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Thought for the Week: *Shoot for the moon. If you miss, you land among the stars.* Les Brown

2002 SEASON

Announcement of the Pulse Opera House 2002 season was made at the annual New Year's Eve Party held at the Ramada Express, Warren. Artistic Director, Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok talked about the progress made in 2001 by adding a new lobby and revealed the exciting theatre schedule for 2002. The Pulse Opera House is a not-for-profit community theatre that provides an opportunity for area residents to work in the arts and all to enjoy quality entertainment. The Pulse is internationally recognized which is quite an accomplishment for a small community.

The lobby is nearing completion thanks to a donation of used hallway carpet from the Warren United Methodist Home with the cost for final floor preparation being contributed by a local Pulse supporter. Until heat can be added the Historic Wayne Street building will continue to be limited to warm weather, but the new lobby provides the opportunity for new expanded arts initiatives. The Pulse will be introducing three new ventures in 2002 starting with the organization of Huntington County's first Red Hat Society. Women over the age of 50 can join. The purpose of the society is to have fun. The Red Hatters will hold teas, help with receptions, pre-show dinners, ushering and run the box office.

Starting in January, the Pulse will be embarking on a grand experiment called the Playwright's Project. Five playwrights will meet at the Pulse to discuss their current projects. These will culminate in a September workshop incorporating actors, singers and musicians. Final productions will be introduced as part of a New Play Festival in 2003.

Pending the completion of the lobby, the Pulse will be staging cabaret performances which will include singing, stand-up comedy and improvisation.

In March, the Pulse will be traveling to Elkhart for the annual ICTL Festival competition. This year they will be performing "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare.

The regular season opens in May with the following line up.

"Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon
"Scapino" Moliere adapted by

Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale

"Forever Plaid" by James Raitt and Stuart Ross

"The Strange Case of DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE" by Robert Louis Stevenson / adapted by Eberle Thomas and Barbara Redmond.

There is lots going on at The Pulse Opera House in 2002!

PAMPERED CHEF

Annette Thompson from rural Warren has currently finished her training to become a Pampered Chef kitchen consultant. Pampered Chef is known as "The Kitchen Store That Comes To Your Door." Pampered Chef has many items to make mealtime quick, easy, tasty and even attractive. If you are interested in having Annette come to your home to present a kitchen show you can reach her at 260-375-2296.

McKNIGHTS TO SPEAK

Tom and Sharon McKnight, Missionaries to Honduras, will be the special speakers at the Bible Holiness Church, 1011 W. Washington Street, Bluffton, IN on Sunday, January 13th, at 9:30 a.m. This will be their last service in the States before returning to Honduras on the 14th. Everyone is welcome.

For more information call Tim McKnight, 219/827-0187.

THANK YOU MMM

The Huntington County Senior Center Christmas party was a great success due in large part to Miller's Merry Manor. They provided a delicious Christmas meal of ham, sweet potatoes, scalloped corn, and hot rolls. Then they topped it with a scrumptious desert bar! Each of their department heads worked as servers. They also provided the centerpieces/door prizes and the Santa suit for our own Len Scher to "HO! Ho! Ho!" in.

Kudos to all of you at Miller's Merry Manor And a special thanks to Anne and Connie in dietary for their extra efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Indiana Extension Home-maker Association is an organization affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service and Purdue University, and is interested in furthering education, leadership, and community volunteerism. IEHA is offering twelve \$500 scholarships to Indiana homemakers who are twenty-five years of age or older.

These scholarships are to be used to complete education or upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted to, or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school, which is state licensed or accredited.

Preference will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level. Scholarships will be awarded with regard to financial need, and former winners may apply again.

Applications may be obtained through the Huntington County Extension Office, located in Room 209 of the Courthouse. The phone number is 219-358-4826. Applications must be submitted by March 15. No late applications will be submitted.

SUPPORT GIVEN BY ECOLAB

The growth of the HAT has created the growth of our record keeping. This growth has been more than our old computers could handle. This past fall we had a big problem with one computer's lack of memory. About the same time, another computer quit working.

Of course, a new computer that could handle our needs is costly So we applied to the Ecolab Foundation for funds to purchase a new computer, and they responded very favorably. We now have a new computer paid for by the Ecolab Foundation.

It is doing a great job, and has really helped out. Thank you Ecolab for your community support - your assistance keeps us running!

CHOOSE TO LOSE

Over 130 people have experienced the new, healthy eating and weight loss program sponsored by Bluffton Regional Medical Center. It's called Choose to Lose, and the next course will begin on

Tuesday, January 22. The eight-week program will continue each Tuesday evening through March 12, from 8:30-7:30 p.m.

"Choose to Lose is just what the people in the past eight courses did," says instructor Michelle Gentis. "During the eight-week course, participants started to lose inches and weight. But, it is not a quick fix. Instead, they learned the skills to keep losing fat, even after the course was over, and keep it off long term. The program, which is based on the most timely and credible research, is the first step toward a permanent, healthier lifestyle change."

"This is not a diet," continues Gentis. "Instead, we help people learn how to make good food choices. People from other classes said they liked this program better than any they'd tried because they could eat, so they didn't feel deprived. I am hoping to have graduates from prior Choose to Lose classes attend and give their input about the course."

"The best part of the class is when we actually try different foods and recipes," Gentis added. "Each week, three or four people bring something from the course cookbook. it's fun to watch them learn that low-fat food can be delicious."

There will be an information/registration session about Choose to Lose on Tuesday, January 15 from 5.7 p.m. Everyone is welcome, with no cost or obligation, anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. The information session, along with all classes, will be held in the education center at Bluffton Regional's south campus, 1100 S. Main Street, Bluffton.

