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Thought for the Week: *If pleasures are greatest in anticipation, remember that this is also true of trouble.* Elbert Hubbard

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Brought to you by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce who remind you that Warren is over 100 business' strong - with loyal, service minded professionals to serve you just as they have served your parents and grandparents, for years.

MarkleBank



Warren

Manager: Debra Milholland, Assistant Vice President
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Community Involvement & Service:

Member of the Warren Area Chamber; Team Sponsor of Knight Civic Center Basketball; Team Sponsor of Warren Girls Softball; Major Sponsor of Warren's Annual Fourth of July Rodeo; Collect donations for a variety of local and international charitable projects

Why We Serve The Warren Area?

MarkleBank began serving the Warren area with the Warren Community Banking Center as a natural progression of the bank's growth and to meet a specific need for community banking, local decision making and hometown, quality service for the Warren area residential and business communities.

Local History

- Modular unit opened at 450 Bennett Drive in November 1998
- Permanent building opened in June 1999
- Markle Insurance Services and MarkleFinacial (formerly Investment Centers of America, Inc.) opened within the Warren office in April 2001

Products

The Warren Community Banking Center of MarkleBank offers a complete line of banking products and financial services, including personal mortgage lending, vehicle loans and commercial and agricultural lending, as well as deposit products such as FREE checking accounts, certificates of deposit, individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and savings accounts. MarkleBank also offers a variety of Convenience products and services to make your life easier - such as VISA and MasterCard credit cards, ATM machines, internet banking (I-Banking), 24-Hour Telephone Banking and VISA CheckCards.

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Future Plans

The Warren Community Banking Center is currently working on Direct Deposit agreements with several major employers in the Warren area in order to provide that service, as well as FREE checking accounts to their employees.

PREPARE FOR STAMPEDE

Students at Salamonie School are preparing for the Rebel Stampede, a week of spirit activities that include a fried chicken supper, a benefit basketball game, and Sumo wrestling.

A school wide pep assembly will launch the Stampede as middle school basketball teams prepare for the Huntington County tournament.

Then, on Jan. 30 the Rebel Boosters will sponsor an all-you-can-eat chicken dinner from 5:30-7p.m. Following dinner, the Salamonie staff will take on the disk jockeys from country radio station K105 in a rivalry that began last winter.

During half time of the basketball game, two individual raffle winners will be drawn to take on science teacher Mark Vickrey and Assistant Principal Brady Smekens in a round of Sumo wrestling.

The cost for the Rebel Booster chicken dinner is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, and children under five are free. Admission to the benefit basketball game is free with a meal, or \$2 without a meal. All proceeds from the dinner and basketball game go to the Rebel Booster athletic support group.

ARTISTS, CRAFTSMEN SOUGHT FOR WARREN FESTIVAL

Completed applications are coming in daily for entry into Festival of the Arts scheduled for May 17 in downtown Warren, Ind.

The festival itinerary is jam packed, with activities that appeal to visitors of all ages. From 10a.m. to 7p.m., the streets of historic downtown Warren will be flooded with artists, craftsmen, dancers, musicians and a showcase of local artists. There will be events to observe and activities to participate in- all in hopes of bringing out the artist in everyone.

The three largest and most unique components of the festival include the Artist Market, BBQ Row and Local Artist Showcase.

Over 700 artists and craftsmen have been invited to sell their original handmade works in the Artist Market. In addition to displaying and selling their wares, many will be crafting and creating from their

booths- providing an especially unique flare to this festival.

Area not-for-profit churches and organizations will cater a unique cuisine for visitors in Barbecue Row. Teams of area volunteers will man open grills and provide a menu that is charbroiled and plentiful. A side dish to BBQ Row is the Taster's Choice Contest that will allow visitors to sample the food from several teams and then vote for the best BBQ at the festival.

A second element of the festival menu will appeal to those with a sweet tooth. Additional Warren area service organizations will provide homemade dessert and drink options that carry out the artistic and quaint tone of the festival.

The third highlight has a local spin. The Eckman Buick Showroom will be transformed into an art show and sale promoting local artists. Dozens of professional and amateur artists in Huntington and surrounding counties will display their pieces for the public to view, and some will be for sale.

In addition to the list of local artists, renowned artist Sally Eckman Roberts will be at the festival. A native of Warren, Roberts' highly sought after originals are found in the permanent collections of many Fortune 500 companies and exclusive homes across the country. As the featured artist at Festival of the Arts, she will exhibit and sell her work in the Artist Market.

Artists and craftsmen interested in manning a booth in the Artist Market or exhibiting within the Local Artist Showcase can download entry forms from the festival web site located at www.warrenindiana.com.

Area not-for-profit groups which would like to enter a team for BBQ Row can also download entry forms from the web site.

Additional questions and inquiries can be directed to Festival Chair Brady Smekens at [260] 375-3101 or via email at bradysmek@hotmail.com.

The Festival of the Arts is sponsored by the Warren downtown revitalization organization, Our Town.

FEBRUARY FIESTA

Give Mom the day off and take her to Sunday dinner at the upcoming February Fiesta sponsored by P.R.O.S. (Parents Reaching Out at Salamonie) Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

The Fiesta will be held on Sunday, February 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knight Civic Center in Warren. The menu will consist of popular Mexican cuisine such as Tacos, Burritos, Nachos, Taco Salad, Rice and assorted desserts.

