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Thought for the Week: When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad, and that is my religion. Abraham Lincoln



## STATE FAIR QUEEN HAILS FROM WELLS COUNTY

INDIANAPOLIS—Sara Lynn Alford of Wells County outscored 87 other contestants to earn the title of Miss Indiana State Fair during today's final day of the queen pageant in the Pepsi Coliseum. The Poneto native is the second Wells County Queen to win the State Fair title, joining Nicole Harris who captured the crown in 2007.

"I'm completely shocked. I'm just from little small town Wells County," Alford said. "I never thought this would happen."

Alford, 20, will be a sophomore at Purdue University majoring in agronomy this fall. She says the secret to her pageant success comes naturally.

"I like to talk to people, so carrying a conversation is easy for me," she said.

In her spare, Alford enjoys sewing, reading and helping special needs kids. She succeeds Denae Pyle of Kosciusko County and will begin representing the State Fair in 2011.

Here are the results of the Top 10 finalists:

The Queen's Court:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up – Erin Tyler, Washington County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up – Casie Conley, Henry County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up – Jill Griffin, Clinton County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Runner-up – Kelsey Kaetzel, Spencer County

Other finalists, in no particular order:

- Lindsey Kilburn, Scott County
- Jordan McHenry, Marion County
- Alexia Shane Brower, Knox County
- Emily Renee Watt, Gibson County
- Kristin Shaffer, Harrison County

Miss Congeniality: Brittany Wagner, White County

### About Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event attracting more than 900,000 people annually. Nationally recognized for offering the best in entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual tradition for generations of Hoosiers since 1852.

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## FREE PAPERS!

The Advertiser of Wells & Adams Counties is now available at the Warren Pharmacy. Best of all, it is Free! You may also pick up a free Warren Weekly, Huntington TAB or Wells-Adams ECHO at the Warren Pharmacy. Get all the news and announcements of your local events at no cost to you!

## RENTAL RATES

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Alumni annual events \$100.00 Includes Gym and individual rooms for mini class reunions and kitchen for the caterer.

## URGENT NEED

The American Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region issued an urgent call for blood donors on Aug. 18, 2010.

The Red Cross closely monitors national and local blood supplies to ensure donations are keeping pace with hospital need for blood products in order to meet ongoing and emergency patient care.

"There is a critical need for blood donors now," said Shelby Norris, Communications Manager for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the Red Cross. "This summer we have had a particularly difficult time recruiting enough blood donors

to meet the requirements of our community's hospitals and the patients they serve."

Donors with all blood types are needed, but especially those with type O negative. Red Cross officials say type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage. That's because type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type, and is most readily given to patients in emergency and trauma situations.

Every day, more than 39,000 pints of blood are needed for patients in the United States. Blood is used for the treatment of cancer patients, people with blood disorders, premature babies, transplant recipients, trauma victims and more. Each whole blood donation can help save up to three lives.

"We urge people to make and keep an appointment to donate blood now," said Norris "Chances are, someone is counting on you right now for their very life."

## UPCOMING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN YOUR AREA:

Lutheran Hospital Donor Center located at 7900 W. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 107 in Fort Wayne (in the South Lobby of Lutheran Hospital) Traditional whole blood or platelet pheresis donation (no platelet pheresis on Wednesdays):

Monday through Wednesday: 12 noon – 6 p.m.

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Sunday: by appointment only

Come to donate at the Lutheran Hospital Donation Center from Tuesday, Aug. 24 – Saturday, Aug. 28 and receive a

"You Rock" t-shirt. Plus, be entered into a drawing to win one of the following, four winners will be chosen: a football autographed by the Indianapolis Colts, a pair of Rodney Carrington Concert Tickets, a pair of Cheech and Chong Concert Tickets, or Free Putt-Putt for a month!

## How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

About the American Red Cross The Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region serves northern and central Indiana and northwestern Ohio, and needs to collect about 500 units of blood a day to meet patient need in more than 60 hospitals.

In addition to providing blood to our community, the American Red Cross also provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts.



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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### A SOUNDLESS HISTORY

by V Neil Wyrick

Try to think of history without sound. Try to imagine great battles surrounded by complete silence. Try to imagine diplomats from two opposing countries debating in silence. Suppose there had never been Roosevelt's quiet fireside chats, Hitler's wild chattering, Nero playing his fiddle, Lincoln and his Gettysburg address, The leadership voice of Washington at Valley Forge. No shouts at Bunker Hill

Voices of hope echoing off the bow of the Mayflower. History is recording sound at this very moment and slightly before and soon thereafter. What you have been saying on this day and will be saying and your words traveling through timeless space never to be quieted.