Class size is limited, so registration is necessary. The fee for the eight-week program is \$100, which can be paid before the course begins or half before and half with a check dated midway through the course. The fee includes the Choose to Lose book, workbook, cookbook and balance book.

For more information or to register, contact Michelle Gentis, Director of Education, at (219) 824-3210, ext. 3844.

ORGANIZE HOUSEHOLD RECORDS

Now is a good time to organize your household records. It is a good winter project, and easily done at the same time you are gathering information for tax purposes. The spouse, or adult children will need the information if something happens to the head of the household. It is much easier if this information is up-to-date, and kept in one location.

Other records to locate include tax returns, and supporting documents, investment contracts, list of debts, the will and funeral wishes, so the estate can be settled according to the deceased wishes.

Beverly Morgan, Extension Educator, recommends using a workbook style publication titled "Keeping your Important Papers," (HE-465). It provides a list of important items and you fill in where each is stored.

The publication also includes real estate records. You fill in the property purchase date and purchase price, amount of the original mortgage, amounts and time of payments, and list of major property improvements. This is useful when the property is sold and for tax purposes.

Household inventory, outstanding debts, and income sources are included in the booklet. There is also space for the family investments, retirement savings, etc. There is a section to include credit card numbers, the 800 number for the credit company and amount for the line of credit. This is helpful in case a credit card is lost or stolen.

Once the booklet is filled out, keep it in a safe place. A family member outside your home should know of its location. It should be accessible enough to update as records change, or updated at least yearly.

A duplicate copy is a good idea and could be kept in a bank safe deposit box, or with a trusted friend. This booklet is a simple method to keep your household business organized and up-to-date.

The publication is available from the Huntington County Extension

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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

I want to say Thank You to all those that helped me to have such a nice 90th birthday. I enjoyed every minute. How fortunate are those who share the gift of friendship – it has been and will always be my priceless treasure.

Thanks again, Norma Thompson

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Don and Sue Minnich for coming early New Years morning to deliver 7 Boston Terrier puppies for us. We'll never forget your kindness.

Susie Jacobs, Jim & Katie

THE RESILIENCE FACTOR

LEARNING TO BOUNCE BACK FROM DISASTER

Some people seem to deal with disasters, large and small, and move on. Somehow they handle the pain and disappointment and go on with their lives.

Resilience appears to be an acquired skill, doctors say. It can be learned and used to get through a personal crisis, be it the end of a marriage, a financial disaster, or a death in the family. Understanding how to deal with it won't make a tough time less painful, but it can make it easier to live through.

Psychologists believe these techniques can help a person acquire resilience:

- Practice taking risks in your life. Make a speech, take dancing lessons and learn ways to cope with roadblocks and disappointments.

- Be in charge of your life. The victim mentality is deadly, so forget self-pity. Accept pain when it comes: Feel it, take responsibility for your life, and move on.

The more positive your self-dialog, the better. Dr. Al Siebert, co-author of *The Survivor Personality* (Berkeley Publishing), suggests listing possible solutions when a problem occurs. Create a game plan to give yourself a sense of control over the situation.

- Ask for help. Froma Walsh, Ph.D., professor at the University of Chicago, says relationships are important. Those who can confide their feelings to others are more resilient. Surround yourself with people who care and talk to them.

- Think positively. People who look on the positive side rebound more quickly. Remind yourself that the sadness will diminish over time. Look for small pleasures and keep your sense of humor.

- Find some meaning in tragedy. Maybe it brought your family closer together, or prompted you to work for a good cause. When you give to others, it is easier to appreciate what you do have.

You will be more resilient.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE WARREN WEEKLY.

The attached story was, written by Ella Blair, for my wife Halcyon Shelley. It was written, just before the time the Citizens Telephone Co. went, from Operators to the Dial system. Ella worked the all night shift and Halcyon, sometimes, worked with her until 9:00 p.m.. Halcyon was always intrigued with Ella talking about their moving to Brown County Ind. and her experiences there. Halcyon asked her to write some of them down for her. It was out of the goodness of her heart, Ella did write many of her and Harry's (her husband) experiences as she remembered them.

I recently found this story on 19 sheets of yellow paper, hand written, with a soft lead pencil. Having found it quite interesting, we have now typed it as near as possible, like it was written. We believe that there are surely many persons, who read the Warren Weekly, that remember Ella Blair and her cheerful cooperative "number please" voice on the telephone in the late night and very early hours. I am sure that

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 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.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.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
Pastor Sandy Richison, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youthquake (grades 7-12)..... 6:30 p.m. Sun
 Wednesday Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m.
 Exercise Class (Tues/Thurs)..... 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana
 765-934-2199
Rev. Pat Mullen, Interim 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
Interim Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15p.m.
 Mon. Bible Study (women).... 9:00 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-2031
Pastor Blake J. Neff
Youth Pastor Adam Pierce
 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 UMYF 6- 7:30 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.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mark S. Bendes, 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
Charles Dye, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Church 11:00 a.m.

WARREN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Mike Beall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handicap Accessible & Staff Nursery
WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Stephan Leininger, Pastor
Becky Hartley, SS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 - Pastor's Prayer Closet... 7:30a.m.
 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service... 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (Jr/Sr)..... 5:30p.m.
 Prayer Service 6:30p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 9:00a.m.
 Adv. Club (4yr-6th)..... 6-7:30p.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Bill Keen, Pastor
Ed Kessler, 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 (Sun.)..... 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
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 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.

ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
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Pastor - Steve Gray
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

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Office, Courthouse Room 209, 201 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN.

KISER NAMED TO BOARD

Ned J Kiser, of Huntington, has been appointed as a member of MarBanc Financial Corporation's Board of Directors, filling a vacant term that expires in March of 2004.

