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Thought for the Week: *The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.* Anonymous

MAKING STRIDES

If it hasn't already, breast cancer will likely touch you or someone you know. The disease will attack more than 200,000 times this year and claim more than 40,000 lives. Thanks to Longaberger Independent Sales Consultants, employees and customers, the total contribution to the American Cancer Society over the last eight years is now \$8.4 million dollars.

A "Celebration of Hope" event will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7PM, at Parlor City Country Club, Bluffton. This event will be held to educate and raise contributions to continue breast cancer research. Plans for the celebration include: a guest speaker, Susan Berghoff, RN, from the Women's Cancer Center Lutheran Hospital-she will discuss updates and technology in breast cancer research, entertainment, desserts, a master weaver from the Longaberger company will demonstrate basket weaving, the baskets will then be donated for door prizes for the evening, and the 2003 Longaberger holiday products will also be on display. The local American Cancer Society Chapter will be holding a raffle of Longaberger products with proceeds to the local chapter. Other ways to donate include a "In Memory Of" and "In Honor of" wall. With any donation you may place a picture of a loved one who has battled any type of cancer. There is no cost to attend. Anyone who would like to attend or hostess a table and share this evening with friends, please call Laura Berghoff, Independent Sales Consultant, for a reservation or more information call 260-375-6060 or 260-375-2250.

A special thanks to Dr. Kevin DeaKyne and Dr. Robert H Berghoff for being business sponsors for this event.

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MY FAVORITE YEAR OPENS AUG. 1

On Friday, August 1st, The Pulse Opera House, Warren presents the wonderful musical comedy "My Favorite Year."

"My Favorite Year" is a splendid, well-researched comedy on the "Golden Age" of television, which manages both to entertain and make us feel nostalgic about a by-gone era. The acting is excellent, particularly Darren Turney as the washed-up star of yesteryear at the center of the story. Couple Turney with talented new-comer Ben Kendall as Benjy Stone and you have a recipe for knee slapping fun.

In the 1950s, television was live. Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows was the big hit on Saturday night. One week, Errol Flynn was the guest and created the premise for My Favorite Year.

"In 1954, television was live and comedy was king", explains Benjy Stone, modeled on Mel Brooks, a junior writer for a weekly NBC television show named "King Kaiser's Comedy Cavalcade", modeled on Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows".

Alan Swan (Turney) is a womanizing, hard-drinking, unreliable movie star. Benjy Stone (Kendall) is the young writer who is Swan's keeper for the week. There's the whole premise. How does this young man keep this crazy movie star on schedule?

What carries My Favorite Year is the dialogue, non-stop humor and delightful music. Mary Sells, accompanist, states the music is absolutely wonderful. The Pulse brings together an excellent ensemble for this production. "My Favorite Year" features David and Dianna Dean, Randy Neuman, Tony Sirk, Steve Rodenberger and a list of many other favorites.

Call early for your reservations! Show dates are August 1-2-7-8-9-14-15 and 16. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. All shows begin at 8:00 pm with the box office opening at 7:30 pm. The lobby opens at 7:00 pm. Phone 260-375-7017 for your reservations.

ORIENTATION OFFERED

Interested in Home Schooling?? Know someone who is?

The Huntington Area Home Educators (HAHE) will offer a Home School Orientation for anyone who is interested in Home Education, at the Huntington City Township Public Library meeting room 200 W. Market St. in Huntington on Tuesday, August 5th at 7 PM.

For further info, please contact: Terry & Melinda Daniels at home 375-4190 or 800-895-7035, Kevin & Lori Binkerd 782-0046, Byron & Cindy Mossburg 758-2272, or Gary & Laura House 786-1736.

OPERATION COMPASSION

In an effort to provide comfort and relief for families of US troops, The Salvation Army will be able to extend service programs to address the needs requested by Huntington County families of service men or women deployed overseas. The Army's "Operation Compassion on the Home Front" will support the families of troops, separated from their spouses with financial assistance for meeting basic human needs, along with problem solving casework and other supportive services. The Salvation Army is committed to nurturing the spirits of all those affected by the military action. Families of reservists, National Guard men and women and active duty military may need extra help in meeting basic home and family needs during deployment. Funding has been made available through National Headquarters for this initiative.

Eligibility:

Spouses with DEPLOYED military personnel will be eligible for services. Verification needed will include...

* Proof of military deployment; and

* Documentation of the specific request for assistance (statement or billing invoice); or

* Self declaration of need for food and transportation needs.

Services:

* One-time supportive material assistance

* Casework services, including problem-solving & support

* Referral to community resources for on-going supportive assistance

Individuals needing assistance are encouraged to call The Salva-

tion Army, 356.3485. Or, you may stop by the local office at 1424 E Market St to make an appointment.

