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Thought for the Week: Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions. Oliver Wendell Holmes



THE ORPHAN TRAIN

OPENS AT THE PULSE OPERA HOUSE

In the mid 1880s New York was overrun with homeless children. Some were orphaned, some lost and all were living on the streets. In an attempt to find homes for these children, they were rounded up and put on trains heading for the midwest. Orphan trains ran through 1929 and placed approximately 250,000 homeless children.

Warren and the surrounding area was a stop for the orphan trains. At the depot, children were lined up and townspeople came to pick which ones they wanted to take home. Some were adopted and many were taken on for help around the farm or the house.

The Huntington Evening Herald printed a story in 1909 about one such stop. "For Huntington there were seven in the consignment today. They were called by number, and seven little fellows, in age from two to ten or eleven, were handed out. One little fellow came from the car crying, possibly sad to leave his nurse and the kind care of those with whom he had become acquainted. Or possibly he was being separated from a brother or sister or close companion."

The Orphan Train by Aurand Harris tells the story of nine orphans on an orphan train that left New York City on May 28, 1914 and traveled to U.S. Midwestern towns in search of homes for the children. A cast of local and area children and adults tell their stories.

The Warren Public Library has partnered with the Pulse to provide free tickets to children who read books about orphan trains. Those who read one book can earn a ticket for any performance. If they read two or more books, they can treat their mom or dad to the show, too. There is seating

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EARN FREE TICKET

The Pulse Opera House will be presenting the play The Orphan Train from April 21 to May 7. The theater is teaming up with Warren Public Library to help children earn a free ticket for any performance of the play.

Children just need to read one book on the subject to earn their ticket. But, if they would like to treat Mom or Dad, they can read a second book to receive one adult ticket. Books are on display and available at the Warren Library. They are sorted and shelved by reading level and both fiction and non-fiction are available.

An Evergreen library card is required to check out a book. If your child is not a resident of the town of Warren or Salamonie Township, but is a student in the Huntington County Community School system, they may obtain a free student card at the library. With this card, valid for a year, the student may check out age appropriate books only; no DVDs. Please bring proof of the child's enrollment to apply for the card. This may be student ID, a print out, or a note from the school office.

ATTN: GRANT COUNTY RESIDENTS

Got a project you've made that your friends are always telling you to enter into a show? This is your chance to do it. Showcase your talents!

Adult Art & Hobby Show (must be 18 years or older) at the Grant County Fair, June 18-24, 2023.

- Four Divisions of Exhibition:
1. Domestic Arts & Crafts
 2. Painting, Drawing & Photography
 3. Foods & Food Preservation
 4. Horticulture & Floral

For more information or contest rules contact: Kris Goff or Kailey Dockerty, Grant County Extension Office 765-651-2413. Email: goffk@purdue.edu or kdockert@purdue.edu.

Sponsored by Grant County 4-H Council, Purdue Extension - Grant County and Grant County Fair Association.

REGISTRATION FORMS

The Warren Pharmacy has Registration Forms for the Historic Warren (Main Street) CAR SHOW, which will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

The Warren Pharmacy also has Registration Forms for the Salamonie Summer Festival Golf Outing, which will be June 10, 2023 at Dogwood Glen Golf Course, Warren.

TOWN MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 10, 2023 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Jeremy Rufener, Tavis Surfus, Michelle Schweikhardt; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; others.

Under Special Order of Business, Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering, updated the water improvement project noting that the newly installed well should be online by the end of the week which would

complete the project. Proposed Wastewater projects are being finalized including replacement of the Nancy Street Lift Station and the Huggy Bear Lift Station. Submitted was a task order in the amount of \$252,800 for engineering of the Wayne Street Reconstruction Project to facilitate moving forward immediately if a grant to the Community Crossings Grant through INDOT is awarded. Buzzard moved, seconded by Surfus. Motion approved unanimously.

Citizen inquired about paving of Tenth Street.

* Marshal Spitler submitted March Activity Report and submitted a quote from Copsgear for purchase of a police radio at the cost of \$3116.45.

Following discussion, Surfus moved, seconded by Rufener, to approve the request. Motion approved unanimously.

* Fire Chief Poulson submitted March run report. Scheiman has been elected to serve the department as secretary/treasurer. Council concurred.

* Jeff Souder, Warren Area Chamber, reported that Phase III of Riverside Park is progressing with completion expected by end of April.

