

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK SUPPER PLANNED

National Library Week is being celebrated at the Warren Public Library, April 11-15. Events include:

Monday 7:00 p.m. A Youth Happening for teens in grade 7-12.

Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 After school stories for grades 3-6. 6:30 - 7:00 Bedtime stories for ages 5-2nd grade (wear jammies and bring a cuddly friend).

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Adult Book Discussion group discussing "One Tuesday Morning."

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library short meeting, program, dessert

Friday 10:00 – 10:30 Preschool story time

Please mark your calendars and help us celebrate our wonderful community resource.

SPRING CLEANING

The Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren will begin Spring Clean Up April 1, weather permitting. Families and lot owners should remove all decorations they wish to keep. The annual meeting of lot owners and board of directors will be April 30, 2005 in the Kiwanis room at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center in Warren at 2 p.m. Call 375-2970 for more information.

Reading Group

The Reading Group at the Warren Library will meet again on Wednesday, April 13 at 7p.m.

The book being discussed is "One Tuesday Morning" by Karen Kingsbury. It is a fiction story of two families affected by the attack on the World Trade Center.

New members are always welcome to join.

Copies of the book can be checked out at the Library.

The Mt Etna United Methodist new church facility, located at the intersection of St Rds 9 and 124, will sponsor an "All-You-Can-Eat" Fish, Chicken and Tenderloin Supper, Tuesday, April 5th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meat will be prepared by Dan's Fish Fry. Adult tickets are \$7.00, children 5-12 are \$4.00, children under 5 eat free. Carryouts will be available. Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and see our new building for worship.

New Books

New adult books received at the Warren Library include:

Everything She Thought She Wanted by Buchan; Burned by CH Clark; Otherwise Engaged by Goudge; How Hoosiers Went Hip-Hop by Werthem; Out of Gas: The End of the Age of Oil; A Life With Purpose; The Rising by LaHaye; Unexpected Indiana; Sister Chicks by Gunn; Confessions of a Prayer Whimp; Hard Truth by Barr; Long Spoon Lane by Perry; Veteran's Way by Hatcher; Wildlife at Your Back Door; Broken in the Back Pew; The Serpent on the Crown by Peters; Dental Floss for the Mind; Ya-Yas in Bloom by Wells. New Children's Books include: Miss Bindergarten Has a Wild Day in Kindergarten; Patch the Pocupine and the Bike Shop Job; The Crunching Munching Caterpillar; The Very Lazy Ladybug; Abner and Me; Me & My Sister; Oh No, Where Are My Pants; Pleae Bury Me in the Library; Babar's Busy Year; There's a Dragon Downstairs; The Legend of the Sand Dollar; Friendship Rules; Children's Song Book.

Teen Books include: Prom; Dear Zoe; Tall Cool One; Alicia Keys Tears for Water; Princess in Trainng; Code Talker.

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FREE CPR CLASS

The earlier you give CPR to a person in cardiac or respiratory arrest, the greater his chance of survival. If you were faced with a cardiovascular emergency, would you know how to perform this lifesaving technique?

In order to educate more people about how to properly perform CPR in emergency situations, Bluffton Regional is offering a FREE Friends and Family CPR class. The class will take place 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9 at the Bluffton Regional South Campus.

All participants will receive textbooks and a gift bag courtesy of the American Heart Association. To register call Melanie Shady at (260) 919-3806.

MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

In order to provide enhanced service and care, Bluffton Regional Business Health Services will be moving to a new location in April. The move is in response to business growth and the need for more space.

Business Health Services will be closed Friday, April 1, in order to move equipment into the new space. Beginning Monday, April 4, patients will be seen at the Bluffton Regional South Campus, 1100 S. Main St. Patient parking is located in the lot on the corner of Spring and Johnson Streets.

Bluffton Regional Business Health Services treats work-related injuries (lacerations, burns, sprains, strains and others) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The qualified physicians and staff also perform DOT/CDL physicals, pre-employment physicals, urine drug and breath alcohol screenings, TB testing, hepatitis B and flu vaccinations, case management of Workers' Compensation injuries and other services. For additional information contact Mary Lynn Meyer, BHS Manager at (260) 919-3900.

ENROLLMENTS DUE April 1

Youth in grades 3-12 who are interested in joining the Huntington County 4-H Program must complete a 2005 Huntington County 4-H Club Enrollment Form no later than Friday, April 1 and submit the enrollment form to the Huntington County Extension Office. Boys and girls may become 4-H members when they enter 3rd grade and may continue their membership until they reach the 12th grade in high school.

4-H members must be affiliated with at least one of the 37 4-H clubs organized within Huntington County. The various 4-H clubs meet at a local or county level at different locations throughout the county. The Huntington County Extension Office can assist youth in finding a 4-H club, but the office must be contacted prior to April 1.