Can we play for a moment the WHAT IF game? What if someone had looked at the art of Adolph Hiller and praised him for having great talent and he had become a great artist instead of a dictator whose canvases became living pictures of battlefields and death.

What if Nero had not played a concert never to be forgotten and instead had governed with wisdom and the only flame Rome had seen were small candles around a family dinner table.

What if Lincoln had not had to make a Gettysburg address because the leaders in both North and South had listened to each other and not felt obliged to settle their differences on fields of war.

What if George Washington had walked away from Valley Forge, leading his men to defeat and surrender and all the statements he made were never made and therefore his voice was never heard as President of a new nation.

Ah yes, the sounds at Bunker Hill and the sounds of the sea slapping against the hull of the Mayflower.

The cacophony is alive and well and to waste words and fill the world with sounds sometimes hardly worthy of their being; not a good idea.

Ah now, it is worth giving thought to...now isn't it.

Or think on this slight rewrite, those who do not learn from the sights and sounds of history or condemned to repeat them.

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 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.  
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 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.

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 Wednesday .....7:00 p.m.

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 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School.....9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ....10:30a.m.

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 1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
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 Sunday Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
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 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.

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 Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

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 Rev Mark Davis  
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 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.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873  
 Kathy Newton, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:  
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Pastor Dan Sommer  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148  
 Tony Johnson - Pastor  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.

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 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
 Mid-Week (Wed) .....6:00 p.m.

**PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2691  
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.

**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  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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 Jeff Wass, Pastor  
 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 Blake J. Neff  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.  
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 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....10:45 a.m.

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 TNT, Thur ..... 6-8pm

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 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.

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 Pastor - Dan Metz  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
 Youth Group .....6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm



## AREA NEWS

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The second annual Hoosier Outdoor Experience is looking for volunteers.

The event is Sept. 18-19 at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

The goal of the Hoosier Outdoor Experience is to introduce people to outdoor activities they may have never tried. During last year's inaugural free event, it was hard to tell who had a better time, participants or volunteers. Some 13,300 children and adults enjoyed hands-on tries at more than 50 outdoor activities.

If you already enjoy outdoor sports and recreation and want to help others learn to enjoy them as much as you do, sign up to volunteer at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5412.htm>.

Activities will be organized in six stations: aquatics, cultural, equestrian, outdoors, shooting sports and wildlife. Shuttles will take participants from station to station.

You can designate the activity with which you wish to work. Activities needing volunteers include kayaking/canoeing, bowfishing, fishing, shotgun, rifle, archery, mock archaeological dig, Jeep rides, disc golf, road bicycling, ATV rides and jet boat rides. Shifts are four hours each.

If you are member of an official activity provider organization of the event and want to volunteer, use the "DNR approved activity provider" link at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5412.htm>. If you are unsure if the group to which you belong is a provider organization for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience, check [HoosierOutdoorExperience.IN.gov](http://HoosierOutdoorExperience.IN.gov) or contact [OutdoorExperience@dnr.in.gov](mailto:OutdoorExperience@dnr.in.gov)

or (317) 233-1002.

Parking, admission, activities, demonstrations and seminars at the Hoosier Outdoor Experience are free to the public, but online registration of participants is requested to assist with planning/staffing of activities. To register to attend as a participant, go to [HoosierOutdoorExperience.IN.gov](http://HoosierOutdoorExperience.IN.gov) and click on the orange registration icon. Watch there for event updates or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/HoosierOutdoorExperience](http://Facebook.com/HoosierOutdoorExperience).

### HERITAGE FESTIVAL

When the sun rises over Swiss Heritage Village in Berne, Indiana on Saturday, September 11, the atmosphere will carry back to the 1800s. The grounds of the village will be alive with activities to arouse the desire of the five senses.

Visitors may be asked to shell corn with a hand crank sheller, churn butter, spin wool, use their man power to cross cut, saw wood, or stir the big black pot of apple butter in the making.

Re-enactors of the 1812 U.S. Light Artillery Unit will demonstrate their three pound ball cannon with a big bang and a cloud of smoke.

The Civil War unit will fire their muskets and will demonstrate amputation procedures used during that war period. Artisans will demonstrate how early settlers made rope, cut logs, washed clothes, quilted blankets and made cheese.

The other activities include fun games for all ages, the pony pull, the saw mill demonstration, the big cider press squeeze at 3 p.m.

A variety of day long music including fiddles, dulcimers, harmonica, accordion, vocal

groups and bands will be making happy music for your listening enjoyment.

Food stands will be serving pork roast, rib eye, brats, black pot bean soup, homemade pie, corn on the cob and much more for your eating pleasure.

Friday, September 10, will be an educational day for 1300 fourth grade students from an eight county area. The public is invited to Saturday's activities beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 5 p.m.