* Jeff Souder, Historic Warren, reported that a fund raiser was underway and displayed a brochure developed by a college student as a class project which showcases the Town.

* HCUED - No report.

* Following discussion, Resolution 2-2023, a Resolution adopting an Amended/Updated version of the Town of Warren Personnel Policy was

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Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Flemming

This year for Easter we went off the grid and had a pizza party. Gayle, Kendra and I made homemade pizzas and I brought along some bbq wings and some garlic parmesan wings. Desserts were kinda off to, mom made some homemade potato donuts, which are always good.
 I've been hungry for a carrot cake, so I made one to take to the pizza party. I need help eating the cake, cause John likes a piece and I don't need the whole cake, that's for sure and it's a favorite among the girls in our family.
 So I will share with you the recipe. I ended up putting this into a 9x13 pan and it ended up sinking in the middle so I would suggest doing as the directions say. Enjoy. We did!!

THE BEST CARROT CAKE

- 2 ½ c. flour
- 2 ½ c. sugar
- 2 tsp soda
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 3-(4oz) jars carrots baby food Gerber stage 2
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 1c. vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three 8 inch round cake pans.
 In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients for the cake. Mix well with mixer. Divide the batter into the prepared cake pans.
 Bake 30-35 minutes for till a toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean.
 Allow to cool for 5 minutes in the pan then remove from pans to cool. Once cooled frost with cream cheese frosting and garnish cake with chopped pecans or walnuts

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 1-8oz. package of cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 c. powdered sugar

In a mixing bowl, cream cheese and butter till smooth and vanilla mixing well. Add powdered sugar to the cheese mixture until spreading consistency. Place a little frosting between the layers, then frost sides then top. Garnish with choice of nuts.

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 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
- BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
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 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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- DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
- HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
- THE NEW BEGINNING**
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- HERITAGE POINTE**
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
- WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Eklesia Sun 6:30pm
- HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
 www.warrennaz.org
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.
- SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
- LANCASTER WESLEYAN**
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**
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 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm
- LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
- THE CHURCH AT MCNATT**
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
- MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages 9:00 - 9:45
 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00
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- SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.
- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-2102
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
- VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
- VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
 www.vanburenumc.org
- WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
- FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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submitted for consideration. Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to approve.

Approved unanimously. Policy goes into effect immediately.

* Based on recommendation from Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group, discussion was held on moving forward with a 10% water rate hike with preparation of an ordinance. Approved by consensus.

* Submitted was the annual maintenance update with Keystone Consulting, supplier of municipal software for the Town, in the amount of \$11,115.00, an increase of \$1560 from 2022 due to the Invoice Cloud addition. Following discussion, Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to approve the invoice. Voting for: Buzzard, Surfus, Schweikhardt. Abstaining: Rufener.

Invoice approved.
* The 2022 TIF annual Report has been filed with the State as required.

* Town-wide Clean Up is scheduled for May 1-6.
* A meeting with Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group, is scheduled for April 14th with Salamonie Twp Trustee and Morrison for further financial planning regarding proposed purchase of a fire truck for consideration of Town Council and Advisory Board.

* Utility Manager Poulson submitted an invoice from Bolinger Excavating for work done on the SR 218 Water Leak. Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, approval of the invoice in the amount of \$18,572.10. Approved unanimously.
* Poulson reported that Bolinger Excavating had offered \$18,000 to purchase the Town's vac truck which has been replaced. Following

discussion, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the sale. Voting in favor: Buzzard, Surfus, Schweikhardt. Abstaining: Rufener, Motion carried.

* Morrison reviewed the method of bank reconciliation used through the Keystone Software Program, reviewed in detail the reconciliations for Utilities and General Funds for January and February, and reviewed the reports to back those forms. As no questions were asked, Morrison submitted the form to be signed by Council that those statements had been reviewed and accepted. Surfus moved to accept, Buzzard seconded. Voting for: Buzzard, Surfus, Schweikhardt. Abstaining: Rufener. Motion carried.

In general discussion, a Special Meeting was set for Monday, April 17th to begin discussions on hiring of employees to fill future vacancies.

DINNER IN MAY

The Salamonie Summer Festival is sponsoring a Drive Through Only Dan's Fish & Chicken Dinner on Friday, May 19th 4:00-7:00 pm at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren, IN.

