealthGrades recognition reinforces to the families in the communities we serve that they can receive a level of care right here at home that is recognized on a national level."

As part of its seventh annual Hospital Quality in America Study, HealthGrades independently analyzed nearly 5,000 hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, objectively assessing their clinical outcomes and quality as reported

to federal agencies over a three-year period. The 2005 HealthGrades ratings for all hospitals nationwide are available, free of charge, on the web at www.healthgrades.com.

"HealthGrades objectively assesses and rates hospital performance in order to help consumers make better and more informed healthcare choices," explained Sarah Loughran, HealthGrades executive vice president. "With consumers having a greater stake in their healthcare purchasing decisions, it's important for them to know that there is a tremendous difference in clinical quality outcomes between hospitals."

"Patients, families and employers in the Bluffton area truly have access to healthcare that is among the best in the nation," continued Loughran.

More than one million unique users and 125 major employers visit the HealthGrades web site every month to access quality information about hospitals, nursing homes and physicians. HealthGrades also provides consumers and payers with detailed assessments of hospitals' patient safety outcomes, based on indicators developed by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

"This recognition is a continuation of the many strides Bluffton Regional Medical Center has made since its 'birth' in March 2001," said Clark. "Our entire team has put forth a tremendous commitment to our patients, and that effort has now been recognized."

Over the past four years, more than \$10 million has been spent to renovate the facilities and upgrade technology at Bluffton Regional. Most recently, the hospital completed its first phase of major building renovation with the opening of its brand new Intensive Care Unit, now located on the third floor of the hospital adjacent to Surgical Services. This project also included a new Chapel featuring the altar and fixtures from the former Wells Community Hospital.

Earlier in 2004, the Continuing Care Center was moved into renovated space on the east wing of the first floor. Phase two of the building renovations will

be underway in 2005 and will include complete renovation of the Medical/Surgical, Obstetrics, and Pediatrics units.

Other major capital investments include more than \$2 million in 2003 for a 1.5T magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system and more than half a million dollars in 2002 for Indiana's first GE full-field digital mammography system with computer-aided detection. The spiral CT scanner was upgraded in December 2003, and new digital fluoroscopy (X-ray) equipment is planned in 2005.

In addition to the facilities and technology upgrades, Bluffton Regional also added new physicians to its medical staff in 2004. Bluffton Regional is the only community facility in the area to have implemented a full-time Hospitalist program. This program, started in March of 2004, is staffed 24 hours a day by physicians specializing in hospital care. They provide intensive one-on-one care to their own patients, backup as need in the Emergency Department, and also provide support as requested to other members of the medical staff.

In the summer of 2004, general surgeon Jeremy Wilson, D.O., and emergency medicine physician Tim Moore, M.D., joined the medical staff. Already in 2005, OB/GYN Kay Johnson-Keys, M.D., has joined the medical community; and in April, surgical urologist Stuart Brodsky, M.D., will begin practice in Bluffton.

"This is an exciting time in the

medical community," said Clark. "I hope the people in the communities we serve realize how fortunate they are to have this level of care available to them right here in Bluffton. All of us at Bluffton Regional are proud to be a part of the great care that is happening here each and every day. We are also thankful to those we serve for the trust they place in us. It is a responsibility we take very seriously."

MARQUARDT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the Marquardt Farm Scholarship. The scholarship is open to students studying agriculture at any Purdue University campus. Applicants must be residents of Wells Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, or Whitley counties. Approximately 50 – 75 scholarships (\$300 - \$500) will be awarded.

The scholarship fund was created by Bert Marquardt, a farmer in Allen County who donated his 210 acre farm in 1974 to Purdue University so that 50% of the yearly profit could go to School of Agriculture scholarships.

Through the years, several hundred students have benefited from the scholarship fund thanks to the vision and foresight of Bert A. Marquardt.

For an application, contact a high school guidance counselor or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412. Application forms are due February

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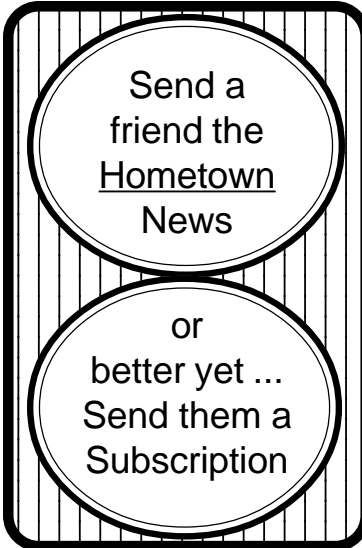
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15. Details on this scholarship and others can be found at www.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap

4-H KICK-OFF

The annual Wells County 4-H Leader and Junior Leader Kick Off Banquet will be held Thursday, January 27th, 6:30 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park.

Volunteers will be recognized for their service in 2004. Junior Leader Rookie of the Year and Outstanding member awards will also be presented.

State 4-H Jr. Leader Council Representatives will be attending the event to share details with the Jr. Leaders and Jr. Leader Conference and State Fair Leadership Conference.

Various forms and information will also be distributed about 4-H events and activities for 2005.

Reservations from leaders and Jr. Leaders are needed by January 24th and can be made by calling the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

4-H HORSE & PONY PROGRAM

The Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club has scheduled indoor meetings for 2005.

4-H Club meetings will be held Thursday, January 27, 6:30 PM; Sunday, February 13, 3 PM; and Monday, March 14, 6:30 PM and Thursday, April 7, 6:30 PM.