General admission is \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 for kids age 6-12. Come and support the Swiss Heritage Society and enjoy your day at the 22 acre outdoor village and museum.

This festival is supported with partial funding from the Arts Place, Inc and the Indiana Arts Commission and from area businesses.

### ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

September's the time for Hoosier history buffs—and others who want to broaden their horizons—to learn about archaeological sites and artifacts, make stone tools and talk with archaeologists.

That's because it's Indiana Archaeology Month.

Gov. Mitch Daniels has proclaimed Sept. 1 as Indiana Archaeology Month Kick-off Day.

This year's slogan, "Archaeology Rocks," is a play on words in several ways. It conveys the excitement of archaeology and what can be learned through the science. The commemorative poster design this year features an interesting array of prehistoric

stone artifacts, all found in Indiana.

Years of archaeological investigations have helped state residents understand the complexity of the prehistoric and historic people who also called this land home.

"Archaeology tells us not only about the past but sheds light about ourselves today and our future," said Robert E. Carter Jr., DNR director. "Archaeology Month provides a perfect way for Hoosiers to learn how with programs that are not only educational and informative but also fun."

In honor of this celebration, the DNR invites Hoosiers to discover the stories behind the facts of the state's archaeological tale. For instance, the state archaeologist works for the DNR. Also, archaeologists have conducted investigations in Indiana since the early 1800s, finding and recording more than 59,000 archaeological sites.

Indiana Archaeology Month features events for all ages. For a schedule and more information, see [dnr.IN.gov/historic](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic) or contact Amy Johnson of the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov) or (317) 232-1646.

### PAUL BUNYON

Forestry with Paul Bunyan, a program for children ages 2 to 5, will be offered at the Salamonie Interpretive Center, Sept. 8 and 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

This program includes indoor and outdoor activities focusing on the legend of Paul Bunyan

and the work that foresters do in Indiana. Participants will make a craft, play lumberjack games and spend time outdoors.

The same program is being offered once each day to accommodate more children.

Participants are welcome to arrive early to enjoy the exhibit area and gift shop, and may bring a lunch to eat together after the event.

Caregivers must remain with their child throughout the program. There is a \$2 fee per child. The usual gate fees are waived.

Register by either calling (260) 468-2127 or visiting the Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

The Salamonie Interpretive Center and Otter Run Tradin' Post is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. They are located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County.

For more on activities from Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services (UWIS), see [www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis).

### SENIOR FALL FEST

The 2010 Salamonie Senior Fall Fest will take place Sept. 13-16, at the Salamonie Reservoir Interpretive Center.

Anyone over age 50 is welcome for a few days of fun, during which he or she could learn a new hobby such as drop spinning, knitting or wood carving.

The week begins on Monday with the monthly seniors carry-in luncheon at 12:30 p.m., featuring a presentation on Alpacas by Tom Burkhart. Bread and butter making begins at 3 p.m.

Tuesday activities begin at 8 a.m. with fishing, followed by a cement leaf craft, drop spinning, dishcloth knitting, a blacksmith demonstration and more fishing, ending with a fireside music jam.

Wednesday begins with apple cider making at 9 a.m., a carry-in dinner at noon, T-shirt leaf prints, wood carving, and entertainment in the evening.

Thursday ends the fest with a Dutch oven demo and a carry-in brunch at 10:30 a.m.

Participating seniors will pay the \$2 program fee at the interpretive center upon arrival,

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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.

- Sep 1 Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Sep 1 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Sep 6 Labor Day
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
- Sep 12 Grandparent's Day
- Sep 13 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Sep 15 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Sep 20 KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
- Sep 23 Autumn Begins

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC  
**Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC  
**Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

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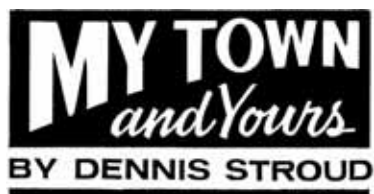
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which will give them one program pass to be used for all of the week's events. Donations are always welcome and are used to help fund local programs and services.

Campers should note that campsites should be reserved and paid for using the Central Reservation System. Call 1-866-6CAMPIN or see [www.CAMP.IN.gov](http://www.CAMP.IN.gov).

This special event is located in Lost Bridge West Recreation Area on Highway 105 in western Huntington County. There is a \$5 entrance fee (\$7 for out-of-state vehicles) to enter the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area. Indiana residents may purchase an annual entrance permit for \$36. Ages 65 or older may choose to purchase the annual Golden Hoosier Passport entrance permit for \$18.

See [www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis/](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/uwis/) for more information or to download a registration form. Registration forms can also be requested by calling (260) 468-2127 or visiting the Salamonie Interpretive Center. Early registration is requested to help prepare for the event.