Adults are only \$12, Children 6-12 are \$6 and 5 & Under are Free. Advance Tickets are available at DeWeese

Appliance or the Warren Pharmacy.

All proceeds will support your Salamonie Summer Festival Events! We hope to see you as you Drive Through and support our Festival Events!

MONTPELIER TRI KAPPA BINGO

BINGO sponsored by Montpelier Tri Kappa, Sunday April 16th, 2023, 2:00pm at the Montpelier Civic Center, located at 339 S Main St. Montpelier, Indiana. You may purchase presale tickets for \$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door. Your purchase entitles you to 2 packets of 10 bingo cards plus a chance to win a door prize. Additional packets of 10 may be purchased as well as, raffle tickets for a chance to win additional prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Prizes include, Vera Bradley, Tupperware, and Thirty-one. All proceeds support local community projects, school awards and Blackford/Southern Wells Scholarships.

For tickets contact any Tri Kappa member, or call Tammy (765)-348-7791, Maranda 765-499-8638 or Cindy at 812-230-1083. Come join the fun, while supporting Montpelier Tri Kappa.

NEW AT WPL

Items recently added to the collection of the Warren Public Library include:

ADULT FICTION: Garmus-Lessons in Chemistry; Sandford-Dark Angel; Gray-Coming Home (Large Print); Connealy-Forged in Love; Calvi-If a Poem Could Live and Breathe; Camp-An Affair at Stonedcliffe (Large Print); Chapman-Her Amish Adversary (Large Print); Childs-A Dark and Stormy Tea; Childs-Lemon Curd Killer; Coben-I Will Find You; Ferguson-A Most Intriguing Lady; Gerstenblatt-Daughters of Nantucket; Gray-Once Upon a Buggy; Hannon-Windswept Way; Hoover-Never Never; Mallery-The Sister Effect; Michaels-On the Line; Patterson-Countdown; Snelling-Fields of Bounty (Large Print); Steel-Worthy Opponents; Walls-Hang the Moon

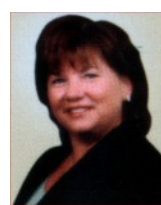
ADULT NON-FICTION: Balch-Prescription for Nutritional Healing: The A-to-Z Guide to Supplements; Thomas-Walt Disney: An American Original; Majors-Safe All Along: Trading Our Fears and Anxieties for God's Unshakable Peace

AUDIOBOOKS: Sandford-Dark Angel

GRAPHIC NOVELS: The Baby-sitters Club: Jessi's Secret Language; The Baby-sitters Club: Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery; Green-Agents of S.U.I.T.; Santat-A First Time for Everything; Atkinson-Simon and Chester: Super Family!; Jourdy-The Wondrous Wonders; Sweet Valley Twins: Best Friends; Gibbs-Spy Camp

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: McGinnis-The Initial Insult; Charbonneau-Verify; Mafi-These Infinite Threads; Emrich-NerdCrush;

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Apr 17	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Apr 19	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Apr 22		EARTH DAY
Apr 28	7-9p	W - Hubie Ashcraft Band @ Riverside Park
May 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 8	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 9	6:30p	W - Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting @ KBC
May 15	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

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Apr 13 - 19

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Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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Fukuda-This Light Between Us; Vickers-Fadeaway; Evans-The Parasite; Bakewell-Flowerheart; De La Cruz-Going Dark; Jackson-Five Survive

TWEEN FICTION:
Soontornvat-A Wish in the Dark; Faruqi-Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero; Faruqi-Unsettled; Gibbs-Whale Done; James-The Treehouse Library; Lee-Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies; Ryan-Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs; Torres-The Win Over Freeman-Alone; Benway-The Wicked Ones; Miller-Prince of Song & Sea

TWEEN NON-FICTION:
Rubio-Her Story, Her Strength:50 God-Empowered Women of the Bible; Montgomery-Who Gives a Poop?