The cost for the sumptuous meal will be as follows: Adults - \$7, Children ages 6-12 for \$3; and Children 5 and under FREE.

K-9 CLUB TO MEET

The Grant County 4-H K-9 Club will have its orientation meeting on Monday, January 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the large room of the 4-H Park Community Building and January 30, 2003 7:00 p.m. in the large room of the 4-H Park Community Building.

At these meetings the training rules, vaccination certificates, class enrollments and 4-H enrollments will be available.

If you are interested in the 4-H Dog project for the 2003 4-H year please try to attend one of these meetings.

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

The Jefferson Center United Methodist Church will be sponsoring Soup for the Soul on February 11 at the Knight Civic Center. Supper will be served from 5 :00 to 6:30 or until the soup runs out. This is the second annual free soup supper sponsored by the church for the community, and the menu will consist of three kinds of soup, relishes, dessert, and drinks. Come out for an evening of soup and community fellowship!



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

DEAR EDITOR,

I am a teacher At Primrose School of Lake Hill in Frisco, Texas. My class and I are attempting to get into the Guinness Book of World Records by Most Postcards Received. My class is very excited and we would love to gather postcards from every state. If you would please print this in your paper and ask people to send postcards to:

Primrose School of Lake Hill
Ms. Crystal's Class
5349 Lakehill Blvd.
Frisco, Tx 75034
(972) 668-4300

This would make 23 kids very excited to know that they made a little bit of history.

MAKE SURE RECORDS UP TO DATE

Your Human Resources (Personnel) office is looking for you. They remind us that our records must be kept up to date. The start of a new year is a good time to consider what changes have occurred:

- In your address or phone number.
- Person to be notified in an emergency and their correct phone number.
- Marital status and dependents
- Names of persons to be added to or removed from insurance programs.
- Change of life insurance beneficiary.
- Educational programs completed.

Call your Human Resources office or stop by to make these changes official.

SCRAPBOOKING HIT'S THE BIG TIME IN AMERICA

How about a hobby that's creative, can be practiced with a lot of your friends, is relaxing, but will be treasured by people for years to come.

That's scrapbooking, and there's little wonder why it's sweeping the country. Lots of people do it individually, but even more people have joined (or formed) scrapbooking clubs.

They typically meet in someone's home, but there are scrapbooking cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska, and weekend sessions at resort hotels. Meetings often have a theme, such as pajama-party sessions or Hawaiian wardrobe nights. Depending on the groups, there might be a little wine, but there's always something to snack on while the members clip, snip, and paste.

It is estimated that 4 million people, mostly women, gather for "cropalongs" every month. One company, Creative Memories has 65,000 consultants who visit these gatherings offering expertise and plenty of equipment and supplies to sell. Nationwide, there are about 2,000 scrapbook stores, up from 300 just five years ago. And that doesn't count the big scrapbooking aisles at Wal-Mart.

In September, one cable network held an eight-hour scrapbooking marathon. These scrapbooks are extravagant creations with titled pages, journal entries, love letters, artwork, and photos. They are exhaustive records of family life.

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Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30a.m.
Youth Hours 6:00p.m.
Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330
www.hows.net/46792WCT
Rev. Bill Barlow, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sue Brown, Children's Ministry
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00p.m.
Thursday Bible Study 7:00p.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship
Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Van Buren, Indiana
765-934-2199
Rev. Pat Mullen, Pastor
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship Sun 6:00 p.m.

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.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-2031
Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45a.m.
UMYF 6- 7:30 p.m.
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:30 p.m.
www.vanburenumc.org

THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE — Majenica
Rev. Gus Hacker
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
260/468-2148
Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
758-2085
Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
101 N 400 E - Marion, IN
765/664-8726
Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
1st Worship 8:20 a.m.
2nd Worship 9:45 a.m.
3rd Worship 11:11 a.m.
Sunday School Children & Youth Programs

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST
Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathie Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

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

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Bard, Pastor
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 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.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren
375-2779
Lynn Mefferd, Pastor
Jim Pryor, Associate Pastor
Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
Youth Group (6th-12th) 5:30p.m.
Evening Service 6:30p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
"Circle of Friends"
(3yr-5th grade)... 6:30-8p.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Bill Keen, Pastor
Bob Brewer, Assoc. Pastor
Bus Service 375-2510
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME
SUNDAY:
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
B. Morton, 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.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
Fun Factory 1st/3rd Sundays 6:00p.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Wayne Wright, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

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.

Attend the Church of your choice

AREA NEWS

FOR EVERY QUESTION, AN ANSWER

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions regarding postal products, services and mailing guidelines:

Can you tell me the ZIP Code for . . . ? This is probably the most asked question. Whenever you are not sure of a ZIP Code, visit us at www.usps.com or call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777). The absence of a ZIP Code, or the use of an incorrect one, may delay your mail.

How much does it cost to send a parcel? The answer to this question depends on the weight of the mail piece, the distance it needs to travel, and how fast you want it to get there. The retail sales associate at your local post office will provide you with a service price comparison when you mail your parcel. You can also access rate information online, by going to www.usps.com, and using a rate calculator. If you'd like to print shipping labels from your PC, you can use Click-N-Ship. With Click-N-Ship, you can even print postage from your desktop, and use Delivery Confirmation at no extra charge.