While trying to find some things I was looking through the Warren Tribune in 1934 and found this poem written by the business people of the community.

I trade at home and never roam  
 Seeking "Bargains" elsewhere,  
 I love the town of Warren  
 For my interest are there.  
 And then, again, I buy from friends,  
 We all need one another,  
 When I run short I can approach  
 My dealer as a brother.  
 And then I know when trading here  
 It helps things to relax  
 And also helps the man who pays  
 His portion of the tax.  
 Another thing, right here I bring  
 The produce that I raise  
 And always get an honest deal,  
 I've found out that it pays.

When here I buy I can rely  
 On what my dealer sells,  
 He stands in back of all his goods

I can believe just what he tells.

And when I'm sick or in ill-luck

The man I buy from is here  
 With his pocketbook if need be

And kindly words of cheer.  
 So when buying here, with conscience clear,

I put my money down,  
 And know it stays right here and works

For the welfare of my town.  
 And that is why I trade at home

I'm a booster through and through,

For if Warren is good to live in,

It is good to buy in, too.

When you go to the business people and ask for donations for your child's ball team, school projects or festival needs think "have I supported these people or have I bought at the chain stores that don't care about your small town where you live."

### CLASS OF '50

The Van Buren High School graduation class of 1950 held its 60th reunion August 14, 2010 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Van Buren.

The class enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Country Post in Huntington and reminiscing and catching up on each others lives.

Ten class members attended. Those present were Bud and Bobbi Brankle of Upland, Robert and Gwen Ferguson of Cincinnati, Mary Heaton and Ralph and Anna (Creviston) Schenk, all of Marion, Clarence and Alta (Droke) Highley of Warren, John and Alice Hudson of Amboy, Don and Jean Trout of Fishers, Norma (Bogue)

Watson of Gaston, Kenny and Rose Marie (Plummer) Westfall and George and Doris (Besore) Moon of Van Buren.

### COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, August 18, the Van Buren Town Council met at 7 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police report. A couple of break-ins had been investigated.

Collins also reported that the Popcorn Festival went well. No incidents were reported.

Superintendent Jim Webb said all meters had been read for August.

Crews were expected to clean out sewer drains due to drainage problems.

Webb presented quotes for paving. Plans are to pave a small portion of South Fourth Street. Also a small portion of Chester Street extended.

Because of new rulings speed limit signs are to be replaced.

### SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results from Thursday, August 19, Senior Scramble at Dogwood Glen. First Place (32): Don Carroll, John Jones, Myron Ridgeway, Denny Thorton. Second Place (32): Keith Duckwall, Charlie Forrester, Dick Hamilton, Dan Poulson. Closest to the Pin #3 Larry Langdon, #6 Ralph Taylor. Longest Drive #8 Tom Smiley and Myron Ridgeway. Thank you to Warren Service & Supply for sponsoring this weeks golf balls.

### KBC MINUTES

August 16, 2010

Present Mark Davis, Ned Trout, LuEllyn Pond, Bob Pond, Rosemary Zeller, Denny Stroud, Jerry Boyer, Ron Neff, Scott Canady, Shelly Boxell, Janice Jordan.

Meeting was called to order by President Shelly Boxell.

Minutes were reviewed discussed. A motion by Ned to accept these minutes was made, seconded by Denny. Motion carried.

Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. A Motion by Ned to accept this report and allow the present bills was made and seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Report of the Preservation Fund was given by the committee. Money continues to come.

#### Old Business:

Jim Asher was present to give an update on the wall they would like to build around the ball diamond. This would be a 4 ft wall around the east side of the diamond. This is to direct the water around the diamond instead of across it. They would like to update the dugouts and benches etc. After the discussion Janice made a motion to allow them to update and build the wall. Sharon seconded and motion carried.

Tree Removal: Girvin's have not returned our calls. Shelly will be contacting someone she knows to get a quote.

Shelly and Ned reported on their meeting with the S.S. F. committee. They have agreed to change meeting date so we can send a representative.

We are to consider have a concession stand open for Garden tractor pull.

A new fee schedule was presented to the board by the appointed committee. They were reviewed, discussed. After discussion Scott made a motion to accept these fees, Sharon seconded and motion carried. Fees for anyone having already booked events for the 2011 will

not be changed.

Food Pantry is going well. 10 to 12 families are served each week.

Concerns regarding the Bargain Basement were discussed. Mark is to take these concerns to W.A.M.A.

#### New Business:

Scott reported of hearing water running under kitchen. He will be checking this out. This might be related to the moisture problem in Bargain Basement.

Mower updates: There are still some problems with the mowers. Daughtery's continue to help with the mowing down below the hill. This is deeply appreciated by the board.