CHILDREN'S FICTION:
DiCamillo-Franklin Endicott and the Third Key; Ponti-City Spies: City of the Dead; Lincoln-The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels; Reynolds-The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter; Pilkey-Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea; Crute-Hornswoggled!; Lombardo-Everybody Says Meow; Ludwig-The Power of One; Scott-My Baba's Garden; Gibbons-Seed to Plant (Board Book); Kantor-Here Comes Spring! (Board Book); Matheis-Opal's Springtime Birdhouse; Ulyeva-Hedgehog's Home for Spring;

Timmers-Kind (Board Book); Anderson-Love Strawberries!; Miller-Be Kind ;Miller-Be Strong; Shaw-The Great Cookie Kerfuffle; Patterson-Elephant Goes Potty (Board Book); Boldt-Find Fergus; Bryan-Rocket Says Clean Up!; Fraser-The Witchling's Wish; John-The Sour Grape; Fay-The Very True Legend of the Mongolian Death Worms; Arnold-Starla Jean; Ewing-Maya and the Robot; Prineas-Trouble in the Stars; Soontornvat-Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION:
Conley-The States Encyclopedia; Mooney-The Government Encyclopedia; Lassieur-The National Parks Encyclopedia; McKinney-The President's Encyclopedia; Burton-The Egg Book; Rouse-The Children's Book of Birdwatching; Dowding-No-Dig Children's Gardening Book; Gosling-My First Garden; Morey-When Your Friend is Angry; Morey-When Your Friend is Sad; Morey-When Your Friend is Scared; Kalman-Be Mindful! Be Here Now; Hutchison-12 Stories about Helping After a Disaster; Bell-12 Stories about Helping the Community; Ventura-12 Stories about Helping Children; McCullum-12 Children who Changed the World; Colich-Sharing Tasks; Colich-Resolving Conflict;

Colich-Encouraging Others; Colich-Advocating for Yourself; Bolden-Strong Voices: Fifteen American Speeches Worth Knowing; Lee-Good Night, Body: Finding Calm From Head to Toe; Chang-hoon-The Moon Tonight: Our Moon's Journey Around Earth; Krekelberg-Setting Boundaries: Learning about Healthy Relationships; Krekelberg: No One is the Same: Appreciating Differences; Gaertner-Mark Gives Back: A Book about Citizenship; Gaertner-Henry Goes to School: A Book about School Community; Gaertner-Miles's Birthday Week: A Book about the Days of the Week; Arroyo-The Unexpected Light of Thomas Alva Edison; Bryant-Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball; Gottesfeld-Twenty-One Steps

DVDs: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish; The Fabelmans; Missing; A Man Called Otto; All Creatures Great and Small Season 3

SIGMA PHI

BETA DELTA CHAPTER WILL BE HAVING THEIR DRIVE-THRU LUNCHEON APRIL 16TH FROM 11 TO 1 – COME JOIN US!!!

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their April Business meeting Tuesday April 4, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. President Claudia Boxell called the meeting to order with 15 members repeating our Creed. Those members present were: Sandy Booher, Lorie Fiock, Dawn Fowler, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick,

Kelly Jones, Tara Korporal, Shelly Melchi, Beth Ostermeyer, Susan Ralston, Pam Rudy, Victoria Thompson, Betty Yoder and Sondra Zabel. Those unable to attend were Jamie Strailey and Suzette Gephart.

Roll call was answered by "Talk to animals or read minds?" We had some interesting choices. Tara, recording secretary, read the minutes of our March Business meeting. Dawn, treasurer, read the treasurer's report. It was decided to donate to the K9 project of Huntington County. Beth passed the sheet for Alpha Bits News and reported that she did an article for the newspaper about Province. Historian Shelly stated if anyone has pictures for the History Book please send them her way.

Birthdays this month are: Dawn Fowler, Jenny VerBryck, Tara Korporal and Barb Ruble – Happy Birthday Ladies!!! It was decided to send a thank you card and a get-well card to some members. Pam reported that we had 2 students that applied for our scholarship. The committee will be deciding on whom to pick. Finance Chairman, Lorie reported on our balance and that we will be doing our Drive-Thru Luncheon April 16th. Cooking the meat on the 15th. Gearing up for that.

Claudia read correspondence from Mary Ann Tuer, International Secretary and Misty Clugh, our new Alpha Province President. Alpha Province Picnic will be August 19th at Founders Park in Hartford City IN. We held election of Officers. They will remain the same for 2023/2024: Claudia President, Kelly Vice President, Tara Recording Secretary, Dawn Treasurer, Victoria Organizer, Jamie Service Secretary, Beth Editor, Shelly, Historian, Suzette Social & Corresponding Secretary and Pam Counselor.

Sondra closed our meeting with prayer until we meet May 2, 2023 were will be doing a Memorial Service before the meeting.