The Huntington County 4-H program offers nearly 50 different areas of project work for youth to enroll in and learn about during the year. The highlight of the 4-H year is the annual Huntington County 4-H Fair, held during the last two weeks in July, where 4-H members display their project work and exhibits.

For more information about the 4-H program and to secure enrollment forms, contact the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office at 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Courthouse Annex, Huntington, Indiana or call (260) 358-4826.

FUNDRAISER

Court appointed Special Advocates, 110 W 4th St., Marion is having a fund-raiser at Fazoli's, 2922 S. Western Ave., from 5 to 9 p.m. on April 8th.

The Grant County CASA will receive \$1 for each all-you-caneat spaghetti or fettuccine dinner sold that evening. Casa also will put up donation jars at both cash registers for those who want to donate but order something different.

TRACTOR MEETING

Warren Area Antique Tractor Club meeting. April 3, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at Art Broyles. Art lives at 2995S 100E, Huntington, Indiana. The President of Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Club, of Portland, Indiana will be the speaker. If you have an interest in antiques, come and enjoy the afternoon.

Redirecting Children's Behavior

Many parents become frustrated with their children's misbehavior. These parents may have tried a range of discipline from strict rules and scolding to permissiveness in hopes that the behavior will eventually change. But there is another way to deal with children's misbehavior that falls in between these two extremes.

Redirecting Children's Behavior is a five-week course designed for anyone who works with children of any age to learn why children misbehave and how to redirect their actions. This course will meet on five consecutive Thursdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., beginning March 31 at Bluffton Regional's downtown campus.

Redirecting Children's Behavior focuses on raising kids who are cooperative and responsible, have good self-esteem, feel like they belong and are resistant to peer-pressure.

The course is taught by Lynne Apple, Bluffton Regional's Certified Parenting Instructor and Certified Lactation Consultant. The cost is \$25 for one person and \$35 for a couple living or working together who share materials.

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INCOME TAX By Dorothy Garretson

Last year was a pretty good one The rains came when they should Prices for grains weren't all that bad And the crops were really good

I had an unexpected bonus From an investment made long ago A friend paid back an old loan It all made my income grow

This is the year I've waited for Now I'll make some dreams come true And I started making lots of plans For things that I would do

Then I picked up my calendar I see April showers are on the way And my dreams shattered as I realized April 15th is Income Tax Day!

> Now I love my country dearly And I want to do my share But sometimes I kinda wonder If it really is quite fair

It seems I work and plan and save Then every year it's true I have to give a bundle back To that Internal Revenue

But I'm thankful that I live here And tho some things make me sad I know the USA is best of all And the good outweighs the bad

Yes, we all do lots of grumbling But we have to face the facts If we want to live in this great land We must pay our income tax!



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To register call Lynne Apple at (260) 919-3143 or toll free (888) 919-3557, ext. 3143. Space is limited, so reservations need to be made early.

GARDENING PROGRAM

The Blackford County Extension Service will be hosting the gardening program, How Does Your Garden Grow, on April 5. This educational program is designed to assist homeowners in learning the basics about annual and perennial plants and how to have a successful flower garden. Topics for the program include: Site Selection and Preparation, Transplanting and sowing seed, General care and Maintenance, Proper watering and fertilization, Insect, disease, and weed control, Common Flower Garden Mistakes, and Learning to identify common flowers grown in Indiana.

The program will be held at the Blackford County Courthouse Annex and begin at 7:00PM. There is no cost for this program, but registration is requested at (765)348-3213 no later than April 1.

INDY 500 FAN TOUR

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is taking the excitement of racing on the road with the Indy 500 Fan Tour and the Wells County Public Library is one of their first scheduled stops. The Indy 500 Fan Tour is a 35foot recreational vehicle that practically glows with images and icons of the race's history. Inside, visitors will find:

A full-size Indy Racing League®IndyCar®Seriessimulator, Memorabilia from the Speedway, including an actual brick from the track's legendary oval surface, drivers' helmets and fire suits, and the traditional American Dairy Association bottle of milk presented to the race winner,

Photo opportunities with a lifesize cut-out of the Indianapolis 500's famous Borg-Warner Trophy,

Promotional giveaways such as magnets, hats, posters, brochures and other items.

The Indy 500 Fan Tour will be at the library on Thursday, March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. The highlight of the evening is a program at 6:30 p.m. inside the library by Eric Powell, of the Indianapolis 500 Speedway. Powell will talk

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about the history of racing in Indianapolis, show a short video, talk about the future of racing and open the program up for questions. The RV will close during the 45-minute program so visitors don't miss out on Powell's presentation and reopen after.