The area that was used for the Derby is full of weeds. Needs to be torn up and reseeded.

Trash will be picked up on Fridays now.

The letters for the outdoor sign will now be kept in the office of the KBC.

U.S.S. Salamonie would like for the center to help them get items out of Washington for the museum. The board discussed this and we do not feel that this is the responsibility of the K.B.C. board. Shelly will be talking with John.

Kitchen was passed for another year by the health department.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Sept 20 2010 at the KBC.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## ROUSH



Geneva Mae Roush, 98, of Marion, IN, died Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at her residence with her family around her.

She was born Tuesday, November 28, 1911 in Matthews, Indiana, Daughter of the late Rutherford Walker and the late Inez Lucas Walker. She married her husband, Gordon E. Roush on December 4, 1936 in Montplier, IN. He passed away September 22, 1995.

Mrs. Roush was born and raised in Grant County and has lived on the same farm for the last 72 years. Geneva was a graduate of Gas City High School. She loved to work in her garden and on the family farm. Geneva attended the Hanfield United Methodist Church. A special thanks to Family Hospice and to Geneva's special caregivers.

Surviving are Son, Michael (Jane) B. Roush of Hartford City, IN. Daughter, Candace Gagnon of Marion, IN.

Grand Children: Tamara (Steve) Brown of Pataskala, OH., Michael A. (Lynne) Roush of Orlando, FL., and Terrence (Melissa) Roush of Marion IN., 9 Great-Grand children and 1 Great-Great-Grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon E. Roush and her Mother and Father, Sister: Gladys Noble.

Services were held at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 10:00am with Rev Charles Roome, officiating. Interment followed in the Grant Memorial Park, Marion, IN.

Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice & Palliative Care at 705 S. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. 46952, or to the memorial of your choice.

## HOLMES

Janet Holmes, 84, of Warren, IN, passed away at 9:55 AM, on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Tuesday, December 22, 1925, in Lapel, IN. Mrs. Holmes worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home, now Heritage Pointe in Warren for 18 years as a Registered Nurse. She was a

1943 graduate of Huntington High School and a 1946 graduate of Luthern Nursing School. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Warren, IN. She also took several mission trips to Honduras through the church serving in the Doctors Without Borders Program. She was a member of the United Church Of Christ in Warren, IN.

She married Maurice Holmes on August 4, 1984 in Warren, Indiana. Maurice survives, living in Warren, IN.

She was the daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Anson) Vickery.

Survivors include: husband-Maurice Holmes of Warren, Ind., sons-Joseph Alvin Yerkes, Sr. of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Matthew Albert (wife, Deborah) Yerkes of Cincinnati, Ohio, step son-Gordon Holmes of Mount Juliet, Tenn., step daughter-Carole Holmes of Huntington, Ind., Grandchildren-Denise Yerkes of Cincinnati, Ohio, Joseph Yerkes, Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio and Jennifer Wendel of Ossian, Ind., great granddaughter-Molly Wendel of Ossian, Ind., step granddaughters-Lauren Holmes and Katie Holmes and step grandsons- Taylor Gordon and Matthew Capozza.

She was preceded in Death by: parents-Albert and Mary (Anson) Vickery, brother-Jack Vickery, sisters-Mary Jane Parker and Joanne Cunningham.

Funeral service was held at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home with Scott Nedberg officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington, Ind.

Memorials to: United Church of Christ, 202 E. 2nd Street, Warren, IN 46792 -Or- Smile Train, [www.smiletrain.org](http://www.smiletrain.org).

## DILTS



William W. Dilts, 98, of Warren, IN, passed away at 3:00 PM, on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

He was born on Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Fairmount, IN. He was the son of the late Frank Dilts and the late Lovita Naomi (Lemon) Dilts. He married Jewel G. (Adams) Dilts on January 16, 1949 in Gas City,

Indiana. She preceded him in death on June 28, 2009. Mr. Dilts worked at Farnsworth Electronics in Marion, IN. He retired from I.T.T. in Fort Wayne, IN and was a Huntington County Farmer.