A TRIP TO TORTILLA FLAT, ARIZONA

By Larry Ryan
On February 3, 2023, while my son was visiting for one week, we decided to take a spur of the moment journey away from Phoenix proper. This was prompted by the lack of a golf tee time on a Friday before the local Super Bowl. Out-of-towners monopolized the golf courses!

My wife's son volunteered to drive the three of us into the eastern mountains. His diesel-powered truck was ideal for the rugged mountain road. We left at 11:30 am and navigated several southern and eastern Phoenix suburbs, including Mesa and Apache Junction, before reaching the Apache Trail. After crossing Idaho Road, Highway # 88 was accessed. Suddenly, we were headed northeast into the Superstition Mountains.

The aforementioned mountains were on the right side of us as our white truck entered the Lost Dutchman State Park and Tonto National Forest. This Apache Trail roadway had multiple curves on the sides of this elevating, rocky landscape. The truck was a must. There were many Saguaro Cacti; some must have been 250 years old. Their age can be gauged by the number of arms attached to the main stem. It takes 25-30 years for a first arm to emerge.

The truck needed a breather, so we stopped at Canyon Lake Vista for a photo op. From here the Four Mountain Peaks across the lake were viewed and beyond this mountain range was another one. Being surrounded by this maze of huge rocks was a little unsettling, but the sight was magnificent. Afterwards, Boulder Creek was crossed via an elevated, one-lane bridge. Our turn time to cross was minimal.

By 1 pm we had reached our flat destination. This small community, with a population of 6, was named Tortilla Flat by pioneer, John

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SCHWEIKHARDT

After a courageous seven-month battle with primary peritoneal



cancer, Melanie

L. Schweikhardt, 64, of Bluffton, walked peacefully into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on Thursday morning, March 30, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Hartford City on June 7, 1958, to Lovell Lee and Juanita Mae (Payne) Kellogg.

Melanie happily married the love of her life, Matt, in Warren on September 4, 1976.

A 1976 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Poneto, she attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church, Bluffton.

Melanie was passionate in her artistic hobbies which included sewing, jewelry making and decorating.

She especially enjoyed watercolor painting and taking photographs of birds and landscapes.

Melanie loved flowers and traveling.

She had a talent for creating beautiful dinners and making holidays special for her children and grandchildren.

Melanie enjoyed spending time with her loving sisters in Christ, the Brunch Bunch, who encouraged her always.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Leslie (Brian) Shank, of Fort Wayne, and Leah (Adam) Barry, of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Shaylynn, Keenan, Lynae, Ava, Henry and June; two sisters, Lee Ann (Scott) Garrett, of Warren, and Cindy (Gary) Story, of Portland; along with a brother, Randy (Laurie) Lockdall, of Unionville.

Melanie was preceded in death by her parents.

A special time to share memories with family and friends will be on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from noon until 3 p.m. at Sonlight Wesleyan Church, Bluffton, followed by a service at 3 p.m.

Pastor Lyle Breeding will officiate.

Private family burial will be at a later date at Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton.

SANDERS

Carolyn J. Sanders, 83, of Converse, passed away at 5:29 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in her home.

She was born in Marion on Tuesday, March 12, 1940, to Julian and Ruby (Stevens) Sanders.

Carolyn worked in assembly for 30+ years with United Technologies.

She enjoyed playing games for many hours on her tablet.

Carolyn also loved watching Gunsmoke on TV with her niece, Cindy.

She is survived by her niece, Cindy Long, of Converse; great-niece, Jennifer Mason-Long, of Wheaton, Ill.; great-great-nephews, Matthew Mason, of Wheaton, Ill., and Samuel Mason, of Wheaton, Ill.; sisters-in-law, Joyce Corral, of Marion, Carolyn Sanders, of Marion, and Charlotte Sanders-Couch, of Warren; special friends, Carolyn Stephenson, of Muncie, and Judy Armstrong, of Marion.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents.

At her request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

FREEMAN

Neal R. Freeman, 73 of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away at Marion



General Hospital on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 12:57am.

Neal was born October 30, 1949, in Muncie, Indiana to Everett Harley and Mary Harley. He graduated from Jefferson High School and married Angeline "Angie"

Freeman on May 31, 1969 in Gas City, Indiana. Neal worked for and retired from Sheller Globe in Montpelier, Indiana, in October of 1992. He liked to hunt, fish, and play cards. He was a stubborn and hard-headed man who loved his family to no end. To

say he will be missed is an understatement.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carmen Culley, and brother Jake Freeman.