What is the difference between Registered and Certified Mail? Registered mail is designed to provide maximum security for valuable mailed items. Articles are secured and signed for at each postal stop, and insurance up to \$25,000.00 is included. Certified mail is less expensive, but does not include extra security or insurance. Both services provide a mailing receipt and access over the Internet to delivery information. A return receipt to provide the sender with proof of delivery also can be purchased for an additional fee.

What is the smallest and largest size mail piece that I can send

and how much can it weigh? Mail must meet these standards: * Thickness: not less than 0.007 inch thick. Pieces that are 1/4 inch thick or less must be at least 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, and rectangular in shape. * Combined length and girth (circumference): not more than 108 inches, except for Parcel Post. Pieces exceeding 108 inches but not more than 130 inches in combined length and girth are mailable at the Parcel Post oversized rate. * Weight: not more than 70 pounds.

How late can I mail a letter to get that day's postmark? If you are depositing your mail piece within a Post Office, ask the sales associate for the last pickup time, as schedules vary from Post Office to Post Office. When depositing mail in a street collection box, the last pickup time is posted.

How long will it take a letter to get to . . . ? Generally, First-Class Mail letters mailed and destined for delivery within your local area should be delivered overnight. Two-day delivery is generally provided for letters destined for locations within 400-600 miles of where the item was mailed. The service objective for mail going coast to coast is three days.

Why do some letters get a surcharge added? First Class Mail letters weighing one-ounce or less and exceeding the standard size requirements of 6-1/8 inches high, 11-1/2 inches long, or 1/4 inch thick are assessed a surcharge in addition to the applicable postage and fees because the mail piece cannot be processed efficiently through machinery.

AWARDED TOURISM GRANTS

The Huntington County Visitor & Convention Bureau's Grant Committee, who consists of Bob Smyth, Robert Gernand and Rose Meldrum, has met and are announcing that two Huntington County not-for-profit community organizations will be receiving a tourism grant this distribution round.

Receiving an award will be Warren's downtown revitalization group, Our Town, who applied for \$1,100.00 in funds to be used for a comprehensive arts festival on May 17, 2003 called "Festival of the Arts." The event will feature an artist market, local artist show and sale, three performance stages, Barbecue Row team competition, high school jazz band competition, and various children's activities.

Also receiving an award of \$1,100.00 is the Huntington County Leadership Academy Class 2002. Their project is a mural that incorporates a historic downtown view with the new Huntington County Motto, "Building Our Future, Preserving Our Past" The mural is being designed and painted by Bart Willard, native and business owner in Warren. His previous work can be seen at the historic Pulse Opera House and College Park UB Church.

Any not-for-profit organization in Huntington County needing promotional funding for a brochure, an attraction, or event that will help bring more visitors into our county is encouraged to apply. For application, contact Nina Renz, or Marcy Adams at the Huntington County Visitor Center at 407 N Jefferson Street in Huntington or 260.359.8687 or 800-848-4282. May 31, 2003 is the deadline for the next Tourism Grant Application.

OPERATING CLASSES

The Whitewater Valley Railroad at Connersville, Indiana will conduct Operating Classes for brakeman, conductor, fireman, engineer, agent, and operator. The classes will be held each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. beginning February 8 and continuing through March 29.

Classes include classroom instruction and hands-on practice in train operations, signaling and switching, and an introduction to diesel and steam locomotive operation.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non-profit organization operated entirely by volunteers. All volunteers are qualified only for the Whitewater Valley Railroad by attending our training school.

These classes are open to the general public. A \$15 donation is requested to help cover the cost of class materials.

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

WARREN COUNCIL

The Warren Town Council held their first meeting of 2003 on Monday evening, Jan. 13. President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council approved minutes of Dec. 23 and Jan. 6.

Council re-organized for 2003. Harold Jones was re-elected president and Chod Boxell, vice-president. New Council member Bill Cartwright was named head of the Street Department; Harold Jones, Police, Wastewater; Chod Boxell and Ron Neff.

Spectrum Engineering Project updates were given. The vegetation control project included award of project as follows:

Townsend Tree Service bid \$16,872. Spectrum had recommended Townsend Tree Service of Hartford City as the low bidder.

Quotes for materials were as follows: Brownstown Power Line, \$68,070.59; Reed City Power Line, \$62,067.94; Hughes Supply, \$58,480.94; Wesco of Daleville, no total. The bids will be awarded at the next meeting following review by Spectrum and Larry Poulson and Darrel Bice of Warren Utilities.

Council agreed to sign into affect a Centennial contract for placement of an antenna on the Eleventh Street water tower for \$900.00 per 1 month.

A Wastewater Project Progress meeting is set for Jan. 28 at 9:45 a.m. Updates of all phases of the project will be reviewed.

Council decided to have a representative of Trustmark at the next Council meeting to discuss Benefit Insurance for town employees. Medical/Dental will have a 15% increase in cost of coverage.

Council also agreed to renew the 2003 annual Engineering Contract for \$2800.