DINO-MITE

Come help celebrate Sue's Ultimate Dino-Mite Bone Dig Up Day at the Van Buren Public Library. We will have a coloring contest, you can make a dinosaur book, and you can dig up dinosaur bones on July 25, 2003 from 10:30 to Noon.

BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive is scheduled in Huntington County at American Specialty Insurance on Monday, July 28, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. American Specialty Insurance is located at 142 N. Main St., in Roanoke.

Currently, the American Red Cross has a critical shortage of blood types O+, O- and B-. Donors with all blood types are encouraged to attend, but those with types O+, O- and B- are especially needed.

If you are 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. To schedule your blood donation appointment, call Valerie Powers at 672-8800.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Crimestoppers is seeking information on a recent act of vandalism. On July 07, 2003 in the afternoon hours someone gained entry into the Chris Brown residence located at 9033 West 800 North in the town of Bippus. Once inside the home vandals broke out several windows in the garage area, spray painted parts of the garage and broke several televisions that were being stored there. Vandals then made their way into the home where they destroyed the interior of the home causing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Crimestoppers is offering cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for this crime. Those with information should call Crimestoppers at 1-800-237-STOP or call Detective Chris Newton at the Huntington County Sheriffs Department. Calls made may be made anonymously.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met on Thursday evening, July 17, in the Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Approval was given for the minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, and special meetings June 30 and July 7.

David Scheib gave a report from the July 14 Park Board meeting. He asked permission to get estimates from Gervin Tree for work at the Park. He also gave information about new playground equipment for the Park from R&C Fencing.

The next Park Board meeting will be held Aug. 11.

A report was given on the electric project distribution upgrade. The crew is working now and should be done shortly.

The Wastewater Project update included the engineer's substantial completion report. The project was said to be moving along with the plant to be in operation soon.

INDOT Notification Resurfacing Project is expected to include resurfacing of streets under jurisdiction of the State Highway Department.

The final document for United Methodist Memorial Home connection fees was discussed.

Warren would host the W.H.A.R.M.M. meeting on July 21. Representatives of municipal and county governments will be attending.

Council gave consent for President Harold Jones to sign for the Centennial Tower site plan for installation of an antenna on the Eleventh Street tower.

Council decided to proceed with new entrance signs and replacement of Police Station sign. Cost is estimated at \$3200.

Work was continuing on 2004 Budget preparation with Public Hearing set for Aug. 25.

The T&C trash contract is about to expire. Plans are to start advertising for bids.

A certificate of payment of Utility fees was discussed. The form would allow a more complete record of tap and connection payments for the Utility customer.

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It is sent anywhere in the Continental United States for three (3) months for \$9.50, six (6) months for \$19 or \$38 for one year. Mail name, address, and payment to WARREN WEEKLY at: PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.

Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop or mail to P O Box 695, Warren. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

On the evening of July 4, 2003, Mother Nature decided that we needed to remodel our home. Through the grace of God we had friends, family & neighbors that showed up out of the blue to help us get our clothes & some personal items out that could never be replaced. We would like to thank each & every one of you for being there for us in our time of need. We appreciate everything that has been done for us; no words can explain the heartfelt thanks that we owe to everyone involved. A special thanks to my parents, Marvin & Rosemary for putting up with 4 extra people in their house for a week & my sisters Claudia & Janis for helping to entertain the boys & doing the 100 extra loads of laundry. Once again the people have pulled together to prove that Warren really is a small town with a big heart.

Sincerely,
 Doug, Vicki
 Austin & Kyle Laux

PREVENTATIVE THANKS

Thank you to the Warren Fire Department and Tim for coming and talking to us about what was expected. Thanks to there preparation for the worst, we didn't get any of the expected water that would have been the worst ever.

Thanks to each and every volunteer that helped, the Lord will Bless each and everyone of you.

Marv and Linda Ralston

THANK YOU

We want to send a big thank you to all the people who helped Spencer during and after his accident. Thanks to Yvonne Reckard and Mary Ann Sheets for letting us know what happened. To all the people who called EMS, to Matt Cady for not letting him walk home, to the lady who gave my sister in law a ride to the accident scene, the EMS workers, first responders and police and all those who called or checked on him. You all made a very scary situation a lot better for a frightened kid.

The Sabinske Family

YOU COULD SAVE LIKE BEN FRANKLIN OR TRY THIS MODERN MONEY PLAN

Founding Father Benjamin Franklin is well known for his frugal ways.

At one time, he gave up eating meat in order to save money, but you really shouldn't have to do that.

A good money plan covers all the bases from today through retirement. It should include household expenses, debts, savings, investments, pensions, Social Security, and more. Here's some advice from the experts on how to start now.