The appointment was approved by the MarBanc Board at their October meeting and took effect on December 13, 2001. It will be confirmed at the corporation's annual meeting in March.

Currently the Vice President for Advancement at Huntington College, Kiser has led the College's first broad-based capital campaign, with commitments exceeding \$42 million. Since 1995, he has managed all aspects of the College's advancement efforts which include annual giving programs, gift planning, alumni relations, church relations, community relations, public relations publications, and the HC website. He also serves on the Chief Institutional Advancement Officers Council of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

"We are extremely proud to have a person of Ned's character and background on the Board of Directors," said Board Chairman Donald Hoopingarner. "Our goal was to select a representative of the Huntington community as a whole and I think Ned fills that spot very well."

Kiser has served on MarBanc's Huntington Community Advisory Board that has been instrumental in the planning of MarkleBank's new Huntington Community Banking Center, located at 2845 Guilford Street, Huntington.

His professional background includes research and development, engineering, and management positions with MagneTek in Huntington; RCA in Indianapolis, Crown International in Elkhart, and Computer Applications Corporation in Ames, Iowa. Kiser holds a U.S. patent for the design of RCA'S ScelectaVision VideoDisc player and was instrumental in the development of the control Systems for RCA's first digital television set in the mid-1980s.

Kiser, extremely active in the Huntington community, attends College Park Church and is the current Vice President for Life-long Learning of Huntington County. He is active with both the Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation and the Lime City Economic Development Committee. He served on the Huntington College Board of Trustees from 1992-1995 and was co-chairman of Huntington County Tomorrow, a citizen-initiated community development planning project.

Kiser, originally from Audubon, Iowa, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University in 1976. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary in 1992, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Kiser and his wife Robin will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in April. They have two sons, Jason, a junior at Huntington College and Aaron, a junior at Huntington North High School.

MarBanc Financial Corporation operates MarkleBank, a full-service community bank, as well as Markle Insurance Services with offices located in Markle, Bluffton, Warren and Huntington, Indiana. MarBanc Financial also partners with Investment Centers of America, Inc. to offer investment and brokerage services to the bank's customers. MarkleBank, Markle Insurance Service and Investment Centers of America can be reached by calling MarkleBank's Customer Service Center toll-free at (888)753-3111.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting of 2002 on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. At 7 p.m. president Tony Manry called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A citizen in attendance complimented the new water lines and the way damaged sidewalks and lawns were restored.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report. Both vehicles were reported

running well. He said there had been no major problems during the holidays.

Collins said the Department plans to attempt to get new radios for the vehicles.

He also asked about getting numerical pagers for the Department at a cost of \$11.80 per month air time. Council was interested in the purchase but did not act on the matter until further information is obtained.

Engineer Ken Smith reported on progress of the new water plant. Council was unhappy with progress to date.

Senator Ford is scheduled to be at Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. for a public meeting.

Council voted to retain current officers for 2002: President Tony Many; Vice-President Marvin Surber; Fire Board, Marvin Surber and Dean Baker; Grant County Area Plan, Tony Manry.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 16.

WARREN COUNCIL

The Warren Town Council held their last meeting of 2001 on Thursday evening, December 27 at the Town Hall Annex. President Harold Jones opened the meeting at 5 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

A trash collection waiver was

granted to Huggy Bear/Town as dumpsters are used at other sites.

Election of officers for 2002 was held and resulted as follows: President, Harold Jones; Vice-President, Jackie Huffman; Financial Advisor, Financial Solution Group, Town Engineer, Schnelker Engineering and Attorney Ted Bendall. It was agreed to meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex building.

Marilyn Morrison had met on Thursday morning with Greg Guerretaz, Financial Advisor. He is scheduled to attend the Jan. 14 meeting of Council. At that time he will discuss a 2002 Business Plan, wastewater issues, and be at the Clerk-Treasurer's office to set 2002 year.

Darrel Bice reported on the Utility Department. He reported that now the water plant is done it will be necessary to test for iron and PH in water on a regular basis. Council agreed to purchase a

meter for testing at a cost of \$899. Backwash was set for Friday at the plant.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

GLAUCOMA DETECTION & TREATMENT

Indianapolis, IN - What do Ray Charles, Kirby Puckett, and Sen. John Glenn have in common? They are all high-profile celebrities famous for their unique talents, but statistically, they are just a few of the two to three million Americans age 40 and older that have glaucoma. Another five to 10 million individuals have elevated intraocular pressure (IOP), a risk factor for developing glaucoma.

The great R&B performer Ray Charles developed glaucoma at a very early age, never received treatment and went blind by age

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OUTSTANDING RESULTS

The United Methodist Memorial Home recently went through an annual review by the Indiana State Board of Health. During the 4-day review, there were as many as 6 surveyors in the building each day reviewing medical charts, resident rooms, dining rooms, and inspecting each department throughout the facility. The results of this intense review were outstanding. The State Board of Health survey team did not find anything out of order. The United Methodist Memorial Home takes great pride in the delivery of care to each resident daily. The Home employs approximately 400 staff members dedicated to the delivery of exemplary care and the achievement of excellence. The staff of the Home was very pleased to have a deficiency free survey.

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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 included.