Ted Bendall was renamed as Town Attorney and Council voted to pay \$440.00 dues to National League of Cities.

Fire Chief Tim Ford gave a written report to Council. They will be interviewing new applicants for the Department.

Town Marshal Steve Donnelly presented his monthly and yearly reports to Council. He also reported the radio needs to be replaced in one of the vehicles due to change in county wide communication equipment. He was advised to get quotes.

A resident in attendance inquired about the location of sewer work on Nancy Street. He also asked about the possibility of getting loads of dirt.

The next Council meeting will be Jan. 27.




Sunday lunch
at the Civic Center

The next meal sponsored by:
Salamonie School

P.R.O.S.

Sunday, Feb. 2
11a.m.-1p.m.

Cost: \$7 for Adults
\$3 for children 6-12
Menu: Mexican Buffet

The Salamonie Rebel Boosters present the 2003

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**

Thursday, Jan. 30 at Salamonie School

5:30-7:00p.m.

Cost:
\$6 for Adults • \$5 for students • Children under 5 are free

Menu: Chicken, green beans, potato wedges, apple sauce, bread, drink.
Carry out menu: 3-piece chicken, potato wedges

FREE WITH YOUR DINNER:
A ticket to watch the Salamonie teachers take on the jocks from K105 in a game of basketball. Game time: 7p.m.
Basketball ticket cost without dinner: \$2 per person



Fresh/Silk Flowers Music Boxes
Green/Blooming Plants Stuffed Animals
Gifts/Greeting Cards Balloons/Party Supplies
and much more!

PJ's Flower & Gift Shop
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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

Jan 24 Warren Recycle Day
Jan 27 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex
Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KCC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KCC **Story Time at WPL** - 10 a.m. **Fridays Walking in the Gym** 6 to 11 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

VAN BUREN COUNCIL

The Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15 in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Officer Pat Collins gave his report to Council.

Superintendent Jim Webb said water meters had been estimated this month due to snow.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL SKILLS

The Huntington Optimist Club will be sponsoring the Tri-Star Basketball Skills Competition on Sunday, January 26, 2003, at the Huntington North High School Gymnasium. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM and the competition will follow at 1:30 PM.

The Tri-Star Basketball Competition tests participant's skills in shooting, dribbling, and passing. It is open to all children ages 8-13, and there are separate divisions for boys and girls. There is no entry fee and all participants will receive a free T-shirt. Local winners in each age group and division will advance to the regional competition.

Entry forms for the local competition are available in the principal's office at all Huntington County elementary and junior high schools. Entry forms will also be available at the door the day of the competition.

The Huntington Optimist Club invites all eligible children in Huntington County to participate in this fun event.

SERVSAFE FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

ServSafe Certification Training Course to be offered again on Monday, February 10 and Monday, February 17 at the Grey Goose Golf Club, Decatur, IN.

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

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Judi Merkel of the Wells County Extension Office and Trisha Hockemeyer of the Adams County Extension Office and a registered dietician are teaming up to teach the ServSafe Certification Course. The program requires pre-registration and is scheduled for 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on February 10

and February 17 at the Grey Goose Golf Club in Decatur. Call the Wells County Extension Office at 260-824-6412 for a registration form.

WINDOWS TIPS & TRICKS

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2. On the Start menu, click My Computer, and navigate to the drive and folder where the files you wish to copy are stored.
3. Select the files you wish to copy, and drag/drop or copy/paste them to the open CD recording folder.
4. In the left pane of the CD folder window, click Write these files to CD.

Now you're all set. Just remember not to copy more files to the CD than it will hold: a standard CD holds 650 MB.

If you have a question you need answered, email me at jami@citiznet.com. I will try.

EASTBROOK MENUS

- Breakfast
- Each meal includes milk and fruit or juice
- January 27
Cereal, toast w/butter
 - January 28
Waffles w/syrup
 - January 29
Peanut butter/jelly bar
 - January 30
Breakfast pizza
 - January 31
Pop tart
- Lunch
- Each meal includes milk
- January 27
Hot dog, baked beans, sliced pears, cookie
 - January 28
Chili soup/crackers, cheese cup, cinnamon roll, sliced peaches
 - January 29
Panther burger, potato rounds, applesauce

January 30
Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread/butter, mixed fruit

January 31
Manager's choice

SALAMONIE MENUS

Breakfast

Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal

January 27
Orange juice, mini pancakes w/ syrup, sausage

January 28
Apple juice, coffeecake

January 29
Grape juice, blueberry muffins

January 30
Orange juice, pop tarts

January 31
Apple juice, cheese omelet

Lunch

Each meal includes chocolate or white milk. Each MS() meal includes options of chef salad w/ crackers, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, and fruit basket choice.