Your expenses: Know exactly what your expenses are. One strategy suggested by Keystone Financial planning is to put everything on a debit or credit card for a month or two.

Your home: Is the nest empty? The greatest single savings you can make is downsizing your living space, according to T. Rowe Price. Today's new homes are about 2,300 square feet, much more than empty nesters need. Buy better, not bigger, advises AARP magazine.

College: Pay for education for your children, grandchildren or yourself with the tax exempt 529 savings plans. Everyone is eligible, and your investment grows tax-free.

Insurance: Some types of insurance that authorities at Cornell University say are almost always a waste:

- * Airport life insurance. The possibility of a crash is very low, and the premium is high.
- * Zero deductible policies. Cost a lot but save little on a health or auto insurance claims.
- * Extended warranties on consumer products are big moneymakers for retailers, but customers almost never need repairs during the warranty period.

Investing. A Tulane University study shows that investors who rush out to buy "hot" stocks do no better over time than they would by picking a stock with their eyes closed. They advise sticking with low-cost, well-diversified mutual funds.


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

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.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148
Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor

Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST
 Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathie Jones, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
Eric Vitz, Interim Minister
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.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.

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.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 375-2330
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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.

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.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

BUCKEYE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 758-2085
Nathan Doyle, Minister
Sandy Keplinger, Supt.

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 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.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Bard, Pastor

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

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.

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.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
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.
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BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Joe Kober, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
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 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

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 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.

UNITED METHODIST MEMORIAL HOME

SUNDAY:
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.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.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
Pastor - Eric Dubach

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship
 6:30 p.m.

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 of your choice

AREA NEWS

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Council decided to get more information before authorizing payment of \$1700 in 2004 for HCUED annual support.

Council authorized payment of \$500 to Indiana Northeast Development. It is the final payment of a three year agreement.

Resolution 1-2003 was passed allowing for transfer in lieu of taxes from the Electric Utility to the General Fund.

Resolution 2-2003 was adopted, allowing for legal representation regarding the Town Electric Services agreement with AEP.

There were indications the Huntington County Humane Shelter is being funded to come to towns in the County. A representative of the shelter is to be asked to attend a Council meeting and give information.

More information is requested concerning community service hours for an individual. Requested is recommendation for type of work that can be done.

Clerk-Treasurer Marilyn Morrison gave the June Financial report.

On July 14 the initial Budget meeting, Marilyn Morrison met with the representatives of the Board of Local Government and the publication and adoption schedule for the 2004 Budget was approved. Assessed value figures are not available.

Council discussed billing update forms and equipment needed due to update of software to a windows program.

Darrel Bice gave a report from the Utility/Street Departments. The Department had been busy picking up limbs.

The Salamonie River was reported to have receded.

Repairs to the portable pump will cost \$87.00.

The McAllister Maintenance Contract was discussed. Council de-

ecided to check about a possible amendment making the term three years instead of one.

Council received the monthly report from the Town Marshal. Also a discussion was held concerning a police vehicle for next year.

The next IACT meeting will be held in September in South Bend.

The next Council meeting will be held July 28.

AGRICULTURAL OPEN BURNING

During the 2003 legislative session, amendments were made to the Open Burning Statute. The changes were made under House Enrolled Act 1657 that amended Indiana Code (IC) 13-17-9.1. These changes became effective on July 1, 2003. This fact sheet outlines the changes made to the statute and provides guidance for implementation of the new statute.

What changes did the legislature make to the open burning statutes that affect open burning in Indiana?

House Enrolled Act 1657 added that a person may open burn vegetation from agricultural land for maintenance purposes if the open burning occurs in an unincorporated area.

What can be burned based on the change to the statute?

Only vegetation may be burned. Materials, such as refuse, household trash and outdoor waste, plastics, tires, building materials or other debris, treated wood, asbestos or any other non-vegetation material can not be burned.

The burning must occur in an unincorporated area where there is no local open burning ban and must be conducted on the site where the vegetation was generated. If the land is used for industrial, institutional, or commercial purposes, open burning is not allowed under this change.

Residents of a housing development are subject to residential burning requirements including burning clean wood waste in a noncombustible container.

The burning of vegetation must be for maintenance purposes only and not for clearing land involving a land use change.

What conditions must be met for agricultural open burning?

* A person who open burns shall extinguish the fire if the fire creates a nuisance or fire hazard. Burning may not be conducted during unfavorable meteorological conditions such as high winds, temperature inversions, or air stagnation.

* All fires must be attended at all times during burning until completely extinguished.

Where can I get copies of the open burning statutes and rules?

