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Thought for the Week: *We live in deeds, not years; In thoughts no breaths; In feelings, not in figures on a dial.* David Bailey



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

Back by popular demand, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson rings in the holiday season at the Pulse. The timeless story of the horrible Herdman kids and their attack on the annual Christmas Pageant rehearsals has been charming readers since 1972.

The Christmas Pageant had all the markings of disaster. The director broke her leg and ended up in the hospital. The Herdman kids showed up and disrupted rehearsals by stealing Twinkies, smoking cigars and bullying their way into playing Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men and the Angel of the Lord. Grace Bradley, the newly elected pageant director, never manages to get through the whole show prior to the evening of performance. Despite all the problems, the pageant goes on, reminding everyone of the real reason for the season.

The Pulse production features a cast of over 40, mostly between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. Playing major roles are Chuck Duke, Julie Turney, Vanessa Haigh and Nick Stucky as the Bradley family. The Herdmans are played by Trevor Bracht, Kayla Smyth, William Balding, Zachary Tolen, Reece Sweet and Johanna Ashley. The show is directed by Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok with technical direction by Ron Wartzok. This show is highly recommended for the entire family.

Students from Bluffton High School, Crestview, Flint Springs, Horace Mann, Riverview, Roanoke, and Salamonie will attend special school matinees on November 29 & 30. There is still limited space available for the Thursday morning show. Teachers or home schoolers who are interested in attending should call (260) 375-7017 for more information.

Show times are November 23, 24, 29, 30 & December 1, 6, 7 & 8 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. In the spirit of the season, the Pulse is offering a \$2 discount for an adult ticket for each item brought in for the Food Pantry. The pantry is in need of all items, but has specifically requested chili beans, pork & beans, canned fruit, soups and crackers. (Only one discount per item. Cannot be combined with any other offer.)

Tickets may be reserved by going to the website www.pulseoperahouse.org or by calling (260) 375-7017. The Pulse Opera House is located at 127 1/2 Wayne Street (on State Road 5) in downtown Warren, Indiana.

Pictured above: (L-R) Kevin Haigh and Hixon Turney as Shepherds.

CHRISTMAS DRIVES

Dollar General is a collection site for the St Jude's Thanks for Caring drive and the Salamonie Active Men Toy Drive.

Won't you please help out these two worthy charities while shopping?

MEMORIAL BOWS

The annual sale of memorial bows to decorate the Community Memorial Christmas Tree is again being sponsored by the Warren Chamber of Commerce. The proceeds go toward Christmas Lighting projects. The bows, two dollars each, are purchased in memory of a deceased person (white bow) or to honor a person living (red bow) and are the only decoration on the tree except for lights. The name of the person being honored is written on the bow before its placement on the tree. The Community Christmas Tree is a special memorial this year as Sandy Hethcote is donating it in memory of her late daughter Jodi. The tree, planted at the Hethcote home in memory of Jodi at the time of her death, is now too large for the space. In special recognition of Jodi, the tree is being donated to the community and is being done so in dedication to all families of those who have lost a loved one.

WINTER WARREN LAND

Tentative Schedule: Friday November 23, 2005

6:00 pm Santa arrives in downtown Warren at the corner of Second and Wayne Street to meet and greet children of all ages escorted by the Warren Fire Department.

6:15 — 6:30 pm Santa oversees the lighting of the downtown including building lighting, the newly installed Christmas lighting center piece, poles, etc furnished through the town of Warren and the Warren Area Chamber's annual sale of memorial bows for the community Christmas tree.

6:15 — 6:30 pm Santa, using Christmas magic, lights the Memorial Community Christmas Tree filled with lights and memorial bows.

6:30 — 6:45 The Santa Walk — Santa and children of all ages walk through a pathway of luminaries to the Knight Bergman Center to participate in the spectacular annual lighting of the Center grounds and building.

6:45 — Santa meets and greets children for serious conversation about their Christmas wish list in the auditorium of the Knight Bergman Center. A photo of each child talking with Santa and a small

gift helps usher in the Christmas Holiday. Adults welcome also as the smell of cookies baking helps to announce the Holiday Season along with coffee and hot chocolate to keep the spirits high, no matter the weather.

8:00 pm Pulse Opera House opens "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" which will run for three week-ends and features LOTS of local children.

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IT PAYS TO SHOW UP!

Warren Area Chamber held their 2nd "Warren Chamber Gift Certificates" drawing on Wednesday night November 14th. There were about 45 people present for the drawing.

The first drawing was for \$100 in "Warren Chamber Gift Certificates", and the first name drawn was Brenda Bowers. Since Brenda was NOT present (but seen driving thru town shortly thereafter), the second name drawn was Don Slusher! (Yes, that is her dad!) Since Don was NOT present, the next name was Homer Kline. Once again, no one came forward to claim the prize. After Jeff Souder reached deep into the hundreds of entries received, he pulled out the fourth name and they WERE present to claim \$100 in "Warren Chamber Gift Certificates". The lucky winner was JACK SILLS! Does that name seem familiar? Well it should, because he is the same person that won the drawing last month! So see, it pays to show up after you sign up!!

The biggest loser of the night was Lyle Meece! (Sorry Lyle, but I couldn't think of a better word!) If he had been present at the drawing, he would have taken home \$200 in "Warren Chamber Gift Certificates"! Since he was not there to claim the prize, it will carry forward until the December drawing, making that draw worth \$300 in "Warren Chamber Gift Certificates"!