The Indy 500 Fan Tour kicked off from Indianapolis on March 4, 2005. Their stop at the Wells County Public Library is stop number nine of more than 20 appearances across Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

The tour and program are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Indy 500 Fan Tour, check out website their at www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com. For more information about their visit to the library, call 260-824-1612.

KIDNEY PROBLEMS

As kidney disease progresses. patients' chances of other problems increase, studies suggest.

Even mild forms of chronic kidney disease appear to substantially increase patients' risk of death and cardiovascular problems, including heart failure and stroke recent studies report. March is National Kidney Month, the time to get kidneys checked out, according to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana (NKFI).

"Small decreases in kidney function can have a large impact on patients' overall health," says Tim Taber, MD (NKFI Past-President). "It is vital that everybody at risk for kidney disease be screened regularly, to

SUNDAY LUNCH

AT THE CIVIC CENTER

The next meal sponsored by:

Kiwanis

Sunday, April 3

Time: 11a.m.-1p.m.

Cost: \$7 for Adults

\$3 for Children

MENU: Steak & Gravy, Chicken

Breast, Lasagna & Meat Balls,

loodles, Assorted Salads, Veggies

Assorted Desserts, Drink & Rolls

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detect the disease in its earliest stages while prevention may still be possible.'

According to the NKFI, more than 20 million Americans—one in nine adults-have chronic kidney disease. More than 20 million more are at increased risk for developing kidney disease, and most don't even know it. Based on these percentages, more than 500,000 Hoosiers have decreased kidney function and most don't know it.

The NKFI defines chronic kidney disease as persistent kidney damage, represented in terms of a person's glomerular filtration rate, or GFR, which measures how well the kidneys are removing wastes and excess fluid from the blood. A normal value for GFR is 90 or above. A GFR below 60 is a sign that the kidneys are not working properly, and is classified as stage 3 or higher chronic kidney disease.

lished that people with very low GFR- such as less than 10, indicating that a treatment for kidney failure, such as dialysis or a kidney transplant, will be needed - are at increased risk of a host of health problems, including heart problems and death.

search demonstrate the massive impact chronic kidney disease has on public health," continues Dr. Taber. "Every patient with chronic kidney disease must be thoroughly managed to reduce their health risks, long before they reach the need for dialysis," he adds.

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana is a major voluntary health organization, which seeks to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplants. For more information on kidney disease or a free screening near you, call the NKFI at 1-800-382-9971 or visit site web at our www.kidneyindiana.org.

Free Credit Reports

Beginning March 1st, 2005, Indiana consumers can order free credit reports.

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA) requires nationwide credit bureaus to provide consumers, at their request, a free copy of their credit report once every 12 months. Consumers can make a request by going to www.annualcreditreport.com.

After September 1, 2005, free reports will be accessible to all Americans, regardless of where they live. The BBB urges consumers to take advantage of this. With identity theft increasing at a rate of 35-40% annually, every consumer needs to be aware of what is listed on their report. Eight-five percent of Americans find out that their identity has been stolen due to an adverse situation, denied credit or unemployment notification by police or collection agencies, or receipt of credit cards or bills never ordered.





AREA NEWS CONTINUED

Red Hat News

Members from Ossian and Van Buren joined Warren's "Real Elegant Dames" for an eventfilled day at our state capitol. The UMM Home so kindly provided us with a bus and excellent driver and we were on our way.

State Representative Phyllis Pond of New Haven extended the invitation and made sure we would not miss a thing. We attended a committee meeting; were very impressed at how the facts were presented on bills introduced. Our very capable Representative Dan Leonard introduced us from the floor of the House. Our gracious Senator Gary Dillon came up into the gallery, extending a warm welcome to each one of us. We enjoyed and appreciated seeing how hard they work, representing us.

Took tours of the awesome building; it is absolutely breathtakingly beautiful. Lots of picture sessions; looking forward when they are developed. With "wagons a-draggin" we climbed back into our bus and headed back home after an unforgettable day.

THRUST News

Huntington County 4H Robotics, Team THRUST #1501 returns home with a 9th place qualifying finish from the inaugural Purdue Boilermaker FIRST Robotics Competition this past March 17-19 weekend. This years Purdue robotics regional was a "rookie" competition for the State of Indiana.

Purdue University will continue to host the event for years to come.

This three day event hosted some of the toughest teams in the nation. The State of Indiana houses some of the most well known and returning National Champions in the USA. "We knew this was going to be a tough regional for our team." says Chris Elston, Huntington County 4H Robotics Leadership Mentor. Out of 41 teams that attended this regional, Huntington's Team THRUST #1501 was able to qualify 9th out of 41 teams that attended. Several other teams attended from surrounding states.