House Enrolled Act 1657 is available at www.IN.gov/idem/busleg/2003/HEA1657.pdf. Indiana Code 13-17-9-1 is available at www.IN.gov/legislative/ic/code. Indiana Administrative Code 326 IAC 4 is available at www.IN.gov/legislative/iac/title326.html

All persons conducting agricultural open burning should contact their local air pollution control agencies, local fire department, or health department to check for local laws or ordinances that may apply to open burning. Local law or ordinances more strict than the state's open burning law exist in many counties and communities. If this is the case, the more restrictive requirements apply.

FESTIVAL MEETING

Van Buren Popcorn Festival Meeting will be held July 28 at 6:30p.m. at the Van Buren School. Please attend and help with final plans for this year's festival. Let Freedom Ring - August 14, 15, 16, 2003.

BOOK ON CHILD CUSTODY

"Child Custody Made Simple: Understanding the Laws of Child Custody and Child Support" (Single Parent Press, \$21.95, 584 pages, ISBN 0964940434, @ 2003), by Webster Watnik, has been completely revised and updated for the year 2003. The first edition won two book awards-including the Benjamin Franklin Award for Parenting-and the new, second edition has been completely revised and updated with more than 150 pages of new material.

"Child Custody Made Simple" explains child custody and child support law in detail. A 100 page appendix also covers the laws in every state. Watnik supports the description of the law with summaries of actual cases, including well-known cases such as O.J. Simpson, Woody Allen and Mia Farrow, Barry

Bonds, and Elian Gonzalez.

However, says Watnik, "For most parents, custody and support issues never escalate into full blown court battles because most people are willing to cooperate and because custody disputes are expensive. Simple court actions can cost several thousand dollars, and long running custody battles can cost more than \$100,000." In his book, Watnik includes chapters on mediation, negotiating a parenting plan, and creating a custody schedule.

Watnik also points out that it is common for one - or both parents - to represent themselves in family court. "Child Custody Made Simple" contains extensive chapters on researching the law, writing and serving court documents, and arguing

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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.

Jul 25 Warren Recycle Day

Jul 28 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 6pm, Sat 10 - noon at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Depression Support Group 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 Salamonie Valley Museum Open Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. at KBC

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in court. In depth resources throughout the book include Watnik's survey of the best divorce, child custody, and child support websites.

Watnik also addresses one of the most common problems in child custody-when one parent moves to another state. "Child Custody Made Simple" contains an extensive discussion of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.

The author has more than ten years experience in family court, and has written a clear, comprehensive guide to this highly emotional subject. A professional writer, Watnik has also written two other divorce-related books.

"Child Custody Made Simple" can be purchased through bookstores or ordered directly from Single Parent Press, phone: (909)624-6058, fax: (909)624-2208, www.SingleParentPress.com.

SENIORS' EVENT

The 2003 Salamonie Seniors' Fall Fest is Sept. 9-11 in the Modern Campground in Lost Bridge West. The three-day event is designed for retired people age 50 and over.

The 2003 theme, History in the Making, Taking a Look Back, highlights area history including the Wabash and Erie Canal through performer Digger Gallagher the Canaler and the Salamonie dam construction with Jim Duguid, of

the US Army Corps of Engineers. Register soon to enjoy the activities of your choice.

Marvin McNew, interpretive specialist and event organizer, said visitors can take a step back from today's hectic lifestyle and enjoy this relaxing three day program. The event includes a living history character talking about the construction of the Wabash and Erie Canal on Tuesday evening. Wednesday promises a chance to learn the beginning skills of several potential hobbies including: watercolor painting, nature photography, journaling, carving, birdwatching, dulcimer playing, butterfly gardening, water gardening, basket weaving and quilting. The main entrée is provided at dinner, and B.G. Express provides entertainment Wednesday evening. Thursday morning provides a chance to hear the story of the Salamonie dam construction.

A \$1 special program fee entitles visitors to a program pass to use for the week's events. Seniors will pay this fee at the property gate with their entrance fee and use one program pass for all of the week's events. Campsites should be reserved using the new Central Reservation System. To pay for your site, call 1-866-6CAMPIN or use the Internet, 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 \$4 en-

trance fee (\$5 for out-of-state vehicles) to enter the Lost Bridge West Recreation Area. Indiana residents may purchase an annual entrance permit for \$24.

Those age 65 or older may choose to purchase the annual Golden Hoosier Passport entrance permit for \$12.

Visit our web site at www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/uwis/ for more information or to download a registration form. Registration forms for the Salamonie Seniors' Fall Fest can also be requested by calling the Upper Wabash Reservoirs Interpretive Services, 260-468-2127 or visiting the Salamonie Interpretive Center.