Loving survivors include his wife of 53 years, Angie Freeman of Van Buren, IN, daughters, Michelle Ashbaugh of Van Buren, IN, Amber Ailes of Van Buren, IN, and Andrea (Robert) Whitegon of Warren, IN, grandchildren, Noah Slusher, Adam Slusher, Donnaron Freeman, Kyler Slusher, Rilee Martin and Ashley McDonald, great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kenna, Matthew and Lance, sister, Amy (Chad) Armstrong of Summitville, IN, and brother, Ricky Lee (Brenda) Freeman of Montpelier, IN.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 201 W. Main St. Van Buren, IN 46991, on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 10AM to 2PM. A funeral service will begin at 2PM. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

ROCKWELL

Joseph A. "Joe" Rockwell, 89, of Huntington, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Joe was born March 4, 1934, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1951 and Tri-State College in 1954. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958.

He was a lifetime Master Mason and member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He was a huge University of Michigan fan!

He will be fondly remembered as a loving sibling, spouse, father, "Poppy," and "Great."

Surviving family include his sons, Eric (Lisa) Rockwell of Coldwater, Mich., and Todd (Diane) Rockwell of Liberty Center, Ind.; a sister, Mary Alice (Ray) Thompson of Adrian, Mich.; five

grandchildren, Erika (Tyler) Philley, Alexandra (Austin) Lawrence, and Drew, Ella, and Derek Rockwell; and three great-grandchildren, Asher, Carter, and Eva.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, Elmer Rockwell and Florence Ruth Platt Fisher; his wife, Peggy Jean Rockwell; a granddaughter, Lindsey Marie Rockwell; a sister, Fran Campbell; and two brothers, LeRoy Rockwell and Maurice Fisher.

A Masonic Service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with a gathering of family and friends one hour prior.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

HAMMEL

JoAnn E. Hammel, 78, of Huntington, IN, passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, IN.

JoAnn was born on March 9, 1945, in Huntington, IN, to the late Donald and Eileen (Karst) Swoverland. She married Rex M. Hammel on April 18, 1964, and he preceded her in death on January 13, 2014.

JoAnn was a 1963 graduate of Huntington Catholic High School and a life-long member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Huntington. She had worked at Lincoln Life, Family Practice and Huntington Tractor Sales. JoAnn was a volunteer at school and her church's food pantry, The Open Door and was a member of the Rosary Sodality and "Doorkeepers" at St. Felix Monastery. JoAnn was first and foremost a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her hobbies were travel, sewing, crocheting and working in the yard.

JoAnn is survived by two sons, Jeff (Marie) Hammel, Andrews, IN, Chad (Nan) Hammel, Huntington, IN; two daughters, Michelle Hammel, Warren, IN, Heather (Matt)

Eckert, Andrews, IN; two sisters, Janet Ormsby, Markle, IN, Judy (Jim) Myers, Tucson, AZ; and 9 grandchildren, Jarod (Emily) Hammel, Jamon (Lindsay) Hammel, Hayden Hammel, Isaac Brown, Emily Nielson, Brandon (Hannah) Eckert, Nicole Eckert, Amara Eckert, Josie Eckert; and 9 great grandchildren.

Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death one sister, Jean Conner.

A Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, followed by the calling hours from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home 715 N. Jefferson St. Huntington, IN.

Additional calling hours will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, IN with Fr. Tony Steinacker presiding.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, IN.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Miles for Myeloma or for Masses in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN.

GENTIS

Diana Sue Gentis, age 79, of Huntington, IN, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Waters of Huntington.

Diana was born on October 5, 1943, in Wells County, IN, to the late Lester E. and Ruby (Bennett) Gentis.

Diana is survived by four sisters, Alice June Collier, New Haven, IN, Sally Chapin Stanley, Huntington, IN, Cheryl (William Gregor) Shurtz, Naperville, IL, Libby Pearson Buzzard, Upland, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

Diana was born with intellectual disabilities and as a child didn't have the benefits offered today. In the 1970's she joined Pathfinder Services and enjoyed 50 years of

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companionship, guidance, support and growth. She lived with family until about 9 years ago and then moved into one of their group homes until 4 years ago.

Pathfinder Services continued to support her as recently as two weeks ago and would take her out on day trips which was the highlight of her day! With Pathfinder she learned to swim, bowl, and paint and participated in Special Olympics competitions and had the opportunity to exhibit her artwork. She loved Elvis and loved spending time with all the nieces and nephews. She will be missed so very much!