January 27
Sloppy joe on a bun (pizza pocket), tater tots, mixed fruit, oreo cookies

January 28
Soft shell taco (quarterpounder w/cheese), shredded lettuce & cheese, green beans, cake w/ frosting

January 29
Grilled cheese sandwich (chicken salad sandwich), French fries, pineapple chunks, celery w/peanut butter

January 30
Sweet 'n sour chicken (quarterpounder w/cheese), steamed white rice, cheesy broccoli, fortune cookie, twix bar

January 31
Corn dog (nachos w/beef 'n cheese), tater tots, applesauce, peanut butter cookies

STORY TIME

The children at Warren Library's story time enjoyed ice cream stories on a cold winter's day! Jane Ruble read Ice Cream Cows and Mitten Sheep; Ice Cream Bear; What Was It Before It Was Ice Cream?; and Curious George Goes to an Ice Cream Shop to Jake Strait, Uriah DeWeese and Dylan Hutson. The children received a Curious George Ice Cream Cone picture and Mrs Ruble shared a recipe for snow ice cream. So good!

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

DEAN'S LIST

Jared A. Rybolt earned a position on the Dean's List at the close of the Fall Term as announced by Jon L. Rupright, Chancellor, of Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He earned all A's for a 4.0 average. Jared has completed 15 hours in Refrigeration, Heating and Electrical classes. He is now certified in these three areas. He has also received his Universal Card and plans to obtain n. Journeyman's card.

Jared is the son of Heidi Rybolt, of Warren area, and Mike Rybolt of Berne IN. He is the grandson of Hugh and Lou Ann Shafer and Ernie Rybolt, all of Warren area.

Jared is employed with DeWeese Soft Water and Appliance Sales and Service.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME

Little Panther Pre School attended once in the morning and once in the afternoon for story time at the Van Buren Public Library on Wednesday Jan. 15th, 2003. As the children entered into the library they received their name tag bear to wear around their neck. We all sang the Alphabet Song. Karen read the books "A My is Alice" by Jane Bayer and "Animals That Live In The Sea" a National Geographic book for children. They really enjoyed participating in the readings. The children received a picture of a kangaroo to color by the letters U & V the reverse side of the paper had a picture of an octopus they could color.

They each checked out book to enjoy.


Attending were: Will Bratcher, Mikela Richardson, Colleen Mealer, Courtney Embry, P. J. Jones, Samantha Kessinger, Autumn Harmon, Caitlin Imhoff, Johna Shelton, Gaige and Brian, Joey Kerschner, Remi Felver, Emily Snedigar, Dillon Embry, Holly f'elver, Grace Pluimer, Kessler Lee-Suddarth, Cash Lee-Suddarth, Brooke Bollhoefer, Hannah Hutchinson, Katelyn Buis, Christian Bratcher, Zachary Pruitt and teacher Mrs. Bridget Green.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

JOHNSON

Funeral services for Loisellen Johnson, 79, rural Poneto, were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, in Montpelier.

Mrs. Johnson died at 6:02 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson retired in 1985 from the Wells County Health Department after 18 years. She formerly worked for the Montpelier Glove Co. and in cannery factories in Warren and Bluffton.

She was a member of the Keystone United Methodist Church and Bluffton Professional Women and was a graduate of Petroleum High School.

She was born in Wells County April 6, 1923, a daughter of James E. and Neva E. Mann Dale. Her marriage at Fort Wayne on Dec. 4, 1943 was to Paul W. Johnson Jr., who died Nov. 26, 1997.

Surviving are a son, William Lee of Poneto; two grandsons, Greg Johnson of Walkerton and Aaron Johnson of Warren; a granddaughter, Pam Morris of Liberty Center; a close friend, Al Pearson of Warren; a daughter-in-law, Jill Johnson of Fort Wayne; and seven great-grandchildren. A son, James Dale, a sister and a grandson are deceased.

Burial was in Twin Hills Cemetery at Pennville.

ROBBINS

Glen Robbins, Marion, died at 11:35 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2003 in Marion General Hospital.

He was born August 14, 1921 in Pleasant Township, Grant County, to the late Percy L. Robbins and Carrie M. Campbell. He attended school in Landess and Van Buren. He married Mary C. (Kate) Snyder, who survives. He was a farmer all of his life in Grant and Huntington counties. He was a member of the Mississinewa Sky Hawks model airplane club and the Converse Eagles model airplane club.

Survivors also include a daughter, Judy (Steve) King, Marion; grandchildren, Rick King, Indianapolis, Craig (Jennifer) King, Fort Wayne and Megan King, Muncie; sisters, Ruth (Randall) Phillips, Marion, and Edna Mae King, Venice, Fla.; and a brother, Francis, Warren.

He also was preceded in death by a grandson, Kevin Matthew King; and sisters, Pearl Parks, Bonnie Satterthwaite and Mary Ellen Anderson.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St.,

Van Buren, with the Rev. Steve Stull officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana or to Cancer Services of Grant County in care of the funeral home.

BIRTHS

Ian and Wendie Alevizon of Chandler, AZ are the parents of a daughter, Abigail Grace, born Dec. 26, 2003 at Chandler Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 19 in long.

Grandparents are Bruce and Sandy Pressler of Chandler, AZ, Cheryl Alevizon of Warren, IN and Jay Alevizon of Muncie, IN.

Tracey and Staci (Walters) Brown of Warren, IN are the parents of a son, Kade Josiah Brown. Kade was born on Saturday, January 11 at 12:50 pm. The birth took place at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. He joins his brother Brody Wayne (16 months).

Grandparents are Eddie and Bonnie Brown of Milo, IN and John and Linda Walters of Dillman, IN. Great-grandparents are Gail and Devonna Leas of Warren, IN.