Survivors include Sons-Loren (wife, Mary) Dilts of Grand Rapids, Mich., William (wife, Mary) Dilts of Jonesboro, Ind., Robert (wife, Laverne) Dilts of Jacksonville, Fla., Ronald (wife, Arlene) McLain of Cottonwood, Ariz., Robert McLain of Warren, Ind., Rodney McLain of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lee (wife, Janet) Dilts of Warren, Ind., Daughter-Starr (husband, David) Watts of Warren, Ind., Sister-Joann "Polly" Welch of Leesburg, Ind., 25 Grandchildren, Several Great Grandchildren and Several Great Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in Death by: Wife-Jewel G. (Adams) Dilts, Father-Frank Dilts, Mother-Lovita Naomi (Lemon) Dilts, Daughter-Mary Ellen Dilts Pefley, Daughter-In-Law-Arlene McLain, Sisters-Eva Deeter, Orpha Wilson, Mary Gray, Mabel Cook and Kathleen Huston and Brothers-Estel Dilts, Leonard Dilts, Floyd Dilts, Lloyd Dilts, Frank Dilts, Jr. and Ralph Dilts.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind., where the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, August 26, 2010 and from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Friday, August 27, 2010. Funeral service will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 10:30 AM Friday, August 27, 2010 with the Pastor Dick Case officiating. Interment

will be at Estates Of Serenity in Marion, Ind.

Preferred Memorials in lieu of Flowers to: Family Hospice and Palliative Care, 265 W. Water St. Berne, IN 46711

## MICHAUD



Eleanor 'June' Michaud, 88, of Warren, IN, passed away at 3:42 AM, on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at

Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. She was born on Tuesday, June 13, 1922, in Eaton, IN. She was the daughter of the late Rue James Long and the late Rose Etta Remington. She married Albert 'Eugene' Michaud on October 18, 1941 in Hartford City.

Mrs. Michaud attended the Solid Rock United Methodist Church in Warren. She was a 1940 Graduate of the Warren High School. She formally worked at Appliance Manufacturing in Van Buren and was also a cook at the Harmon Mclhane restaurant in Warren.

Survivors include Husband-Albert 'Eugene' Michaud of Warren, Son-Michael Gene (wife, Jane) Michaud of Warren, Daughter-Paula Sue Dyer of Fort Wayne. 3 Grandchildren, Nicki (Jack) Zoda of Warren, Tom Dyer of Wabash and Joe (Yvonne) Dyer of Fort Wayne and 5 Great Grandchildren, Andy Michaud, Quaid Zoda and Aly Zoda, of Warren and Emma and Anna Dyer of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in Death by: Mother-Rose Etta Remington, Father-Rue James Long, Sisters-

Nellie Lewis, Georgia Teegarden Herring, Mary Lineback, Johnina Boxell, Jo Nina Black, Maxine Dyer, Brothers-Bon Leroy Long, Oscar Long, Lawrence Long, Kenneth Long, Wilbur Long, Quentin Long.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind, where the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00PM-8:00PM Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Funeral Service will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 10:00AM Thursday, August 26, 2010 with the Rev. Carol Scott Officiating. Interment will be at Masonic Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to: Solid Rock U.M. Church Building Fund, 227 N. Main St., Warren, IN 46792

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### EAGLE SCOUT

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America, founded in 1910. Upon becoming an Eagle Scout, "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle" is a title that he holds for life.

Andrew Jade ("A.J.") Reynolds, a junior at Norwell High School, received the rank of Eagle Scout on June 20, 2010 in a Court of Honor ceremony held at the Ossian Conservation Club. Steve Higgins, B.S.A. district representative, conducted the ceremony which was attended by about 50 friends and family members.

Requirements necessary to achieve this distinction include earning a minimum of 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership in his community. The Scout must also plan, develop and lead a service project (Eagle Project) that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to duty. For his project A.J. built a storage shed for the use of the Ossian Days committee.

A.J.'s parents are Tracy and Darrell Reynolds of Ossian and his grandparents are Ernie and Ethelene Buchanan of Liberty Center and the late Paul Reynolds.

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next ten years, you will receive additional savings until the coverage gap is closed in 2020.

More Preventive Care Services at No Cost

In 2011, you can get free preventive care services like colorectal cancer screening and mammograms. You can also get a free annual physical.

Improvements to Medicare Advantage

Today, Medicare pays Medicare Advantage insurance companies over \$1,000 more per person on average than Original Medicare. New efforts will be made to reduce payment errors, waste, fraud, and abuse to make Medicare more efficient and return savings to the Trust Fund to strengthen Medicare in the future. If you are in a Medicare Advantage plan, you will still receive guaranteed Medicare benefits.

Beginning in 2014, the new law protects Medicare Advantage members by taking strong steps to ensure that at least 85% of every dollar these plans receive is spent on health care.

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Further Down the Road

- In 2018, seniors can expect to save on average almost \$200 per year in premiums and over \$200 per year in coinsurance compared to what they might have paid without the new law.

- Over the next 20 years, Medicare spending will continue to grow, but at a slightly lower rate as a result of reducing waste, fraud, and abuse.

- Upper-income beneficiaries (\$85,000 of annual income for individuals or \$170,000 for married couples filing jointly) can expect to pay higher premiums.