Jan 11 Warren Recycle Day
Jan 12 KCC Board Meeting, 8 a.m. at KCC
Jan 14 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex
Jan 16 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 25 Warren Recycle Day
Jan 28 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex
Mar 22 Salamonie PRO's Carnival: food 5:15-7, games 6-8

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 **StoryTime at Warren Public Library** - Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. **Walking in the Gym** - 6am - Noon Mon - Fri

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7. While glaucoma is generally much more prevalent in people over the age of 40, childhood or congenital glaucoma affects approximately one in 10,000 babies and is usually diagnosed within the first year of life. It is a rare condition that may be inherited and is caused by incorrect or incomplete development of the eye's drainage paths during the prenatal period. This causes the intraocular pressure to increase, eventually damaging the optic nerve. Most cases are treated with surgery. Enlargement of the eye, cloudiness of the cornea and photosensitivity (sensitivity to light) are some symptoms of childhood glaucoma.

Former Minnesota Twins slugger and National Baseball Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett woke up one morning in 1996 at age 36 and could not see out of his right eye. He had blockage in the central retinal vein that drains blood from the retina. He was also diagnosed with glaucoma and underwent four surgeries to try to improve blood flow, but the sight in his right eye could not be saved. Luckily his left eye had not incurred damage yet and thanks to treatment, he has 20/20 vision in that eye. Puckett, like other blacks was statistically at a higher risk of developing glaucoma. Blacks are four to five times more likely to be blinded by glaucoma than Caucasians, and can develop it earlier with the risk increasing by age 35. Former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn has 20/20 vision at age 80. Yet a few years ago he was diagnosed with glaucoma and cataracts. He says that it is thanks to regular eye exams that he still has perfect vision. If the glaucoma had not been detected and treated, he would have suffered from partial or total vision loss.

In the early stages, there are no symptoms — no noticeable vision loss, no pain. By the time symptoms start to appear, some permanent damage to the eye has commonly occurred. But if glaucoma is diagnosed early, it is usually a very treatable condition.

Other risk factors for glaucoma include diabetes, family history, eye injuries/surgeries severe nearsightedness, or prolonged steroid drug usage. "When detected and treated, glaucoma's effects often can be halted or slowed. One of the most important things is to make people aware of the disease and the necessity of being tested for it," said Dawn Czarnik, Director of Marketing and Education for PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA.

"Detection methods and treatments for glaucoma have improved significantly in recent years", Czarnik said. In addition, as of Jan. 1, 2002 Medicare will pay for glaucoma detection exams in recipients who are 60 and older and at high risk, or have a family history of the disease. "PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA applauds this new benefit and hopes it will reduce the number of cases in older Americans and inevitably

prevent severe vision loss and blindness in thousands of people," Czarnik added.

During National Glaucoma Month, PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA urges people age 40 and older and those at high risk to educate themselves about the disease and undergo proper testing. The organization is offering a free brochure, Glaucoma: Sneak Thief of Sight. To obtain this free brochure or additional information on glaucoma, call 1-800-232-2551, ext. 14.

PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA is the state's only nonprofit eye health and safety organization. Since 1950, PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA has been saving the sight of Hoosiers through community vision screenings, public and professional education, eye safety awareness, patient service programs, and information & referral. For more information or to learn how to become involved with the programs of PREVENT BLINDNESS INDIANA, call 1-800-232-2551 or visit www.pbeye.org.

VICTORY FOR PRIVACY

Indianapolis, IN - A bill that was filed in the Indiana General Assembly this month, which would have allowed more telephone solicitors to contact Hoosiers registered on the Telephone Privacy List, was withdrawn today.

"My office is very pleased with the decision to withdraw the bill," Attorney General Steve Carter said. "The power of the people is apparent. There are already four exemptions in the existing law, and this bill would have opened the door for many more telephone solicitors to contact Hoosiers registered on the list. I think it's clear that people don't want more exemptions added to the law." Carter believes the phenomenal public support of this law has been instrumental in stopping challenges to the law.

"We saw the impact Hoosiers had in swaying the firefighters union to drop its lawsuit against the law last month," Carter added. "I think the Legislature has taken the public support of this law into consideration as well and has made the right decision to withdraw the bill."

More than 784,000 numbers are included on the first-quarterly list, which went into effect January 1, 2002. Since mid-December, another 100,000 phone numbers have been registered. These numbers will be added to the list's quarterly update and will take effect in April.

"It's a bit premature to change a law before it's even had a chance to work," Carter said. "We need to let the current law stay in place the next few months, then we can evaluate and make revisions if they are needed."

The Telephone Privacy List has been available to telephone solicitors since December 12, 2001, and so far, 391 solicitors have purchased the list.

"The law seems to be working, and many telephone solicitors seem to be complying with the law. So far, only 79 complaint

forms have been filed, which means that just a fraction of the people registered have filed complaints - that's just one complaint for every 10,000 numbers registered.

I expect even better compliance as we are able to educate more solicitors across the nation about our law," Carter said.

The Telephone Privacy Bill was passed unanimously by the Legislature last May and enforcement began January 1, 2002.

"It is our duty as elected officials to listen to what the citizens of Indiana are saying. They have shown us that they want some of their privacy back and because of that, it is very important for us to us to see the law working before any revisions or changes to the law are considered," Carter said.

Remember that there are four exemptions to the law. Those include, charitable organizations that use employees or volunteers, newspapers that use employees, real estate and insurance agents. If you are registered and receive a call from a solicitor, whom you do not believe is exempt there is certain information that you need to get in order to file a complaint.

You need to get the name of the firm, the date and time of the call, the product or service offered and the telephone number of the firm contacting you (this is not always possible, but it is important to make every effort to get a phone number).

You can download a complaint form at our Web site, www.in.gov/

attorneygeneral. You can also request a form by calling 1-812-355-5915.