Bruce E. Holifield, Jr. and Alicia M. Bauer of Huntington, are the parents of a son, Bo Franklin Holifield, born at 10:28 p.m. January 9, 2003 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. The infant weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Michael and Jeanine Hannan of Peru and Steve and Deb Buzzard of Warren.

AFTER SCHOOL STORIES

Six children attended the After School Story Time at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday January 17th 2003 for a Bread and Butter Day.

The children entered the children's department of the library and were able to enjoy the aroma of homemade bread, baking in the bread machine. They were ready to eat, but had to be patient while the bread finished baking.

The lesson for today was to learn about milk and how milk can help with our calcium intake. Karen read from the book "Milk the Fight for Purity" by James Cross Giblin. This book can be found in the children's department of the library. Karen read information received from the Farm Bureau Meeting she attended on the different amounts of calcium we need depending on our age. We found out the different produce we can eat that provides the much-needed calcium.

The papers we received from the Farm Bureau Meeting provided information on how to make butter. The children were thrilled to learn they were going to make butter for their homemade bread. We put 1/4 cup of whipping cream into each glass jar and everyone started shaking his or her jar. While they did this they played farm animal charades. They had a lot of fun. It took around 10 minutes for the cream to turn to butter, but boy was it good. We added a tiny bit of salt to our butter and put it on our warm bread and we had quite a treat.

The kids just kept asking for more bread and butter. The butter was a good source of calcium.

The children were able to take

home a search-a-word on farm animals, a farm picture to color and a copy of the paper Calcium and Kids.

Attending were Cassie Davis, Icily Baker, Laquita White, Carson, Kessler and Cash Lee Suddarth and their mother. We enjoyed having them all. Next Friday after school we will have a birthday party for Martin Luther King Jr. Hope you can come.

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SIGMA PHI

The Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority meeting was held Jan. 7th 2003, in the sorority room at the Knight Civic Center. President Sandy Eichhorn called the meeting to order and the roll call was answered by each member telling what her favorite TV sitcom was.

Guests will be invited for membership at the January social on Jan. 23rd. They are Marcia Jackson, Marsha Poulson, Susan Sills, Vicki Laux, Kelly Leidig and Sonnie Hardy. Games and refreshments will be served.

Thank you notes were read for all the gifts and donations given

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by Sigma Phi Gamma sorority over the Holiday season.

The Chicken Dinner will be March 29th. Details and ticket information will be decided at the Feb. meeting.

Registration for Province Convention in Warsaw March 15th & 16th are due by Feb. 24th.

The sorority will once again sponsor a 7th or 8th grader from Salomonie School for the trip to Washington D.C.

Next meeting will be held on Feb. 4th, 2002 at the Knight Civic Center.

HAHE BASKETBALL

On Saturday, 1/18, the Varsity Huntington Eagles won a victory over the Kokomo Eagles (a Kokomo area Home School team) 70-29. Huntington was 31/63 from the field, then added 2x3 pointers & 2 free throws. Tim Nei led the scoring with 16 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals & 3 assists; Blake Hitzfield 14p, 5r, 5s & 1 block; Pat Meehan with a double double, dominated the 4th quarter, 10p, 16r (11 defensive) 1a, 1block; Paul Meehan 8p, 3r, 3s, & 3 blocked shots (he has 21 this season); Thomas Meehan 10p, 4r; Josh Rich 4p, 9r, 7steals (he has 32 this season), 4assists; Trent Lloyd 2p, 4r, 6s, 5 assists (he has 26 this season). This was one of their best 3rd quarters with 27 points, more than doubling their half-time score of 25.

The Varsity Eagles are now 7-7. This game was coached by Byron Mossburg and assisted by Dave Ballinger.

The J.V. Huntington Eagles fought an aggressive battle to win 40-35 over the Kokomo Eagles. Caleb Mossburg led with 9 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals & 1 block; Colin Featherston 8p, 3r, 1 steal (his 17th this season) & 2 assists (he now has 9); Kraigh Reed 7p, 8r (7 defensive) 2s, 1 block; Austin Abbott 7p, 2r, 2 crucial assists in the 4th quarter that helped seal the victory; Andrew Daniels 6p, 3r (he has 43), 1a; Vincent Burnworth 2p, 3r, 1a; Jonathon Eckart 1p, 3r, 2s; & Devin Schreck had a rebound & a steal.

The J.V. Eagles are now 5-3 and coached by Dave Ballinger, assisted by Byron Mossburg.

The Elementary Huntington Eagles lost their second game 15-45 to the Kokomo Eagles. Chris Gibbons had 4 points & 1 steal; Samuel Daniels 4p, 2s, 1 assist; Trevor Lloyd 3p, 3 rebounds; Jacob Mossburg 2p, 3r; Brian Kelsey 2p, 2r; Brock Hitzfield 3 defensive rebounds & 2 steals;

Brice Hitzfield 2 rebounds; Jonathan Yarde 1 rebound. The Elementary Eagles are in their first season and are coached by Jeremy Nei.

KCC BASKETBALL STATS

This league is a participation league, where every player is required to be on the court during each half of the game. Coaches instruct players in the fundamental skills of basketball to develop their skills both individually and as a team! Team Standings as of 1/20/03.