You may notice other changes outside of Medicare as well. These may include:

- Improvements to long-term care choices
- Help for early retirees
- Coverage for people with pre-existing conditions
- Expanding coverage for young people through their parents' insurance.

If you would like more information about Medicare, Medicaid, or health insurance, call SHIP for help at 1-800-452-4800, TTY 1-866-846-0139 or online at [www.medicare.in.gov](http://www.medicare.in.gov).

### CLOWNING AROUND

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
What is it about clowns that scare some children? Yesterday I figured it out along with a dear friend. Their face tells a different story than what is in their heart. To a child's instincts they may seem to be hiding something. My dear dear friend suffered with serious child abuse. The abuser was her mother. To the world her mother seemed to be nurturing kind person, but behind closed doors she wore another face. She has nightmares about clowns and when the clown face is removed; it is her mother.

My mother was like that too. Everyone loved her. They didn't see the screaming rude vicious side of her. She put on a different face for them. Are you wearing a lot of different faces and your family can never tell who you are or who you are going to be. It is up to us to change this behavior and make our inside face match our outside face.

When we fall into the trap of perfectionism and pleasing others is when we feel the need to put on another mask. We don't have to protect ourselves any longer. A wounded animal will pretend to be healthy so it will not draw attention to the wound. Aren't we all wounded in some way or another? We don't want anyone to see our pain or our imperfections. We might get in trouble. My dear friend said something yesterday that was so profound that I have to share it with you. Here is what she said to me in an instant message.

There are wounded caregivers that pass on those wounds to their children; what was done to them will in some way be used to be done to you. The first line of their strategy is to mold our self-concept to suit their wounded needs, but we don't know they are wounded. They are where we learn everything.....we love them, we trust them, even when they hurt us.

As children we can't afford to know that our very means of survival is wounded so we internalize the blame and incorporate it into our self-concept. Without knowing it, we are using a survival mechanism. It's safer to think that there are things wrong with us, than things wrong with our means of survival without realizing it,

these get formed into our self-concept.

Our inner dialog parrots this back to us. We take our inner dialog as the guidance it was created to be, but we were never taught that any of it was corrupted! We follow it like it is all facts and God's word. Even when we get more worldly and learn that all that was done to us, taught to us isn't necessarily true. We were never taught how to "evaluate" the ongoing stream of inner dialog to guide us. It never occurred to us that part of the maturing process is learning not only how to think for ourselves but how to edit our own thinking itself!!!

When she wrote this my mouth just hung open in the shock of how simple yet how true her words were. We came up with a simple technique to help her realize when her clown-faced mother was talking from the grave. We would drown out her words with a honking clown horn like Harpo Marks used to honk instead of talking. All of a sudden we started to laugh so hard. We really didn't have a horn, just the Yahoo image with the clownface and a horn. She began to hear and see her mother as the clownfaced fake that filled her head with negativity. She was deleting her negativity with the laughter and that made the fear go away.

We all have some skewed notions that have been put in our heads; starting with those perfectionism ones. When we can eliminate this Body Clutter from our brains we can begin to replace that corrupted programming with a new way of living our lives, loving ourselves and laughing at the

funny things we do.

We no longer have to live in shame thinking that someone is going to find out our dirty little secrets. I want for you what I have; peace. This peace came from replacing the negative programming with kind voices to love me!

Are you ready to FLY and throw away that clown face that is haunting you?

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### FOUR WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S BEAUTY AND RESALE VALUE

(ARA) - In a tough housing market, homeowners want to improve their home's beauty and functionality, while adding resale value. This may include choosing products that reduce maintenance, save energy, improve appearance and offer protection from the damaging forces of nature. Here are some tips for problem areas that could benefit from the latest home solutions:

**Timeless decks with natural looks**

In the past decade, alternatives to wood decking products have made many claims of low-maintenance. However, if your deck has stains and is in an environment that breeds mold and mildew, maybe it's time to look at some new options on the market. If your decking product contains wood fibers, it may be absorbing stains and getting scratched in everyday use.

"There are low-maintenance products that give homeowners a rich selection of deeper deck shades, tropical hardwood looks and durable, sturdy railings that complement these colors," says Mike Gori, deck expert for AZEK Building Products, maker of AZEK Deck. He says the secret is cellular PVC technology, which resists food stains - even red wine - and stands up to the most high energy kids, dogs or neighborhood deck parties. Low-maintenance decks also increase your home's value because they economically add living space and are easy to clean.

**Lattice entertain you**

If you think your outdoor planters and window boxes cannot have detailed lattice work and scrolled designs because of a high moisture environment, think again. There are natural looking materials that support plant life and won't rot, split or warp, even with continuous watering and sunlight. For example, Walpole Woodworkers features the

Freeport Collection of low-maintenance cellular vinyl boxes and planters that look like the real thing and have classic detail and lattice designs.