Diana was also a life member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Lester Gentis, Howard Gentis; and one sister, Patricia Tappy.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart/Deal Rice Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN 46750, with Lead Pastor Ashlyn Kippert officiating.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, IN.

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Cline. Story has it that as he and others were stranded by weather at this flat location for several days. Their only provision, flour, was made into tortillas. Thus, the name stuck. As a side line, the tortilla was first concocted in 10,000 BC by a Mayan peasant to feed a hungry king. How was that determined??

This wide space on the side of Superstition Mountain was less than 100 yards long and no more than 80 feet wide into the rocky landscape at its deepest. It is an authentic remnant of an old and extremely small western town. Native Americans traveled through here from central Arizona to the Salt River Valley. It was a stagecoach stop in 1904. This was difficult to believe that four horses and a stagecoach could survive a trip on this elevated, narrow, mountain-side road. President Teddy Roosevelt traveled through here on his way to Roosevelt Lake once. Barbara Streisand visited one time. They both probably said, "Once was enough!"

There were parking spaces for about 20 vehicles and several motorcycles. Four businesses were packed together against the mountain. The most famous one was the Superstition Restaurant and Saloon. Its main attractions were saddles for bar stools and

interior walls completely covered with autographed, dollar bills. The menu featured "Killer Chili," "Prickly Pear BBQ," and "Prickly Pear Lemonade." The prickly term refers to cactus.

Since it was past 1 pm, we decided to avoid a fifty minute wait at the restaurant and went next door to the BBQ Patio. Service was immediate. From the limited menu, I selected a Pork Sundae which was placed in a plastic, parfait cup for my wife and a bratwurst sandwich with all the toppings for myself. Believing that my male passengers had ordered an alcoholic beverage, I did so. As I started out the doorway from the patio towards the outdoor picnic tables, a female national forest officer stopped me and stated that alcohol was not allowed outside the food service area and onto Tonto National Forest property. So part of the liquid in the aluminum can was consumed and deposited in the trash before I could join the others who were laughing at my mistake.

After the levity quieted and lunch was over, we decided to head back the 15 miles to Phoenix instead of patronizing the other two businesses. The Country Store & Ice Cream Shop with its "Prickly Pear Gelato" and the Mercantile & Gift Shop with its left over, "No Motel" sign were avoided. We arrived home at 3:15. The driver was paid handsomely!

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What people say you cannot do, you try and find that you can.

Henry David Thoreau

REPORT SPOTTED

LANTERNFLY EGGS

An attractive but highly destructive invasive insect is making headway in Indiana, and the Department of Natural Resources seeks help in identifying the insect so that it can work to stop its spread.

Called spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula), the pest is a major concern across most of the United States because of its adverse effect on fruit orchards, nurseries, and the logging and wine industries.

Adults and nymphs of spotted lanternfly (SLF) have piercing-sucking mouthparts and feed on the vascular tissue of leaves, young shoots, branches, and trunks of its hosts. Adults and older nymphs may feed in large populations. This extensive feeding results in oozing wounds on woody tissue and wilting and death of branches.

The lantern part of SLF's name comes from the inflated portion of its head,

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which was once thought to be luminous. Its wings are grayish with black spots. Flying displays its hind wings, which are black, white, and red with black spots.

In July 2021, a population of the insect was identified in Switzerland County, near the Ohio River. A second population was found in Huntington last July. The DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology (DEPP) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have been monitoring both sites.

With the insect's eggs typically hatching in late April, DEPP started scraping egg masses at the infested sites in early February and has destroyed more than 540,000 eggs.

As DEPP and USDA continue to conduct surveys to find the insect's presence elsewhere in the state, ascertain the extent of current infestations, and determine what other management strategies to implement, Hoosiers are asked to watch for and report sightings of egg masses of SLF in the coming weeks, and for nymphs and adults after that.

Inspection of areas and objects near tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), an invasive plant that is common in the Hoosier state, should be a priority because it is the insect's preferred host tree. SLF typically lays its eggs on smooth surfaces, and eggs may be in sheltered locations or in crevices on trees, rocks, fences, or other outdoor objects, which is part of the challenge of detecting them.