On Saturday, the top eight qualifying teams are allowed to pick alliance partners for the final elimination rounds. In this years game "Triple Play", the top eight teams can pick up to two more teams. "Our team got very excited when we moved up to the 8th elimination bracket after the 1st place qualifying team, Team Hammond #71, from Hammond, Indiana, and defending 2004 National Champions picked one of the teams that qualified 4th. This allowed our Huntington Team THRUST to move up into the bracket elimination rounds as 8th bracket and team captain of our alliance. Team THRUST was then allowed to pick two more teams, Team Roboto, #447 from Anderson, IN and Technical Difficulties #1502 from Chelsea, MI, a rookie team.

Team THRUST's Quarter Final match 1 was played against defending national champions Team Hammond #71 with alliance partners Kil-A-Bytes #1024 from Indianapolis, IN, and Cooney Robotics #269 from Oconomowoc, WI. "What an exciting match for our Huntington Team to play. We knew that if we could beat Team Hammond, that it would be a major upset and we would have a good shot at taking our team all the way to Nationals in Atlanta, but as it turns out, Team Hammonds alliance beat the Huntington Team alliance 52-30 in the first match, with a best out of 3 wins to advance the bracket, Team THRUST was eliminated in the first quarter finals match losing in the second match 48-36 to Team Hammonds alliance.

"I am very proud of our Huntington team this year." says Elston. These high school students learned skills in a mentorship environment from several local volunteer engineers from UTEC, PHD, QSI Automation and Design Facts.

The robotics program in Huntington County 4H gives an awesome experience to young budding high school engineers. "It gives the students a taste of what real engineering is and how to solve problems." Elston says.

The students worked for six weeks in the old monk carpenter's workshop at Good Shepherd United Brethren Church. "What makes our team so special is the amount of volunteer members our team has." Elston says. "A lot of teams only have one or two engineers, Team THRUST is fortunate enough to be under the direction of eight volunteer engineers from the Huntington Community."

Elston explains. Jerry and Mike Smyth, father and son engineering mentors showed the students a new construction method that the FIRST robotics organization has never seen. Typically robots are built from tubular aluminum or 80-20 aluminum extrusion frame designs. In order to be different than all the other teams in the nation, monocoque construction was introduced to the students by engineering mentor Jerry Smyth, ex-naval aviator from the US Navy. Monocoque is typically used in constructing airplane fuselages or spacecraft fuselages. "Because of our limited resources this year. monocogue construction techniques enabled our team to hand assemble the robot using a few tools such as a brake bender, tin snips and of course a rivet gun. The results where absolutely stunning." Elston says.

This years robot also featured an onboard vision system that can detected certain colors and allow the robot to be driven in autonomous mode during game play. "From what I seen at the competition, Team THRUST was the only robot out of 41 teams able to track a colored game piece called a "tetra", drive toward the tetra, and pick it up off the ground all automatically," Elston says. Tasks given to teams early on during the kick off meeting define certain engineering problems the students will learn to cope and design solutions to real world problems.

"Someday, our Huntington students will be the leadership role models that develop technology to make this world a better place to live. I am glad Huntington County 4H Robotics program can give that exposure and direction to young minds." Elston explains.

"We plan on displaying the robot at certain Huntington events such as the up coming Heritage Days and Huntington County 4H fair, so please take time to see this beautiful machine crafted by high school students. Of course, don't look at the "battle" scars, that just gives the robot a more realistic look." Elston jokes. Team THRUST would like to thanks all our sponsors this 2005 season, including NASA and UTEC of Huntington for providing funding sponsorship of \$5,000 or greater. Team THRUST would also like to give a special thanks to Good Shepherd for allowing use of their faculties, Huntington County 4H extension office for allowing the start of a new robotics team under the 4H special interest umbrella, and Henline Heavy Towing and Retrieve for providing a place for Team THRUST to practice using the robot before the competition events.

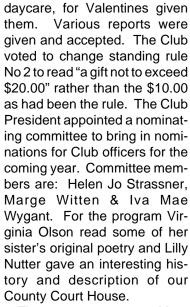
Team THRUST also plans on attending the annual IRI "Indiana Robotics Invitational" at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis July 22-23.

This event is just for fun, and allows the students to network with other Indiana teams without the pressure of competition. Please visit Team THRUST's website for dates and events to meet the team http:// www.teamthrust.us.

BAYVIEW READING

The Bayview Reading Club met in the Calico Room in the Home on March 8, 2005. Virginia Olson, Lilly Nutter and Esther Andrew were the hostesses. After a good luncheon served by the Home, the meeting was called to order by the President, Helen Stokes.