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- Breakfast
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Pancake/sausage stick
 - January 15
Cinnamon toast
 - January 16
Scrambled eggs, toast w/butter
 - January 17
French toast sticks
 - January 18
Waffles w/syrup
- Lunch
Each meal includes milk
- January 14
Corn dog, baked beans, baked fruit dessert
 - January 15
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, sliced pears, bread stick
 - January 16
Chicken patty sandwich, potato rounds, pineapple tidbits, cookie
 - January 17
Pizza, buttered corn, sliced peaches, toffee bar
 - January 18
Sloppy joe sandwich, french fries, mixed fruit
- SALAMONIE MENUS**
Breakfast
Each meal includes milk and an option of cold cereal
- January 14

- Fruit juice, pancake/sausage on a stick w/syrup
January 15
- Chilled fruit, peanut butter toast
January 16
- Apple juice, sausage/gravy on a biscuit
January 17
- Orange juice, french toast sticks, sausage links
January 18
- Grape juice, cheese omelet, sausage
January 15
- Lunch
Each meal includes chocolate or white milk. Each MS () meal also includes options of peanut butter/jelly sandwich, or chef salad with crackers and fruit basket choice.
January 14
- Corn dog (Burrito w/cheese sauce), california blend, apple wedges, elfin grahams
January 15
- Taco salad w/chips & salsa (quarterpounder w/cheese), shredded lettuce, peaches, brownies
January 16
- Shaved turkey on a bun (breaded tenderloin sandwich), buttered corn, orange wedges, blueberry muffin
January 17
- Macaroni/cheese with a peanut butter sandwich (quarterpounder w/cheese), green beans, carrot sticks, fruit roll-up
January 18
- French bread pizza (ham salad on wheat), comb. salad, pineapple chunks, choc chip cookies



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The Family of Marceil Allen would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of compassion, support, prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, and visits during the illness and recent death of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Words cannot express how much this all meant to our entire family. A special thank you to all who helped make her funeral services so beautiful and special. May the Lord richly bless each and every one of you!

Again Thank You
From All The Family

MILLER

A memorial service was held Friday Dec 14, 2001 in the Portland, OR Church of Religious Science for Barbara Lynn Miller, who died on Dec. 9 at the age of 51.

Ms. Miller was born Dec. 7, 1950 in Denver CO she moved to Portland in the late 80s and was a self-employed private care provider.

Survivors include her mother, Lutura J. of Lakewood, Co. (formerly of Warren), sister, Paula S. DeGroat, Arvada, Co., and brother Ronald K of Leesburg, Fla., Grandmother Verda Maddock, Warren.

Remembrances to a memorial fund in her name at her church.

EARLES

Linda L. Earles, 57, a resident of the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, died at 1:10 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 5, 2002) at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Miss Earles had worked for the United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, as a seamstress for 24 years. She was a 1962 graduate of Huntington (W. Va.) High School and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Huntington, W. Va.

She was born Aug. 10, 1944, in Huntington, W. Va., a daughter of William Andrew Earles and Audrey Mae Clelland Earles.

Survivors include a sister, Patsy Jean Earles, Columbus, Ohio.

Services were held at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren with Rev. John Bellante officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Memorial Park in Huntington, W. Va.

Glancy Funeral Homes, H.

Brown and Son Chapel, Warren, was in charge of arrangements.

SHAW

Jacob G. Shaw, 82, Warren, died at 7:03 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 3, 2002) at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Shaw and his father, the late Glen Shaw, owned and operated the Bellville Feed Mill in Huntington County. He was a trainer and owner of standard breeds and belonged to the United States Trotting Association. He was a retired employee of the Farm Bureau Co-Op elevator in Van Buren.

He was a lifetime resident of Huntington County. He attended Jefferson Township High School.

Mr. Shaw was born Jan. 6, 1919, in Huntington County, to Glen and Nora Love Shaw.

Survivors include a brother, Dwight Shaw, McCordsville, and three sisters, Mrs. Lee (Naomi) Miller, Urbana, Glenora Shook, Marion, and Mrs. Paul (Martha) Harrold. A brother, Lewis M. Shaw, and two sisters, Wilma Gruver and Rosadene Moore, preceded him in death.

Calling hours were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown and Son Chapel, Warren. There were no funeral services. Burial was at the Lancaster Cemetery; burial services were private.

GEMMER

A memorial service was held Jan. 5 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Uniondale, for Arden Charles Gemmer, 84, who died Dec. 18, 2001, at his home in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Mr. Gemmer was born in Nov. 23, 1917 in Huntington, to Charles and Irene Notter Gemmer. His marriage was in September 1941, in Zanesville, to the former Betty Hoopingartner. She died in February 2000.

Survivors include three sons, David Gemmer of Alamo, Calif., James Gemmer of Suisan, Calif. and Robert Gemmer, of Healdsburg, Calif.; three sisters, Geraldine Clancy of Warren, Gladys Tharp of Huntington, and

Phyllis Gruber of Cheyenne, Wyo.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Gemmer, Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 21 in California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

KENDALL

A brother of George "Nevin" Kendall of Liberty Center, Isaac William "Ike" Kendall, 81, of Wabash, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002 at Community Care Center in Wabash.

Born in Wabash County, he retired in 1980 as postmaster at Silver Lake after six years. He also had owned Kendall's General Store in Richvalley from 1949 until 1974.

Mr. Kendall was a veteran of U.S. Army service during World War II and was a past president of the 448th Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion Association.

Surviving, in addition to the brother at Liberty Center, are his wife, Doris Ellen; a daughter, Mary Evans of Wabash; a son, Robert N. of Ward, Colo.; two sisters, Janet Boyer of Wabash and Marguerite Stickler of Elwood; a grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel in Wabash. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery at Wabash.

Masonic services were held at the Chapel.

Memorials to the Wabash County Cancer Society.