High School Games Won-Lost Daugherty 2-2; Kiwanis 0-5; UMMH 4-1; Citizen's Telephone 2-1; Crain Ford 2-1
6-7-8 grades Warren Blue Flame 1-1, Heartland Aluminum 0-2, Eckman Motors 1-1, Warren Pharmacy 1-2, BBGW Attorneys 1-1, Shuttleworth 3-0
3-4-5 grades Warren Pharmacy 2-1, Gebhart's 1-1, Warren Subway 0-2, Berghoff 1-1, Tri Kappa 1-2, Markle Bank 2-0, D&D Bike Shop 1-1, National City Bank 2-0, Banter Construction 0-2, Modern Machine 2-0, Deweese Soft Water 0-2

K-1-2 grades Hy-Line 2-0, Steffen Oil 1-1, Warren Furniture Works 1-1, GDW Construction 0-2, Huggy Bear 2-0, Bolinger 1-1, Ackley Automotive 1-1, Royster Clark 0-2, Markle Crossroads 1-0, Deaknye Dental 0-1

Games are played at the Knight Civic Center, in Warren, Monday through Thursday between 6-10PM, Fridays 6-7PM, & Sundays 4-6PM. Games are cancelled, if Huntington Schools are cancelled! There is a nominal admission charge and concessions are available, both of which support this great effort on behalf of our area youth!

COMM. CHRISTIAN HONOR ROLL

Community Christian School has announced the following honor roll students for the 2nd Quarter:

High Honor
1st Grade-Emily Aker, Sammy Bittner, Ashley Eckelbarger, Jonse Hatfield, Ashley Hudson, Mary Anne Lambert, Hannah Roller, and Nathan Timmons.

2nd Grade-Shiloh Banter and Makalah Tullis.

3rd Grade-Donny Bittner, Jenna Cleaveland, Michaela Garrett, Brett Robbins, and Andrew Wilson.

4th Grade—Steven Fisher.

5th Grade-Rachel McAfee and Jordan Wikoff.

6th Grade—Gretchen Cleaveland, Nicole Garrett, Angel Gil-

gan, Janelle Lambert, Jessica Nusbaumer, Daniel Thornburgh, Sarah Tullis, and Elizabeth Wilson.

7th Grade-Jennifer Kunkel and Blessing Morehouse.

8th Grade-Mallory Cleaveland, John DeWeese, Bethany Lehmann, and Jennifer Westfall.

9th Grade-Charity Lehmann, Benjamin Roller, Alicia Steffen, and Rebekah Tullis.

10th Grade-Aaron Johnson and Daniel Wilson.

11th Grade-Lydia Dailey, Megan Spangler, and Brian Stefan.

12th Grade—Amanda Clark, Jarrod Kunkel, Ryan McAfee, and Tera Robbins.

Honor Roll
1st Grade—None.

2nd Grade—Nathaniel Clark, Reba Cochran, Peter Hurraw, Jackson Lambert, Kristen Lehmann, Eli Schultz, Katelynn Wilson, and Cody Wickley.

3rd Grade—Zec Landers, Thomas Sparks, and Thackery Shultz.

4th Grade-Josh Armenta, Jake Dillon, Logan Nusbaumer, Elizabeth Roller, Nicole Sparks, Alex Springer, and Leah Tullis.

5th Grade-Katelyn Lehmann, Ryann Runion, and Evan Timmons.

6th Grade-Katie Gerber.

7th Grade—Allison Timmons.

8th Grade-Joel Robbins.

9th Grade-Seretta Lambert, Sarah McAfee, and Bethany Morehouse.

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- Social Development
1. Is your child eager and willing to stay home alone?
 2. Does your child follow household rules and exercise self control?
 3. Can your child tell the truth of what is happening even when no one is watching?
 4. Does your child finish daily chores without a lot of coaxing or supervision? Remember and keep his side of the bargain.
 5. Can your child tell an emergency from a non-emergency? Does your child seek help when a problem arises requiring adult assistance?
 6. Does your child show respect for another person's property?
 7. Has your child been involved in drugs, alcohol, shoplifting, setting fires, or other behaviors of concern?
 8. Does your child adapt to new situations as well as most children his/her age?
 9. Is your child able to share feelings, concerns, and activities - both good and bad with you?
 10. Does your child let you know where he plans to be, and what he plans to be doing?
 11. Is your child overly fearful even in your presence? Afraid of the dark?

Mental Development
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CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS

INDIANAPOLIS—January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, a time to remind women that cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent curable if it is caught early.

Even though there are effective ways to prevent and cure cervical cancer, an estimated 300 new cases of cervical cancer will be diagnosed and 120 women will die from this disease this year in Indiana.

Risk factors for cervical cancer include:

- § Smoking
 - § Having had more than one sexual partner
 - § Being diagnosed with HPV (human papillomavirus)
 - § Never having a Pap test or not having one in the past five years
- Although cervical cancer occurs in women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, African-American, Vietnamese, and Latino women have higher rates of this disease than white women.

Early detection, with the use of the Pap test, is the key to reducing mortality and late-stage cervical cancer. The Pap test can actually be used to diagnose precancerous cells in the cervix, giving women the opportunity to receive treatment that could prevent them from getting cervical cancer. All women who are over 18 or sexually active should have regular Pap tests performed.