Egg masses are irregularly shaped and about 1 to 1 1/2 inches long. The individual eggs resemble wheat kernels strung together in several rows. After laying eggs, the female deposits a protective coating over them that resembles silly putty. As this coating dries and is exposed to the elements it begins to crack and takes on the appearance of dried mud. There can be 30 to 50 eggs in each egg mass.

Nymphs and adults tend to cluster at the base of trees or

lower trunk during the day and are more active at dusk or early evening. Infested trees can show significant deposits of honeydew and sooty mold around the base of the tree to the point where the base and surrounding ground may appear black. Tree sap oozing from wounds on trees and the honeydew may attract ants, bees, and wasps.

Hoosiers are also asked to inspect any articles such as logs, firewood, other tree parts, decorative grapevines, any other outdoor household articles, and vehicles coming from Switzerland County, Huntington, or any other area identified as having an infestation.

Immediately report all suspected findings to 866-NO EXOTIC ((866) 663-9684) or DEPP@dnr.IN.gov, providing, at a minimum, the county of the find and contact information so DEPP staff can follow up.

More information is at on.IN.gov/spotted-lanternfly

TROUT STOCKING

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is stocking nearly 50,000 trout across the state this spring in preparation for trout fishing season. Thirty-three bodies of water across 21 counties will be stocked before opening day of trout season, which is Saturday, April 29.

Lake stockings of rainbow trout started the week of March 20. Anglers do not have to wait for opening day of stream trout fishing season to fish for these aggressive biters because trout fishing on lakes is open all year.

For streams, 18,000 rainbow trout are expected to be stocked by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in the weeks leading up to opening day, the first day anglers can legally catch trout from streams.

Trout bite a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular. To find a

stocked stream near you, see the 2023 trout stocking plan at bit.ly/INFishStocking.

In addition to the rainbow trout stockings, several bodies of water in the north will receive brown trout stockings.

The bag limit for trout in inland waters other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries is five per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of an angler's catch can be a brown trout. Any harvested brown trout caught below the Brookville tailwater or from Oliver, Olin, or Martin lakes must be 18 inches or larger.

To fish for trout, anglers age 18 and older must have an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp. To purchase your 2023 fishing license and trout/salmon stamp, visit on.IN.gov/INhuntfish.

HISTORY MATTERS

The Civil War was started by the Confederates at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, on April 12, 1861. Four years later, they were in retreat from a lack of food and supplies; a Union army blockade preventing a Confederate army withdrawal, Union General Philip Sheridan's capture of thousands of prisoners of war, and—an ascending—amount of rebel army deserters.

On April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered "his 28,000 Confederate troops [at Appomattox, VA] to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the ...[War]. Forced to abandon the Confederate capital of Richmond, blocked from joining the surviving Confederate force in North Carolina, and harassed constantly by Union cavalry, Lee had no other option," according to History.com.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends *A Youth's History of the Great Civil War in the United States From 1861 to 1865* by Rushmore G. Horton.

On April 15, 1947, Brooklyn "made" history. Twenty-eight year--old Jackie Robinson

became the first Black player - ever -- in Major League Baseball. It happened at Ebbets Field, the home--- then--of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

According to History.com, "Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born January 31, 1919, in Cairo, Georgia, to a family of sharecroppers. Growing up, he excelled at sports and attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was the first athlete to letter in four varsity sports: baseball, basketball, football and track. After financial difficulties forced Robinson to drop out of UCLA, he joined the army in 1942 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After protesting instances of racial discrimination during his military service, Robinson was court-martialed in 1944. Ultimately, though, he was honorably discharged."

Sharon Robinson's *Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963*, written by the baseball legend's daughter, was the 2020 winner of the Grateful American Book Prize.

Your best shot at happiness, self-worth and personal satisfaction - the things that constitute real success - is not in earning as much as you can but in performing as well as you can something that you consider worthwhile.

William Raspberry

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available for the morning school show performance on May 4. Homeschoolers are welcome. Tickets are \$5 per student or adult. Reservations are available online only at pulseoperahouse.org.

The Orphan Train runs April 21, 22, 23, 18, 29, 30 and May 5, 6, 7. Friday and Saturday shows start at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows start at 4:00 p.m. The lobby opens one hour before showtime and features local artist pop-up shops. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations are available online at pulseoperahouse.org or by calling (260) 375-7017.

PHOTO: (L-R) Tanner Crawford as the Carnival Man & Hanson Henson as Raymond.

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