WELSH

Robert D. "Peanut" Welsh, 75, of rural Liberty Center, died at 9:58 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2001 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Welsh retired in 1985 after employment with the Skiles Company in Bluffton.

He served during World War II as a seaman first class with the U.S. Navy and was a member of

American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton.

He was born in Wells County Sept. 28, 1926 to Kenneth and Esther Smith Welsh. His marriage at Bluffton on Jan. 19, 1951 was to Norma L. Bunting, who died Jan. 3, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Edward A. of Liberty Center; four brothers, William, Daniel and Eugene, all of Bluffton, and Thomas of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren. A son, Lonnie, a sister, and a grandchild are deceased.

Services were held at Goodwin Memorial Chapel with Rev. Tom Bradley officiating and burial in Fairview Cemetery at Bluffton.

Memorials to Wells County Council on Aging or to the Sonlight Church.

SHUMM

Frederick E. Shumm, 79, of Bluffton, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 1, 2002 in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shumm was an engineer for more than 44 years with the Erie Lackawanna Railroad.

He was a veteran of U.S. Army service during World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton.

He was born in Bluffton Feb. 12, 1922 to Clark and Blanche Shumm. A first marriage was to Mary Jane Seabold, who died in 1972, and his second marriage was to Ann C. Shumm, who died in 1990.

Additional survivors are three daughters, Mrs. James (Penelope) Nottler of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Rick (Pamela) Myers of Bluffton, and Prudence Shumm of Huntington; two stepdaughters, Marie Kaiser of Seattle, Wash., and Mary Beth Berning of New York City; two stepsons, Thomas Berning of Grand Rapids and Chris Berning of Fort Wayne; and several grandchildren. A brother, Joe Mettler, is deceased.

Services were held at the Hart Funeral Home in Huntington with Father Larry Kramer and Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial was in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in

Huntington.

Memorials to the American Heart Association.

MILLER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Vesta Lena Miller, 99, died Dec. 27, 2001 in Florida Christian home.

She was born, October 1, 1902 in Fulton County to the late Abraham Biggs and Emily Bailey. In 1921, she married Howard Miller. He died in 1969.

In the early 1930s, she and her husband moved to Illinois where they worked in oil fields. In the early 1960s, the couple moved to Van Buren after they retired. In 1972, Mrs. Miller took a job with a school for mentally handicapped adults in Columbia, Mo. She retired from the school in 1987 and moved to Jacksonville, where she had lived for the past 16 years. She was a member of Van Buren Central Christian Church.

Surviving are nephews, Howard Biggs, Jacksonville, Fred Biggs, Wabash, and Robert Biggs, Deltona; and a niece, Betty Smyser, Fort Wayne.

Services were held in Ferguson Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, with the Rev. Pat Mullin officiating. Burial was in Van Buren Cemetery.

BIRTHS


Mr and Mrs Jason T. (Angie L Sleppy) Duncan of Bluffton are the parents of a daughter, Mackenzie Lynn, born at 6:17 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2001 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Kandy Sleppy of Liberty Center; Barry and Connie Duncan of Bluffton and the late Gary Sleppy. Great-grandparents are Walt and Virginia McMillen of Bluffton, Leon and Ruth Sleppy of Keystone, Mick and Becky Miller of Bluffton and Dale Duncan of Uniondale. Great-great-grandmothers is Stella Stroud of Bluffton.


Mr and Mrs James Emory (Tiffany Lynn Long) Loftis of Warren are the parents of a daughter, Jaylin Sue-Marie, born at 10:52 p.m. Saturday, December 29, 2001 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. She joins sibling James Michael Jr, age 4 and Jordyn Elizabeth, age 2.

Grandparents are Sue Long and Randy McClain, both of Warren and Michael and Joyce Loftis of Van Buren. Great-grandparents are Nellie Evans, of Crum, WV, Doris Hiner of Warren, Marietta and Tom Pulley and Bud and Joanne Thwaites, all of Marion.

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New Books received at the Library include:

Adult fiction – Heaven and Earth by Roberts; Deadly Grace by Smith; Pursuit by Perry; The Surgeon (large print) by Gerritsen; The Jazz Bird by Holden; Starting Over by Pilcher; Next of Kin by Trollope; Land of a Thousand Dreams by Hoff; Sincerely Yours by Lacy; Star Light, Star Bright by Stone; To Trust a Stranger by Robards.

Adult non-fiction – Lasik: A Guide to Laser Vision Correction; The Macular Degeneration Sourcebook; Satellite Sisters; Around America by Walter Cronkite (large print); The Warrior Elite; Downtown: It's Rise & Fall; The Well-Mannered Dog; Get With the Program by Bob Greene; Every Breath You Take; Miracles Happen.

Youth – Daily Life Strategies for Teens; Red, White, Blue and Uncle Who?; How the Grinch Got So Grinchy; Huffy Meets the Groundhog; Clifford's Valentines; H is for Hoosier.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Ladies Euchre Club met at the home of Sharron Roush on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. High score for the evening went to Joan Huffman, with low to Mary Jo Zoda and most lones to Carolyn Carroll. Others enjoying the evening were Venita Banter, Jo Banter, Marge Jones, Mary Ann Monce, Jane Lieurance, Phyllis Dickey, Jackie Huffman, and Marjorie Michaud.

The February gathering will be held at the home of Carolyn Carroll.

VISITED

Mrs. Norma Thompson spent the Christmas Holidays in the home of Richard and Judie Rush, Hoopston, IL.