The Indiana State Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides free Pap tests, as well as mammograms, to eligible women across the state throughout the year.

During the month of January, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program will conduct special activities to increase awareness of

cervical cancer and to enroll eligible women for free screenings. Various awareness activities will be held across the state in collaboration with local minority health coalitions, health clinics, churches, and community centers and will primarily focus on reaching women aged 50-64.

Contact the Indiana Family Helpline at 1-800-433-0746 for more information on the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, including eligibility guidelines and participating medical providers. Additional information may also be found on the Indiana State Department of Health's Web site, at www.IN.gov/isdh, by clicking on Public Health Programs, then on Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

IS IT A DIET OR AN EATING DISORDER?

For millions of Americans, the New Year signaled the official kick-off of weight loss season. News reports say one-third of adult Americans are over weight as are one-fifth of American children. Feature stories offer ways to lighten-up while the television infomercials entice us with the latest gadget or potion to help fight the battle of the bulge with minimal effort.

But the other side of the coin is not often discussed. Few Americans understand eating disorders and the affect on 6 to 11 million Americans, both men and women. During the first full week of weight-loss season, the Mental Health Association in Indiana wants all Hoosiers to be aware of eating disorders and their impact on individuals and families.

What are Eating Disorders?

Eating is controlled by many factors including appetite, food availability, family, peer and cultural practices and attempts at voluntary control. Dieting to a body weight leaner than needed for health is highly promoted by current fashions trends, sales campaigns for special foods, and in some activities and professions.

Eating disorders involve serious disturbances in eating behavior such as extreme and unhealthy reduction of food intake or severe overeating as well as feeling of distress or extreme concern about body shape or weight.

"Eating disorders are not due to a failure of will or behavior; rather, they are real, treatable medical illnesses in which certain maladaptive patterns of eating take on a life of their own," said Stephen C. McCaffrey, President of the Mental Health Association in Indiana.

The main types of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. A third type, binge-eating disorder, has been suggested but has not yet been approved as a formal psychiatric diagnosis. Eating disorders frequently co-occur with other psychiatric disorders such as depression, substance abuse, and anxiety disorders. They frequently develop during adolescence or early adulthood and result in a wide range of physical complications such as heart or kidney conditions and even death.

Anorexia Nervosa

Individuals with this disorder see themselves as overweight even though they are dangerously thin. They are obsessed with eating and develop unusual eating habits ranging from avoiding foods, eating only certain foods, or observing portion control. Individuals may also repeatedly check their body weight and engage in other techniques to control their weight including excessive exercise or purging.

Bulimia Nervosa

Because purging or other compensatory behavior follows the binge-eating episodes, people with bulimia usually weigh within the normal range for their age and height. However, like individuals with anorexia, they may fear gaining weight, desire to lose weight, and feel intensely dissatisfied with their bodies. People with bulimia often perform the behaviors in secrecy, feeling disgusted and ashamed when they binge, yet relieved once they purge.

Binge-Eating Disorder

Individuals with binge-eating disorder experience frequent episodes of out-of-control eating, with the same binge-eating symptoms as those with bulimia. The main difference is that individuals with binge-eating disorder do not purge their bodies of excess calories. Therefore, many with the disorder are overweight for their age and height. Feelings of shame and self-disgust associated with the illness can lead to creating a cycle of binge eating.

Treatment Strategies

Eating disorders can be treated and a healthy weight restored. The sooner the disorders are diagnosed and treated, the better the outcomes are likely to be. Because of the complexity, eating disorders require a comprehensive treatment plan involving medical care and monitoring,

psychosocial interventions, nutritional counseling and, when appropriate, medication management.

"People with eating disorders often do not recognize or admit that they are ill. As a result, they may strongly resist getting and staying in treatment," said McCaffrey. "Family members or other trusted individuals could be helpful in ensuring that the person with an eating disorder receives needed care and attention. For some people, treatment may be long term," he continued.

In addition to a primary physician, additional resources are available to help understand these diseases. Interested individuals can contact the local Mental Health Association Chapter; National Institute of Mental Health at (301) 443-4513 or visit www.nimh.nih.gov; the Harvard Eating Disorders Center at www.hedc.org; and the National Eating Disorders Association at (206) 382-3587 or www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.

The Mental Health Association in Indiana is composed of 60 local chapters and the State organization, the largest number of chapters in the nation. For more information about the Association and its programs, call 317-638-3501, in the Indianapolis metropolitan area, or 1-800-555-6424, toll free.

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Add an Item to the "Send To" Menu

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1. Open My Computer, and double-click the drive where Windows is installed, which is usually drive C.

2. Double-click the Documents and Settings folder, and then double-click the folder for the particular user.

3. Double-click the Send To folder.

The Send To folder is hidden by default. To see the Send To folder, click Tools, click Folder Options, and then click Show hidden files and folders.

4. On the File menu, point to New, and then click Shortcut.

5. Follow the instructions to create a shortcut.


Now, when you right-click a file, and click Send To, the shortcut to the item you selected will be an option. You can create shortcuts to local or network programs, files, folders, computers, or Internet addresses.

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