Horse & Pony membership forms are due April 1st.

All meetings will be held at the Wells County 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Horse & Pony Judging Team and Quiz Bowl Teams are also practicing during the winter months to prepare for Spring Contests.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten (10) years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

The club sponsored annual Tack Auction will be held Saturday,

February 19th at the 4-H Park in Bluffton at 3 PM and the auction begins at 4 PM. Food will be served at the event.

Outdoor meetings will begin in May and will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays. The annual Wells County 4-H Fair will be held July 16–21 and the Indiana State Fair will be August 10–21.

For more information about the 4-H Horse & Pony program, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of these volunteers: Cathy Neu, 694-6522; Mary Nolan, 824-9374; Ruthie Perry, 824-9327; Kary Richardson, 622-6013; or Lisa Bowling, 543-2499.

PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

Criminals don't need guns to make a big haul of information from your trash could be all they need. Learn common sense ways to prevent identity theft on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wells County Public Library. Rick Oatess, trust officer at the MarkleBank and former Indiana State Trooper is our instructor. The class is free and open to the public.

LIVE MUSIC

You can expect uplifting music as the Taylor University Praise Band comes to the Wells County Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Live Music at the Library programs are more than concerts - the performers also talk about their music, share stories and answer audience questions. The program is free and open to the public.

GET READY...GET SET...PLANT!

Learn how to save money and grow the biggest, healthiest plants by starting with seeds on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Wells County Public Library. The class is free and open to the public.

LIFEGUARD CLASS

The American Red Cross is holding a Lifeguard class on February 12, 13, and the 19th at the Salamonie Middle School 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 yards continuously doing it 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 registration form.

SATURDAY NATURE CLUB

The "Radical Junior Rangers" Saturday Nature Club meets from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon the second Saturday of each month during the fall and winter at the Salamonie Interpretive Center. Advance registration is requested.

Do your children enjoy participating in exciting outdoor events? Enroll them in this special program designed for outdoor-loving youth between the ages of 8-12. Saturday Nature Club is a fast-moving environmental education program with crafts, hikes and games.

*February 12 Raptors - Discover new things about these magnificent birds of prey and see a red-tail hawk and a barred owl up close.

*March 12 Safe Shooting - Learn how to treat firearms with respect. Conservation Officer, Don Endsley will show a few types of firearms used at the reservoirs for hunting.

*April 9 Canoeing - Practice navigating your canoe on the fishing derby pond in Lost Bridge West. Bring your lunch for a picnic too.

All Saturday Nature Club programs meet at the Salamonie Interpretive Center. The Interpretive Center is open Wednesday

through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The center is closed on Monday and Tuesday. The Interpretive Center is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

For more information or to register for Saturday Nature Club, call the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260/468-2127. Visit our web site, www.in.gov/dnr/uwis/, to find out about other reservoir programs.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County is pleased to announce the Volunteer of the Month for December 2004.

Alex Green was nominated by Natalie Reed, Coordinator of Teen Court and facilitator for the Youth Advisory Board. Alex has been a volunteer since September of 2003 starting out in Homework Help Hour program and is now involved in Teen Court and the Youth Advisory Board along with helping out with babysitting for various activities. She states that "Alex is one of my top volunteers for the Youth Advisory Board. She has done much work within the Youth Services Bureau. She has gone out of her way to help further the Youth Advisory Board by recruiting volunteers and helpers for our projects. She is a reliable person with a great heart for people. Alex also volunteers for Teen Court and does a great job with her duties as a jury member. Alex is kind to everyone she meets and is gentle and sweet. Alex is a very valuable asset to the Youth Services Bureau!"

To learn more about the Youth Services Bureau or any of our program contact us at 260-356-9681 or 1-800-298-5444 or you may stop by our office at 1344 Maple Drive, Huntington.

VANMETER JOINED

Markle Financial Group is pleased to announce that Greg VanMeter has joined the firm as an Investment Advisor. According to Financial Advisor and CEO Tim Jolloff, "Greg brings with him over 22 years of varied experience in the financial services industry,

which will allow us to serve our growing customer base more effectively and provide them with new ideas and perspective to help them reach their financial goals."

VanMeter is a lifelong resident of Ossian, where he lives with his wife Amy and three children Tyler, Joshua and Carlie. They are active members of Zanesville United Methodist Church and participate in a number of local youth sports and community activities. Greg is the current President of the Wells County Junior Baseball League and past President of the Norwell Baseball Club.

VanMeter's professional affiliations include the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and the area's NAIFA chapter. Greg has obtained his designation as a Certified Long Term Care Counselor, is working toward his designation as a Certified Financial Planner, and holds NASD Series 7, 63, 65 and 26 and Indiana Life & Health and Property & Casualty insurance licenses. He most recently trained Advisors in comprehensive financial planning techniques for a nationally recognized financial services firm out of their Fort Wayne offices. Prior to that, Greg has worked with a host of individuals, families and small businesses to assist them in achieving their long-term financial goals.

"Being a part of this community my entire life, I am extremely excited about the opportunity to be a part of the local Markle Financial team", VanMeter said. "It's clear that I am aligned with a growing, dynamic firm that places their client's needs as their first and overriding priority."

VanMeter will be working primarily from the Markle Financial office at MarkleBank on the north side of Bluffton on State Road 1, but will be available to meet with clients at any of their five other locations, as well.

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