LOAN SCAM

The Better Business Bureau system today issued a national alert to warn consumers about a loan scam that is distributing a counterfeit Arlington, VA, July 17, 2003 BBB Reliability Report. The company uses the name Working Capital Corporation and claims to offer "high risk financial aid in relation to personal/debt consultation/automotive/small business or student loans." The business appears to be operating an advance fee loan operation; consumers are complaining to the BBB that they paid money up-front, and did not receive the promised loan.

"We are taking this step to protect

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LITTLE LEAGUE WINNERS

The Warren Baseball Little League wrapped up their 2003 season on Wednesday, July 2nd with the Championship game.

PJ's Flower & Gifts defeated DeWeese Softwater with a final score of 9-5.

PJ's Team (pictured above) members Kyle Merrill, Brandond Biberstine, Cody Hicks, Stewart DeWitt Tyler Bryant, Christopher Gibbons, Seth Biberstine, Jeremy Ralston, Joseph Biddle, Austin Shaw, Brendan McCarver and Kendrick Myers. The team was coached by Matt Biberstine, head coach, and assistants Steve DeWitt and Eric Gibbons.

DeWeese players(below) were Shawn McCoy, Derek Price, Devin Price, Justin Gardiner, Taylor Allred, Dylan Gray, AJ Nelson, David Haigh, Jacob Burnworth, Jake Dillon, Ian Boxell, Quaid Zoda and Josh Powell. Coaches were Jeff McCoy, head coach, and assistants Tom Allred and Jack Zoda.

Thanks go out to all the sponsors, coaches, parents, umpires, fans, concession workers, Tower Park for the use of the facilities and the Town of Warren. Special thanks to all the players for providing everyone with all the excitement and fun the 2003 season brought to us all!

Finally, a fond farewell and huge thank-you goes out to Louise Applegate. A very special lady who has dedicated 23 years to his league and is retiring this year. The entire Warren Baseball family will miss you, Louise!



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I would like to thank everyone from my heart for sharing your love and kindness to my family on a day of great loss. I know there are some that I didn't have a chance to say "thank you" to. I want you to know it is deeply appreciated.

I lost my wife, but I also know that Warren lost a great person, a great cook, and a great smile which we will surely miss. Warren has many wonderful people in it, a place where people do care about their neighbors. A small town that we're proud to call home.

Joe Stockman

TO ERIC & ANDY'S FRIENDS

Summertime there seems to be a lot of things to do. You can go swimming, golfing, skateboarding, or just lay around. You can do anything, but, last week you chose to stand by your friend in his time of need. You didn't stay for a short time, you stayed with them all day, and came back the next day. What touched me the most was after everyone had left, you stood outside waiting for your rides. I know this because I had to return to the funeral parlor, and I saw a few of you standing, waiting for your rides. Thank You for being such good friends.

Joe Stockman

TWIGG

Thelma Mae Twigg, 99, died Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne. Born June 4, 1904 in Paulding County, OH to Charles & Lydia Myers. She was an inspector with Essex Wire Corporation, retiring in 1969, she was involved with St. Paul's Sewing Circle and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include brother, Clarence F. Myers of Warren, IN; 2 grandsons; 2 great-grandchildren; 24 nieces & nephews; preceded in death by husband, Charles Russel in 1987; 1 son; 7 sisters & 1 brother. Services at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials to Donor's Choice.

SCHMIDT

A former cafeteria worker at Southern Wells Junior-Senior High School, Shirley Ann Schmidt died Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 6:04 a.m. at her residence in Hartford City.

Born June 13, 1936 to Herman and Lydia Smith Falk, she was married June 26, 1955 to Paul Dee Schmidt at the Montpelier Church of Christ. He survives.

She was a member of the Montpelier Church of Christ for 32 years and then a member of the Dillman United Church of the Brethren for 21 years where she served as church secretary for 12 years. She was a 1954 graduate of Montpelier High School.

In addition to her husband, surviving are three sons, Adam Schmidt of Warren and Andrew and Christopher Schmidt, both of Montpelier; a daughter, Mrs. Kenny (Diane) Hall, of Montpelier; a brother, Roger Falk of Hartford City; a step-brother, Dexter Falk of Keystone; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel, 109 West Windsor St., Montpelier. Rev. Lynn Mefford officiated and burial was in the Asbury Cemetery.

Memorials are to be made to the Dillman Church Building Fund.

SMITH

Warren G. "Pill" Smith, 93, of Huntington died at 11:32 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2003 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born April 18, 1910 in Union Township, Huntington County to Raymond F. and Lola B. Whitacre Smith, he was a 1929 graduate of Lancaster High School in that county and a lifelong Huntington County farmer. He was a member of Faith Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Smith married Retta E. Thorn Sept. 7, 1933 in Anderson. She died June 21, 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Ned Smith of Fort Wayne and Patrick T. Smith of Huntington; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Joann) Dolby and Mrs. Eldon (Phyllis) Bruner, both of Huntington, Mrs. Rex (Sharon) Sisson and Mrs. Gary (Suellen) Jones, both of Warren; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Scott, Donald, Max and Brooks; a sister, Winifred Lewis; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or the Parkview Huntington Home Health Care and Hospice.