HAHE BASKETBALL

On Friday (01/04) the H.A.H.E. Eagles (Huntington Area Home Educators Basketball team) played the Lima Heat (an Ohio Home School team). The Boys Junior Varsity Eagles won 33-31, Ben Burnworth & Blaine Hitzfield both had 10 points for HAHE & Joshua Smith had 10 for the Heat. The JV Eagles record stands at 3-6

The Boys Varsity Eagles, 70-60.

HAHE guard Blake Hitzfield led the scoring with 28 points, Paul Meehan had 16 points. The Heat Matt Stoodt had 40.

The Varsity Eagles are 6-4 for this season.

The Lady Eagles JV lost 22-37 and are now 0-2. Shana Beer had 8 points. Courtney Clyner had 14 points for the Heat.

The Lady Eagles Varsity won 36-34 and are now 3-6. Joni Halsey led the scoring with 15 points, Drew Wiedman had 12. The Heat Kim Meyer had 9, Kristen Schroeder 8.

CYCLE II GRANTS

The Huntington County Community Foundation Inc announced 2001 CYCLE II grants on December 13, 2001. Twenty-one applications were received, seven of which were from first-time applicants. Total amount requested was \$203,971.20. Grants totaling \$53,000 were awarded to;

Pathfinder Services Inc. \$15,000 - develop plan for handicapped accessible playground

Markle Public Library \$12,500 repair and renovation of new building

LOVE Inc. \$ 9,000 - help with Phase I of renovation of new location

Boys & Girls Club of Htgn. Co. \$ 5,000 - funds for growth of Power Hour-daily homework help and tutoring program

LaFontaine Arts Council \$ 2,500 - funding for "Arts in Education" program Adrian Ross for all elementary students

Council Against Domestic Violence of Htgn. Co. \$2,000 - programs to provide education about and community awareness of domestic violence

Children's Choir of Htgn. Co \$ 2,000 - expenses for participation in Niagara Falls Children's Music Festival

Huntington County Emergency Management \$1,500 - for portable generator with 500 Quartz light for use at nighttime scenes

Purdue Cooperative Extension Office \$1,500 - for educational resources to teach life skills, leadership and career development to Htgn Co. youth

Huntington Police Athletic/Activities League \$1,000 - materials for youth environment and conservation education program - Sense of Nature-Sense of Wonder

Huntington County Leadership \$1,000 - expenses for development of Huntington Co Youth Leadership Academy, Sept 2002

The Huntington County Community Foundation Grants Committee included Mr. Ed Michel, Mr. Tom Scheer, Mr. John Decker, Mrs. Kathy Branham. HCCF semi-annual grants are awarded from interest compiled from the Unrestricted Endowment Fund. Your gifts, donations and contributions to the Unrestricted Fund will enable the foundation to continue to meet the charitable needs in Huntington County.

POETRY WINNER

Contest judges recently notified Barbara Nelson Blinn that she is the recipient of the following awards in the 2001 annual state poetry writing contests.

MASSACHUSETTS: 3-1st

PLACE AWARDS; 1-3rd PLACE AWARD

FLORIDA: 4th PLACE AWARD

OHIO: 2 - 4th PLACE AWARDS

WEST VIRGINIA: 1st PLACE AWARD

MINNESOTA: HONORABLE MENTION

INDIANA: 3rd PLACE AWARD; 4th PLACE AWARD; 2 HONORABLE MENTIONS

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Barbara has won numerous poetry writing awards in 15 different states. Both The World of Poetry in California and The National Library of Poetry in Massachusetts have published her poems in anthologies. In 1999, one of her poems was among only 12 selected by editors at The National Library of Poetry to be recorded on tape. In addition, her work has been featured in prominent poetry publications including The Poet's Voice published by the Southern

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Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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DISASTER CLASSES

The Huntington County Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring two disaster classes during the month of January. The Damage Assessment and the Family Services: Providing Emergency Assistance class will each be held in the Red Cross office.

The Damage Assessment course will be held on Monday evening, January 14 from 6-9 p.m. This course teaches participants how to access the damage done to a home due to fire, flood, and etc. Participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with the paperwork used in accessing the damage. The Damage assessment function is the first function normally called out in a disaster. They access the damage and make the determination if additional responders are needed. All participants must have completed Introduction to Disaster (a course which can be taught to groups or as a self-study).

The Family Services: Providing Emergency Assistance course will be held on January 21 & 23 from 6-10 p.m. This course introduces participants to the family service function by providing you with the skills and tools needed to conduct an effective client interview and to meet the client's immediate, disaster caused emergency need. This is one of the functions that work directly with the disaster client. A disaster client's emergency needs may be shelter, food and etc.; however, each disaster is different and the emergency needs will vary. All participants must have completed Introduction to Disaster.

By receiving disaster training, you may be eligible to become a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team. This group responds to local disasters and provides assistance as needed, maintains the Red Cross disaster plan, obtains disaster vendors, obtains shelters, gives disaster presentations, and etc. The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team has individuals available 24 hours a day to provide for the client's disaster caused needs. Some members of this group are also trained to provide services to members of the armed forces and their families. The American Red Cross is mandated by Congress to provide disaster services and armed forces emergency services. These services are provided without funding from the government. To register for either of the FREE disaster classes, please contact Carol at 356-2910, htgnredcross@onlyinternet.net, or you may stop by the Red Cross Office at 12 West Market Street in Huntington. All participants must be registered by Friday, January 11.

PAST PRESIDENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Beta Delta Past Presidents met Dec. 10, Mon., in the Innis Party room at the UMM Home. Susan Ralston was hostess.

Rosemary Zeller read Christmas poems from Ideals, entitled "Christmas; Welcome to Bethlehem and The Greatest Gift".

Opal Brubaker presided and Carol Irick read the Oct. minutes. A bill for postage was allowed. The girls were thanked for meals served in Oct. Susan presented the moneymaker concerning questions about Christmas.