The roll call was answered by sixteen members and two guests who shared what St Patricks Day meant to them. A thank you card was read and shared from the children here at the



The two guests were Mary Lewis and Ruth Bontrager. Ruth also won the door prize. The April meeting will be April 12 with Marian Dawson, Helen Jo Strassner and Donna Deemer as hostess, with the roll call to be answered by sharing thoughts on your favorite season of the year.

Aux. Club News

Van Buren American Legion Auxiliary 368 meeting was held March 3, 2005.

President Toni Jones opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Waneta Linton gave prayer. Secretary Sheri Reneer read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report.

Linda Long reported on the plaque we are doing for Thompson who was killed overseas. She wants to present the plaque at our Memorial Service in May at the library.

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ENYEART

A former Bell Telephone Company employee and an operator for many years at the LaFontaine Hotel in Huntington, Marie Enyeart, 99, died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home, where she resided.

She was a former resident of Union Township in Huntington County and a lifetime resident of that county. She was a member of the Huntington First Brethren Church, serving as a preschool Sunday School teacher and as a member of the Women's Missionary Society. She was a member of the Union Township Extension Homemakers Club.

Born July 8, 1905, in Huntington, she was the daughter of John E. and May First Taylor. Her marriage was on April 5, 1927, in Warsaw to Russell M. Enyeart, who died Feb. 23, 1993.

Surviving are one son, Max Enveart of Huntington, one grandson and one great-grandson. Preceding her in death were two brothers, Mylo and Merrill Taylor.

Services were held at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington, with Pastor Dianna Teusch officiating. Burial was in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorials to First Brethren Church Building Fund.

OLSON

A resident of the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home since 1980, Virginia Ellen Olson, 91, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2005 at the home.

Born in Crewe, Va. Oct. 11, 1913 to George R. and Lucy Long Brittenham, she married Rev. Harold E. Olson July 5, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Feb. 9, 1994. A homemaker, she was a member as well as a district and conference officer of the United Methodist Women. She volunteered with the talking books program, was a 50-year member of the P.E.O Sisterhood, a member of the Chimes Group of the United Methodist Memorial Home and a member of the Red Hatters. She was also a member of the Warren United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Geraldine) Love of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. John (Mary) Duerr, Leesburg, Fla.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the United Methodist Home under the direction of Rev. John Bellante with burial following at Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Glancy Funeral Homes-H. Brown & Son Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

RICE

Gerald O. Rice, 89, formerly of Huntington, died at 5:00 a.m. Friday, March 25,2 005 at the United Methodist Memorial Home, where he was residing.

Mr Rice retired in1976, after 33 years, from the Erie Lackawanna Railroad where he was an engineer. He also worked for the former Gamble Hardware Store in Huntington. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, a 50year member of Amity Masonic Lodge #483 F&AM, Huntington, a 50-year member of Scottish Rite Valley of Ft Wayne, the Soujourners of Bradenton, FL and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Union and the Men's Club in Bradenton, FL. Mr Rice graduated, in 1933, from Warren High School.

Mr Rice was born on April 20, 1915 in Colfax, IL, the son of Charles A and Geneva (Douglas) Rice. He married Lillian Reberon June 20, 1937, in Huntington and she preceded him in death on July 9, 1981. His second marriage was to Miriam Hilligoss Burkhart on July 21, 1984 in Huntington.

Survivors include his wife -Miriam Burkhart Rice of Warren; 2 daughters Mrs Donald S (Janet Sue) Willis of Ormand Beach, FL and Mrs David (Carla Jean) Knoop of College Station, TX; 3 stepdaughters Mrs Ronald (Janelle) Jackson of Ft Wayne, Janet Sue Miltenberger of Indianpolis, and Mrs Ray (Jean Ann) Shipley of Brentwood, CA; 9 grandchildren and 9 greatgrandchildren. A brother, Kenneth Rice, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home with Pastor Herbert Edwards and Rev David Arnold officiating. Masonic Services were held during visitation hours. Burial was in the Star of Hope Cemetery, Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Gerald O Rice may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church Cottage Fund in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Hun-

Words of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.baileylove.com.

Kellam

Fern M Kellam, 89, Huntington, died at 5:59 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Mrs Kellam was co-owner for over 50 years, with her husband, of the Kellam Electric in Huntington County. She was a member of the Majenica United Methodist Church where she had taught Sunday School. Mrs Kellam was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star Floral Chapter #75 of Huntington. Mrs Kellam graduated, in 1934, from Lancaster High School.