100TH BIRTHDAY

Edith Eierman, a lifelong resident of Huntington, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 3. She was honored with a carry-in potluck dinner Sunday, July 6, at the Neighborhood Center, Huntington.

Family and friends were invited to attend.

She was born July 3, 1903, in Huntington to Alfred and Cora Waikel. She married Louis Eierman in February 1924. They had been married 61 years when he died in 1985. Their only child, Gloria Shearer, died in 1986.

Mrs. Eierman has three grandchildren, James Shearer of Roanoke, Kathy Plew of Columbia City, and Carol Clabaugh of Warren. She has 12 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

DEAN- HILL

Dannah Dean and Jonathan Hill were married May 3, 2003 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Andrew Booth officiated the ceremony.

Musicians were Melissa Junkin, Ben Porter and Andrew McComas. Dacia Baxter served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Angie Craft, Betsy Zent, Whitney Hill, and Betsy Dean. Hannah Dean was the flower girl.

Lance Hill served as best man. Groomsmen were Chad VanMeter, Brad Amstutz, Kurt Beer, and David Shields. Beau Baxter was the ring bearer. Ushers were Dan Willig, David Dean, Jason Ervin, and Matt Minnick. Alex Dean was also a wedding attendant.

A reception at Come2Go in Fort Wayne followed the ceremony.

The couple chose a wedding trip to the Dominican Republic.

The bride is a graduate of Huntington North High School. She is a social worker for SCAN. She has also been involved in many Pulse Opera House productions.

Her parents are David and Dianna Dean, Huntington.

The groom is a musician.

His parents are Stephen and Pamela Hill, Kansas City, Kansas. The couple resides in Fort Wayne.

50 YEARS TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carrell, of Helena, Ala. and formerly of Warren, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 18, 2003.

Walter Carrell and Virginia Christensen were married June 18, 1953 in Wheaton, IL.

Mr. Carrell was employed at RCA for 35 years and was the former owner of the Mt. Etna Sawmill. He was a former pastor of the Second Salem Baptist Church, rural Warren, and the Fairmount Baptist Church in Fairmount. Mrs. Carrell worked as a librarian at Salamonie School. They served 10 years as missionaries in the Philippines with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, support organization for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The Carrells are the parents of Walter Carrell, Merrimack, N.H., Mrs. Ed (Beth) Newman, Lockridge, Iowa, Ralph Carrell, Prince George, Va., and Dale Carrell, Alabama. They have 11 grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

The couple's address is 1290 Amberley Woods Dr., Helena, AL 35080.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell, 9303S-300W, Warren, celebrated 50 years of marriage with an open house, hosted by their children, on Sunday, June 29, 2003, at the Banquo Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

Harold D. Campbell and Louise A. Hunnicutt were married June 26, 1953. Rev. Harold Zart, pastor of

Boehmer Methodist Church, officiated the ceremony at Taylor University, Upland. Jim Campbell, brother of the groom, and Joyce Dahlquist Houtz, cousin of the bride, were the attendants.

Mr. Campbell retired from the Dana Corporation, Marion, after 34 years of service. He then worked for Lynn Painting until recently. He served in the Army from 1952-54 during the Korean War. Mrs. Campbell is a homemaker and had previously worked at Triad-Utrad for 10 years. They are active members of the Banquo Christian Church.

The Campbells are the parents of Mrs. Robert (Karen) Foust, Marion, Mrs. Gary (Debra) Trinkle, Zanesville, and Mrs. Kevin (Jean) Brown and Phillip Campbell, both of Warren. They have 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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and inform the public. Consumers are being misled by the fake BBB Reliability Report that this company is distributing. We want the public to know that this firm is not a member of the BBB, would not meet our membership standards, is not a participant in any of our programs, and does not have a satisfactory record with any Better Business Bureau."

Consumers who do business with this company risk loss of the \$755 they must pay in advance to SunCorp Insurance to "secure" their loan, and risk becoming victims of identity theft, since loan applicants are asked to provide identification information (driver's license, work ID, social security card) to permit "processing" of their file.

The BBB became aware of the counterfeit Reliability Report when consumers contacted the BBB of Rhode Island, Inc. to ask about information the company provided in connection with their loan application. Included in the packet of information was a "Member Reliability Report", supposedly from the BBB serving New York, New Jersey & Vermont. The business letterhead for Working Capital Corporation includes an address of 775 Minrl (sic) Spring Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860 and the phone number (866) 896-3847.