Kings on the Corner was played with high Peg Maddock; low Opal Brubaker. The hostess served a pumpkin dessert with tea or wassil. Gifts were exchanged.

Present: Glendora Booher, Sharon Gebhart Georgia Poulson, Marie Wood and those previously mentioned.

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Halcyon would want to share this story with them and others.

Sincerely,

M. Dean Shelley, Palmetto Fl.
(Editor's Note: Due to the length of this article, it will appear in pieces until the complete article has been published.)

At this writing it is March 6-1960. I am 76.

Dear Halcyon:

This is specially for you.

Harry's father always longed to live in the south but never could. They moved from Warren to Akron, Ohio where Harry's mother was born. Her mother was still living there. Harry's father was George Blair.

When we were married Geo Blair was still reading in papers how cheap land was 38 miles from Indpls and thought it was a wonderful opportunity for a young person. He got so interested that he said he would send us money every week and some day he would come live with us. Harry learned the trade of building rubber tires. Akron is a great rubber place. So his mother wanted us to

buy a place in Akron but his father said factory work was a dog's life and of course Harry listened to his father. But he saved his money, also got a new corn planter and plow & cultivator and my mother was keeping me so all in all things seemed promising.

When Harry saved what he thought would do he left his job and headed for Nashville Brown Co. Must have been thrilling - going to buy a little farm and on his way he stopped in Indpls, bought a horse & a one horse wagon. Looked good standing still.

He never lies told me how long it took him to drive the 38 miles - He sent for me as I was anxiously waiting. He had already bought 20 acres from a man named Breedlove - was in the paper but no one was racing for it so Harry was in plenty of time. Was 1911 and Ralph was 7 mts old. I packed and started on the train to see something I had never seen before.

My Mother was heart broken for she would miss the baby. All I knew was that people should make a start so with aiming to be a good helper we ventured.

The 20 acres cost \$200.00 A house & barn & chicken house without a roof. On the train it was pleasant. I never had been as far away as Indpls. ever before but it was dark when I got there and Baby & I and bag & baggage. I walked up to a desk in this large Depot where the man was yelling "Train on track so & so" and I finely got his attention and I ask him where I could get a train to Helmsburg because Nashville didn't leave a train, was to many hills. So he says, can't get out of here till next day in the evening. All I said what will I do and he said you go downstairs in the Rest Room and when it gets late we leave to lock you in but you will be safe. Wemon come & went out of that place till 1:00 and I heard the door lock but I trusted the man & Ralph fell asleep and I sit in a rocker all night. I would take care of my baby better there than any where else and I was thankful.

Took the train that evening and

was on the last lap - Man at depot ask me how we got along and I thanked him and we took the train for Helmsburg.

Everyone on that train had a snake story. Salt Creek was near where our place was, Owl Creek was near Nashville but the rattlers were over near Jackson Creek they would say. But there were copperheads on our place I found out later. But mostly black snakes. So much for snakes. Ha.

That night was about 9:00 pm the train stopped at Helmsburg. I needed help for I had "gocart" and everything and there was only one man at the Depot and I didn't know him, He came up to me, he was tall and I knew I had good luck so far and the man says are you Mrs Blair? I says yes. Well he said "Harry told me to drive you out to the farm. I trusted him but I thought we never would get there. This man was Mr. Bond that run a Livery Barn out of Nashville. The Bonds were undertakers. They were not poor people. So the rocky road first I bumped him then he bumped me and he said the Brown Co. roads could never be any better but today they are perfect.

Finely I couldn't help wondering and I said "Are you sure where this place is? He said yes he said was 4 miles. The longest 4 miles I ever knew.

We readied the little house - Harry had a little light "coal oil lamp" He was waiting up for us. Well I left my mothers home so cosy & nice and went to a house no better or as good as a barn. Yet I was anxious to see around and I knew anything could be made better. We had plenty of furniture but Harry had been there a week and never unpacked a thing. He set up the bed and he let the neighbors keep him and they were so poor.

I was so tired, had sit up all night in a chair but the trip out here from the train was so rough yet when we went to bed I couldn't sleep. Harry & I talked & talked, he said he had a wagon & horse he picked up in Indpls and that we were not in debt for anything. I was so happy to not be in debt so made up my

mind things could be worse. The house was thin' you could hear for ever so far. Those people trained dogs for fox chase and were up on the Ridge all night.

The log barn of ours wasn't bad and I could hear a stomp and then the horse coughed and I says Oh My I bet you bought an old Gray Mare and Harry said no sir he is red & big feet.

Next day was the first day in the new home-Took quite a while to get the yard cleaned & barn lot. A dug well in back yard walled up with rock was nice. Let down a bucket & drew it up.

(Sketch of a small house) 3 rooms. The square slat rock made our walks and I was real proud of them. We had a lawn mower but did washing on the board - Harry had nice tools to work with. We soon had to change horses so there was no way only for me to sign off the life insurance and of course I was sad to do that.

But we bought Topsy. She was so pretty and got a buggy and I drove with Ralph and enjoyed that very much. Lots of places you couldn't drive so I would take Ralph on the horse & we went all around to see how crops were coming along.

Those people like any where else had good hearts, so when they came to your house they would stand out in the road and yell Hello" and Harry would go to the door and ask them in. One man gave us 12 duck eggs to set. We had a dozen Hens and another man gave us a pig and he said she coughed and he didn't want her in with the nest. She was a white polensliena and she had 6 little pigs. Harry had to go back to Akron to work every winter and these pigs came in spring before he got back home. I took care of that & wrote & told him the news. Ralph didn't know his father when he came home.

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