Mrs Kellam was born on March 18, 1916 in Lancaster Township, Huntington County, the daughter of Frank and Elsie (Sparks) Scott. She married Orval E Kellam on December 18, 1934 in Huntington.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years - Orval E Kellam of Huntington, 1 son, Paul E Kellam of Huntington; 3 daughters Mrs J Rex (Roene) Hoover of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Mrs Herbert (Arlene) Hoover of Muncie, and Mrs Wayne (Charlene) Greer of Ft Wayne; 1 brother LeRoy Dale Scott of Huntington; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and 4 greatgreat-grandchildren. Three brothers, Burl, Charles and Hershel Scott, preceded her in death.

Services were held at the Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Richard Lofgren officiating. Order of Eastern Star Twilight Service was held during visitation hours. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Fern M Kellam may be made to Mt Etna First Responder's in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Words of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.baileylove.com.



Emma Grace Mounsey was born on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 7:58 a.m. in the Lutheran Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The proud parents are Jeremy and Kristine Mounsey of Poneto. Brother and sister are Cody Schenkel,15 and Katie Schenkel, 17.

Grandparents include Rick & Kathie Mounsey of Poneto and Ron & Mary Brinneman of Warren. Great Grandparents include Cora Poff of Warren, Dean & Patricia Mounsey of Poneto and Bill & Ruth Ann Zent of Sun City, AZ.

Aaron and Abby Bickel 1437 E. Market St., Huntington had a son on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital. His name is Peyton Lee Bickel and he weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Grandparents are Mike and Pollv Tribolet, Huntington and Steve and Ramonda Bickel, rural Andrews. Great-grandparents are Dave and Wanda Spahr, rural Warren, Rex and Norma Tribolet, rural Huntington, Rudy and Donna Decker, rural Huntington, Dean and Cora Ethal Bickel, rural Huntington. Greatgreat-grandparents are Doris DeHaven, Warren and George and Vera Spahr, Warren.

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Creta Arlington asked for S&H stamps for Department.

Flo Doyle reported that there will be only one girl sponsored for Girls State this year.

Toni Jones announced the Easter Egg Hunt March 26, 2005 at the post -3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ruth Bole asked if we could check into getting a heating and air conditioner unit for the VIP room. President Toni appointed a committee of herself, Sheri Reneer and Irene Pickard to check on this project.

President Toni Jones announced the Lasagna Supper April 23, 2005 at the post.

Question was brought up about checking into getting banners for the streets in Van Buren. Linda long is to check with Michelle Sexton to get info on this.

Pull tab contest was won by Linda Long. American Auxiliary Emergency Fund contest was won by Irene Pickard and Joyce Loftis.

The Legion is having a special chicken night March 22, 2005 for \$3.00 each, 5:00 pm til gone. Next meeting April 7, 2005

Those attending were Toni Jones, Sheri Reneer, Irene Pickard, Ruth Bole, Creta Arlington, Flo Doyle, Rhonda Fleming, Joyce Loftis, Eula Belle Farr, Waneta Linton, Carol Ritter, Pam Sanderson, Linda Long, Lequita Taylor, and Sally Bancroft.

Sigma Phi Gamma

Beta Delta Chapter met March 1 in their room at the Knight Bergman Civic Center. Sondra Zabel, president, presided over the business meeting. Susan Ralston, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Tara Korporal, treasurer, gave the finance report. Final plans were made for the March 6 Sunday noon luncheon. A nominating committee was appointed for election of officers in April. Shelly Stafford will receive her 25 year pin at International Convention 2005 in Scottsdale, Arizona in July.

Those present: Sharon Gebhart, Rosemary Zeller, Peggy Sue Clark, Elise Smith, Sandy Eichhorn, Sandy Booher, Suzette Gephart, Shelly Stafford, Tara Korporal, Susan Ralston, Beth Ostermeyer and Sondra Zabel.

WPL STORY TIME

Garfield, Indiana's fun-loving cat, was the theme for story time at the Warren Public Library on February 25. Brady Smekens read Garfield on the Farm, Counting Down with Garfield, Big Fun, Little Fun and Color Me Fun. Attending were Sarah Bothast, Sarah Kline, Mary Surfus, Colin Sackett, William Sackett, Henry Sackett, Fletcher Sabinske, Lily Sabinske, Andy Smekens, Sophie Smekens and Sydney Smekens.

Story time continues through March for pre-schoolers. The half-hour sessions begin at 10 am on Fridays.

AFTER SCHOOL STORY

Twenty-one children attended the Van Buren Public Library after school Story time, March 11th, 2005 to learn about Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The children entered into the library and signed in and received pictures to color to put in the windows of our library.

Karen introduced our special guest Amber Singer, a Girl Scout recruiter for the Wapehani Council in Daleville, Indiana. Our Boy Scout leader was unable to attend because of another appointment.