"There is no such BBB. Furthermore, staff from the Rhode Island BBB drove by the company's business address and there is no office there. The U.S. Postal Service recently told us of a new address for the business (23 Lincoln Street, North Providence, RI 02911), which appears to be a private home," said Ken Hunter, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus (CBBB).

The CBBB suspects that Working Capital Corp is based in Canada and has alerted appropriate law enforcement agencies.

"The consumers who contacted the BBB about this business did the right thing. Companies are not permitted to use BBB Reliability Reports to solicit business, so any company that does so raises a red flag. Always contact your local BBB to double-check claims of BBB affiliation from suspect businesses, particularly when the deal seems 'too good to be true.'"

BBBs and the Federal Trade Commission advise consumers to avoid advance fee loan brokers. Be aware that legitimate lenders never "guarantee" or promise that you are likely to get a loan before you apply, especially if you have bad credit, no credit or a bankruptcy. Advertisements that promise easy loans generally appear in the classified section of newspapers and magazines, on the Internet or on local cable stations.

The BBB central web site contains a searchable database of nearly two million BBB reliability reports. To access the Bureau Information System, go to www.neindiana.bbb.org or www.bbb.org and click on the "check out a company" icon.

Those who fall victim to such loan scams are encouraged to file a complaint with the BBB. While the chance of recovering the loan application or payment fee is minimal (less than 25% of complaints against this type of business were resolved in 2002), victims can provide information that will help BBBs to warn other consumers and assist in advising the government of possible illegal business practices.

STREAM MONITORING WORKSHOP

The old song calls for us to go "down by the riverside" and this year more Hoosiers will be heeding that message. Hoosier Riverwatch, a DNR/Purdue University sponsored education program, are continuing to hold workshops around the state.

The next volunteer stream monitoring workshops will be held at Oubache State Park in Wells County on July 31 and August 1, 2003. The training is free, but class sizes are limited to 24 participants for level one, and 16 participants for level two. Persons interested in participating must make a prior reservation.

"Education is an important mission of the DNR," said John Goss, DNR director. "These local stream monitor volunteers will take home knowledge and a commitment that they will pass on to others who will, in turn, bring more people into the circle of those committed to protecting and improving our resources. When we accomplish widening that circle we are success-

ful."

A level one training workshop will be held Thursday, July 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will provide general education in water quality issues and introductory-level training in monitoring the health of rivers and streams through physical, chemical, and biological testing. After completion of this training, volunteers can perform stream testing, submit data to the statewide volunteer stream-monitoring database (www.HoosierRiverwatch.com), and teach students how to monitor.

A Level II training workshop will be held Friday, August 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Level II training includes a complete review of Level I training, hands-on practice using the Hach Stream Survey chemical testing kit, learning advanced water quality monitoring techniques, and training in quality assurance procedures to ensure the validity of collected data. Level II certification is available only to those who have completed a full-day level one introductory workshop.

Hoosier Riverwatch, jointly sponsored by Purdue University and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, through its division of soil conservation, is a statewide education program that focuses on local river and stream stewardship. To date, approximately 3000 people have participated in the program.

"The training is for anyone interested in learning about water quality and gaining hands-on experience in monitoring rivers and streams," according to Lyn Hartman, Hoosier Riverwatch coordinator. People interested in the environment, especially local educators, are invited to attend the workshop.

"The volunteer stream monitoring program fits easily into elementary, middle and high school classes, including biology, chemistry, math, language arts, and social studies," Hartman said.

For reservations and directions, contact Stacia Henderson at the Wells County Soil and Water Conservation District at stacia-henderson@iaswcd.org or 260/824-0624 ext.3.



Danielle Kem

WINS GOLD

Danielle Kem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kem, competed at the AAU Taekwondo National Championships, located in Knoxville TN, July 2-5, 2003. The tournament had 47 out of the 50 states represented and had 1658 athletes competing. Danielle won first place gold in two events; Forms, (a choreographed set of kicks, blocks and hand techniques), and then in Olympic Sparring. She competed in the Intermediate 5 year old division. Danielle is a Green Belt and attends the Mudokwan School located in Marion, IN. Her instructor is Michael Richards a 5th degree Black belt. Danielle will be in 1st grade this year at Lancaster Elementary in Huntington Co.

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SONGS FOR WARREN AREA WOMEN IN WWII

(By Dick Smith) crskrs@pacol.net

My wife felt that my prior write-up on Warren's High School Basketball during WW II was primarily a "man-thing". She suggested that my next article should be one that would appeal to female readers. Of course, I agreed immediately!! So I have chosen Songs for Warren Area Women in WWII as my next subject (even though our men and women in the Armed Services listened to these songs too.)