These durable items do not need liners and come with pre-drilled drainage holes. Beautifully crafted window boxes are charming accents to your home and bring color right outside your window. Adding architectural details also makes your home stand out in the neighborhood. The company offers free catalogs at (800) 343-6948 or visit [www.walpolewoodworkers.com](http://www.walpolewoodworkers.com).

**Stay pumped, go green**

Following one of the wettest winters on record in many areas of the country, keeping your home safe from damaging flood waters is critical. Now, there are sump pumps that offer maximum protection, save energy and are very easy to install. They also feature backup battery pumps and alarms for extra protection in case of power outages. This increases peace of mind for homeowners and could be a make or break selling point.

The experts at WAYNE Pumps advise that if your sump pump is more than 10 years old, it may need to be replaced with new technology. "Our sump pump hydraulic expertise has evolved to where we can offer pumps that move more water faster using up to 50 percent less energy," says President Joe Mauro. "We've also developed features like quieter operation and the new iSwitch that uses a microprocessor to sense rising water levels before they could become a problem." He points out that investment in a reliable sump pump and battery backup system is minor compared to the damage water can do to

valuables, family heirlooms and your home's resale value. Self-testing features to keep backup pumps in top shape and wireless alarms offer even more layers of protection for your home. For more information, visit [www.waynepumps.com](http://www.waynepumps.com).

**Repair cracks to prevent future damage**

A small crack in your driveway or cement steps can become a crater, due to harsh weather and temperature changes. Crumbling concrete or cracked driveways can detract from curb appeal and reduce resale value. However, if properly sealed with the right caulk product, your outdoor masonry or blacktop areas can be repaired without continuing to deteriorate. You can also seal off energy leaks and keep out damaging moisture, indoors and out, such as around windows, receptacles and under the door step.

"We've been developing new caulks, such as our new RD3000 advanced sealant line formulated to move and remain flexible once cured, allowing more stability through climate changes or pressure," says Jason Ringling, marketing director at Red Devil, Inc.

He noted that driveways, concrete steps and walkways can experience movement from car and foot traffic and endure the freeze/thaw cycles of the seasons. "You need a durable sealant that stands up to the elements to prevent the damage from spreading," he says. Always look for products specifically for concrete, blacktop, gutters and windows and doors. A simple caulk job reportedly can save you up to 20 percent in energy bills and big bucks in outdoor repairs.

Homeowners can make informed, smart choices about

products that will improve their home's resale value and add enjoyment to their current lifestyle.

### RELY ON NATURAL LIGHT

(ARA) - Wild seasonal temperature changes and the high utility bills extreme temperatures can cause - no wonder a change in season can make many Americans feel down, or even outright depressed. Maybe we all just need to lighten up - literally.

You can use natural light to enhance your home's livability, not to mention your mood, this winter. Bringing ample natural light into your house can also help trim utility bills by reducing your dependence on electricity to power artificial lighting, and gas or oil to heat your home.

Designers bring daylight into a home through decorating techniques like light-colored, reflective walls and architectural details like skylights. Updating your decor can be cost-effective if you don't have the budget for a remodel. If you are willing and able to spend just a little bit more, installing a traditional skylight or tubular version can yield remarkable results for a relatively small investment.

Here are two areas to focus on when using light to improve your home's livability this winter:

**Windows**

Windows are, of course, the primary source of natural light in any home. South-facing windows will capture the most sunlight during the winter, but don't overlook the value of windows on other sides of the home, as well. During the day, even on rainy days, be sure to completely open curtains or

drapes and raise blinds - don't just "open" Venetian blinds - to maximize the light entering your home.

If windows are drafty, don't rely on heavy drapes or curtains to keep the chill out. Properly seal around windows, or consider a kit that adds a further layer of insulation with a clear plastic membrane over the window.

**Skylights**

Skylights are another great way to bring more natural light into your home during the winter. They can be positioned virtually anywhere on the roof, and are a great way to bring light into problematic areas like the bath (where uncovered windows can compromise privacy) or a walk-in closet. Tubular skylights, such as the Sun Tunnel skylight, can even deliver natural light to lower levels of a home.


Modern skylights are, in many situations, actually easier to add to your home than a new window. And contemporary technology helps eliminate some of the stereotypical worries associated with skylights, such as leaking or too much heat entering the home in summer. In fact, skylight manufacturer Velux America markets a "No Leak Skylight" that is guaranteed to be leak-free when installed properly. And the company also offers a line of accessories, like remote-controlled blinds, that can help minimize heat transfer during warm months. Log on to [www.veluxusa.com](http://www.veluxusa.com) to learn more.






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