Amber asks if any of the girls has heard of Girl Scouts? Several of the girls raised their hands. Amber shared a lot of information on fun activities and out door outings the Girl Scouts do. She passed out an activity sheet for the girls to enjoy and pictures they could color. Karen had pictures for the boys to color pertaining to Boy Scouts.

A lot of the girls were very interested in finding out how to join Girl Scouts. Amber had papers to hand out with information for the girls to take home and share with their parents.

The Girl Scouts go by age as to what group they would be long to. This program meets the developmental, educational. and emotional and social needs and interests of girls ages 4-17 (or in grades PreK-12th. The Girl Scout levels are as follows: Daisy Girl Scouts ages 4-6 or grades PreK-1; Brownie Girl Scouts ages 6-8 or grades 1-3; Junior Girl Scouts ages 8-11or grades 3-6; Cadette Girl Scouts ages 11-14 or grades 6-9 and Senior Girl Scouts ages 14-17 or grades 9-12. For more information on how to join the Girl Scouts you can call the Wapehani Council at 1-800 686-6465.

The treats were popcorn and Girl Scout cookies.

The library staff wants to thank Amber Singer for coming and sharing with the children.

Those attending were: Catherine Anderson, Autum Smith, Nixon Smith, Amanda Keifer, Emily Bryant, Olivia Bryan, Elizabeth Bryant, Jaedyn Beck, Mandi Beck, Faith Wiggin, Jarren Griffith; Emily Webb, Nathan Smith, Justin Smith, Delta Oswalt, Logan Wetherington, Eddie Quick, Zach Handshoe, Icily Cromer, Cassie Davis and Jessica Smith. This Friday after school we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Hope to see you!

Spring Break - Beware

Many spring break hotspots are among areas requiring extra travel safety, warns the Indiana Crime Prevention Coalition.

"Carjacking-stealing a car by force - was first introduced to most people following a rash of such robberies in Florida," Scott Minier, ICPC's Executive Director said. "Many carjacking and other crime victims in vacation spots are tourists who are distracted, off-course or unaware of their surroundings."

While carjackings are down nationwide, Minier warns the victimization rates remain highest in urban areas and most involved deadly weapons. "Ninety-three percent of carjackings occurred in cities or suburbs and 74 percent involved firearms and knives, according to Department of Justice statistics."

Minier said even though chances of becoming a carjacking victim are becoming less and less likely, proven preventive actions can reduce the risk even more:

Approach your vehicle with the key in hand. Look around and inside before getting in.

When driving, keep your car doors locked and windows rolled up when possible.

Be especially alert at intersections, gas stalions, ATMs, shopping malls, convenience and grocery stores, as all are windows of opportunity for criminals.

Leave room at intersections to maneuver away from dangerous situations.

Park in well-lighted, visible areas-close to walkways, stores and other people.

If a carjacker or robber approaches you with a weapon, give up the car or other possessions with no questions asked. Get away. Life is more valuable.

For more information, log onto www.ncpc.org.

CUBS ON THE RADIO

WBZQ AM 1300, Huntington, is once again the Chicago Cubs Radio Network affiliate for northeastern Indiana for the 2005 season. WBZQ carries the complete schedule of Chicago Cubs games. No other radio station in northeastern Indiana carries the Cubs.

Five-time Sportscaster of the Year Pat Hughes and Cubs leg-

end Ron Santo lead the Chicago Cubs Radio Network's award winning coverage of Cubs baseball. 2005 marks Hughes' 10th season in the Cubs booth, and year 16 for Santos.

The "Cubs Central" pre-game show begins 35 minutes before the first pitch, with "The Dusty Baker Show," the "Cubs Central Scouting Report," the "Sportswire," and more. Then Hughes and Santos provide the play-by-play action in their unique style.

WBZQ AM 1300 can be heard in the Huntington, Fort Wayne, Warsaw, Columbia City, North Manchester, Bluffton and Decatur areas.

BASKET BINGO

Bluffton Athletic Boosters Basket Bingo April 2, 2005 at 10 am. \$20 for 20 games, doors open at 9 AM. In the Bluffton High School Cafetorium. Proceeds Bluffton High School Athletics. 20 games, 2 raffles, Door Prizes. Call 824-1962 or 824-1325 for tickets. All prizes are authentic Longaberger items.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Huntington County Anniversary Committee for the 75th annual 4-H Fair at Hier's Park will meet on Thursday, March 31, 7 pm on the first floor of the County Courthouse Annex, 354 N Jefferson Street, Huntington. The group will hear reports from the Pork Chop supper served in conjunction with the 4-H Fair Board Benefit Auction and will continue their plans with special anniversary activities to commemorate this milestone in the history of the Huntington County 4-H program.