The songs that are remembered from this period ranged from silly-to-serious, and from sentimental-to-sad. The theme of much of the music in WWII changed over the 3 1/2 years from Pearl Harbor to VJ-Day. But many of the songs of this era remain popular to this day—our young people may be discovering that a couple can dance to a slow, romantic song!

These bands and singers made-up the "Big Band Era". Most of the bands have gone away as have much of their music from WWII. But many of the singers remained popular for 30-40 years after the war. I would like to now run through some of the more popular songs of the War Years as related to me by my sister (who was a young woman then) and other ladies from here in Pennsylvania. If I haven't included one of your very favorite songs, please have mercy on a mere male!

1942

Some of the songs of 1942 were written before Pearl Harbor, and reflected our national innocence of the time. Others were written in response to Pearl Harbor.

"I've Got Spurs That Jingle, Jangle, Jingle" by Kay Kyser

"There'll Be Bluebirds Over The White Cliffs Of Dover" by Vera Lynn

"Remember Pearl Harbor" (We all sang this song.)

"Deep In the Heart of Texas" (Remember clapping your hands in this song?)

"I've Got A Gal In Kalamazoo" by Glenn Miller (It's still being played!)

"Sleepy Lagoon" by Harry James (This was a slow-dance song!)

"Praise The Lord and Pass The Ammunition" by Kay Kyser

"Jersey Bounce" by Benny Goodman (Was this a Jitter-Bug song?)

"Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" by The Andrew Sisters

1943

The songs of 1943 began to reflect the separation and loneliness that was being felt by millions of women and their men in the Armed Services. Many of these songs are still popular today.

"As Time Goes By" (Remember the piano player and Humphrey Bogart in the movie "Casablanca"?)

"In the Mood" by Glenn Miller (An all-time favorite!)

"Don't Get Around Much Any More" by The Ink Spots (For the girls back home!)

"I'll Walk Alone" by Martha Tilton (A melancholy song for the girls at home.)

"It Can't Be Wrong" by Dick Haymes (A soft sound!)

"Paper Doll" by The Ames Brothers (It's still played—a real classic!)

"I'll Be Seeing You In All The Old Familiar Places" by Bing Crosby.

"Don't Set under The Apple Tree" by The Andrew Sisters (For our troops.)

"They're Either Too Young Or Too Old" by Kitty Kallen (A real fun song!)

"Pistol Packin 'Mama" by Ethel Merman or Betty Hutton

1944

The year of 1944 brought more songs reflecting the imposed separation of couples. But it also provided more of the "silly songs" that helped keep our spirits up.

"Saturday Night Is The Loneliest Night In The Week" by Frankie Carle and Phyllis Lynne. (For the girls at home).

"I'll Get By" by Harry James (A somewhat sad song.)

"I'll Walk Along" by Dinah Shore (This did bring tears!).

"I Love You" by Bing Crosby (A great favorite.)

"GI Jive" by Johnny Mercer (A Jitter-Bug favorite!)

"Mairsy Doats" (My 8-year old Granddaughter heard this song and now goes around singing the words!)

"Shoo-Shoo Baby" by The Andrews Sisters (A classic!)

"When The Lights Go On Again All Over The World" by Vaughn Monroe (We felt we could see the end of the war!)

1945

There wasn't a single new song of 1945 that was played by Glenn Miller; his plane was shot-down over Europe—and we lost one of the true Giants of music. By early 1945, the end of the War seemed possible; some of the positive outlook was reflected in the songs that were popular that year.

"Till The End Of Time" by Perry Como (One to dance by?)

"It's Been A Long, Long Time" by Harry James (A coming-home song for our men and women in the Armed Services.)

"Sentimental Journey" by Les Brown (Another going-home song that has stayed popular for many years.)

"DREAM" by The Pied Pipers (A slow-dance tune.)

"Accentuate The Positive" by Johnny Mercer (This reflected the attitudes of the times—we were winning the War!!)

"Rum and Coca-Cola" by the Andrew Sisters (This clever song stayed popular long after the war; you occasionally still hear it.)

"Chickery-Chick" by Sammy Kaye (Do you remember the words? My wife sang the whole darn thing back to me!)

"Elmer's Tune" by Glen Miller and the Modernaires (A fun song!)

"Don't Fence Me In" (Did this reflect women's new freedoms?)

I know I haven't covered everyone's favorites. My choices were based on (1) conversations with people who were young at that time, (2) articles

I have read on the subject, and (3) my own memories of what our radio at home played. But I found it a pleasant task to remember what all of us were listening to as we did our home-front tasks. I'm told that those in the Armed Services also kept their ears to any available radio to hear these songs that reminded them of home. I hope this very brief trip through Music History brings back some pleasant memories for each reader.

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