The 75th 4-H Fair anniversary committee meetings are open to all interested people. For more information, contact Linda Aldridge or Teresa Daniels at the County Extension Office, (260) 358-4826 or email <u>laldridg@purdue.edu</u> or tkdaniel@purdue.edu.

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EAGLES AT **N**ATIONAL

The Eagles Jr. High won 2nd place in the 4A division, in their first appearance at this tourney. Playing 4 games against teams from Texas (2), Oklahoma & Kansas. In the opening round against the TCA Warriors of Thorndale, Tx. (47-40), Colin Featherston had 16 points, 5 steals; Taylor Frank 12 points; Nathan House 7 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals. The Oklahoma City Storm II was calmed (42-29) by 18 from Taylor & 11 from Vincent Burnworth along with 6 boards. The Wichita Angels had their wings clipped (48-40) by 22 from Taylor & 11 from Colin. But, the Dallas Thunder took the glory (39-48)

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in a hard fought battle with nationally recognized players K.C. Miller & Corey Hawkins.

Taylor Frank, Colin Featherston & Vincent Burnworth were named All-Stars. Nathan House was designated for the Christian Character award.

The Jr. High Eagles end their season 19-8 and were coached by Jeff Humbarger & Blake Hitzfield.

The Eagles Varsity Boys finished 8th place in the 4A division, just a few places below where they ended last year.

Playing in 6 tournament games in 5 days against teams from Texas (3), Ohio, Missouri and Michigan.

A few highlights include: a double-double for Joe Weaver, 14 points & 10 rebounds, in the opening round against the LHCAA Warriors of Lubbock, Tx (43-40). Four Eagles in double digits, led by Trent Lloyd with a career high 19, against the Cincinnati Trailblazers, a #1 seed in the tourney (57-62). CHSA Wolverines (Houston) 47-44. Joe out jumped the 6¹10² center of the Kansas City Metro Lazers, as the Eagles went on a 20-8 first quarter spree, (final 48-49). Warriors, St. Johns, MI (41-44). HYCA II (Houston) 45-46. The Eagles won and lost games, but their loses were by a total of only 10 points.

Trent Lloyd was a Tournament All-Star and Blaine Hitzfield was chosen for the Christian Character award.

The Varsity Eagles end their season 20-19 and were coached by Mark Featherston & Mark Shultz.

www.huntingtoneagles.com (If you would like to make a tax exempt donation to the Huntington Eagles, this can be done by writing your check to U.S.S.F.A. [the United States Sports and Fitness Association] for any amount, and mailing it to P.O. Box 345, Warren. IN 46792-0345. The Huntington Eagles are members of this association and are allowed to benefit from their 501c.3 status.)

New Test Shows Promise for Early Breast Cancer Detection

(NUI) - It may come as no surprise that this year, 40,000 women in the United States will lose their lives to breast cancer. This statistic highlights the need for women to perform self-examinations or have an annual mammogram, depending on their age.

While most know the value of

these procedures, what women may not know is that by the time breast cancer is detected through modern testing, the disease may have been present for six to 10 years - one to five years past an almost 100 percent survival rate, according to the American Cancer Society.

However, a new technology based on proteomics (the study and analysis of proteins) may be able to show, years prior to mammography, whether a patient has an early indication for breast cancer and if she requires more testing or treatment.

While most people know that DNA is the blueprint of the cell, the cell itself is made up of many proteins. Consequently, DNA tests can find risk of disease, but it is in the proteins where a disease like breast cancer actually starts. Thus, proteins that change in the course of a disease are the building blocks for new screening and diagnostic tests that can provide earlier detection and enhanced treatment.

To this end, Power3 Medical Products (OTC BB: PWRM.OB) and the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston have developed the NAF (nipple aspirate fluid) Test. The noninvasive test uses fluid from the breast called nipple aspirates to identify groups of breast cancer proteins, which in turn are analyzed in order to detect the presence of breast cancer earlier than current technologies.

"These identified protein biomarkers and mechanisms not only provide early indications of breast cancer, but also reveal a mechanism for how the early breast cancer is developing," said Ira Goldknopf, chief scientific officer of Power3 Medical. The collection of the fluid, obtained from the regions of the breast where most breast cancers originate, is done by using a breast pump to obtain a drop of fluid from the nipple. The aspirate is then analyzed to identify the specific breast cancer protein footprint. The characterization of the specific protein profile can indicate if a woman has a normal proteomic pattern or one suggestive of cancer.

"This technology holds great promise since it provides a mechanism to achieve earlier and more accurate indications of breast cancer as well as to identify specific drug targets for earlier treatment of cancer," Goldknopf said.

The NAF Test is currently in clinical validation trials. For more information on the development of this test, log on to www.power3medical.com.





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