You still have a few days left to enter the December drawing. Remember, the names from the November drawing do not get re-entered. You must go to the businesses that have the sign up boxes, and sign up again.

Stop in at Citizens Telephone, East of Chicago Pizza, Gebharts Floral Barn, Heritage Point, or Salamonie Mills Tack & Supply to sign up before the end of the month. Next drawing will be held on Wednesday December 12th at 6:30 PM downtown.

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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, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.375.7007 or email to wwkly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

Just a note to say Thank you to all who voted for me in the recent election. Your vote is greatly appreciated. Also, a big thank you to all who came out and exercised their right to vote.

Sincerely,

Julia Glessner
Town Council Member

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to everyone who sent cards, called or attended the Open House honoring Arthur Gard's 95th birthday and our 73rd wedding anniversary.

Arthur and Marjorie Gard

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who attended my Open House and those who sent cards and flowers.

An especial thanks to my family for surprising me with the entire 90th birthday activities. It was a great day.

Mary Brown

BASKETBALL THANKS

A big thank you goes out to Gordon Laymon and Warren Cable for the new Big Ten Channel (channel 15). All the hard work of getting this channel is greatly appreciated by the local sports fans.

JUST A SUGGESTION ...

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to the address below. If everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

A Recovering American Soldier
 c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

Our Thanksgiving celebration is over and we always have a nice time with our girls and their families. Now I am trying to get in the Christmas mode. Did get some outside things up while the weather was nice and warm.

As the holiday time approaches I always reflect back to past years, many were very happy and some were a bit sad. At home Christmas and gift buying was not a big priority at our house as was probably with other homes that were recovering from the depression area like we were. Also with World War 2 many homes were separated from loved ones. At our home we had our dad at home and no brothers old enough to be in service. (He was only 4) But I had uncles, cousin and brother in law serving in combat areas and was deeply concerned about their safe keeping. Not having a big brother they took the place of him so I had 4 to be proud of. Mom was always sending care boxes to them, even with the sugar rationing, she made things stretch to send things quite often to all of them. We kids always shared our time helping get the boxes ready. I can remember one time when it was really hard to see the boxes packed up, it was Christmas and Mom made extra for the boys to share. That particular year it was especially hard time for all but she managed to get it all together. She always made white divinity fudge with black walnuts that was a staple for us at Christmas time plus different kinds of cookies. When we were packing the boxes we thought surely we would get at least a bite of that wonderful white fudge, but we

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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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.

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

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor - Interim
Youth Minister Lynne Payne

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
 Focus Youth Group - Sun 6:30-8:30p.m.
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Word of Life — Majenica
Rev. Malcolm & Jackie Howell
 260/356-1246
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Eve. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
 Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.

Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.
HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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

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

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Rev Mark Davis
 Bus Service 375-2510

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

JEFFERSON CENTER UNITED METHODIST
 Corner of 900S & 300W
Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
468-2411
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Pastor Dan Sommer

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dan Helm, Pastor
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

McNATT UNITED METHODIST
375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m.
 Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

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

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

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbun, Pastor

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Rev. Rick Pulling, Interim 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.

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.

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375-3022

Gerald O. Moreland, Minister
Todd Winkler, Youth Minister
Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life

Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
Rev. Andy Trowbridge, Pastor
Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service.. 7:00p.m.
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 Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Saturday, November 24
9:00 - 11:00 am - "Santa at the Center" Children have another opportunity to meet and greet Santa, have a picture taken, receive a small gift and share cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. Santa's elves, local girl scouts, help to ensure that every child is entertained throughout the visit.
Events supported through the efforts of the Town of Warren, Warren Area Chamber of Commerce, Knight-Bergman Center, Warren Fire Department, and many community volunteers and businesses.

SOUP SUPPER

The Warren Sportsman's Club is sponsoring a Free Soup Supper on Wednesday, December 5th, from 5:30-8:00pm. Please come out to the Sportsman's Club and have a meal on us. All that we ask is that you bring a canned or non-perishable food item to help us give to needy families in the area. We will be serving three kinds of soup: Chile, Vegetable, and Potato. The Sportsman's Club members want to thank the entire community for all of their loyal support. We really appreciate all that you have done for us, so please come and let us Thank you in person and give you a free meal.
We look forward to seeing you on December 5th.

FRESH CIDER IN WELLS

Rex and Vivian Drennen and their family are striving to continue the rich tradition of making fresh unpasteurized apple cider for our community. The Drennens purchased apple equipment from Bill and Cheryl Donaghy, including the apple press that was used at Donaghy's Orchard of Ossian and was originally from Dick and Edie Myers of Myers Orchard on 116 East. The Drennens are using Bill Donaghy's cider recipe which has gained many loyal customers over the years. Rex and Vivian get their apples from an Indiana apple orchard and press it at the Pumpkin Kingdom fresh each week. The cider is available at the Pumpkin Kingdom in Southern Wells County at 6310 W 1100 S-90, Montpelier, IN on Tuesday thru Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm or at the Bluffton Farmer's Market indoors beside Subway on Saturdays 9am to noon.

This year Rex and Vivian have begun bringing fresh picked high quality fruit into the community beginning with strawberries in late May, summer apples, peaches and blueberries in the summer months and apples in the fall. The Drennens also raise a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables from their own farm including sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, bedding plants, squash and pumpkins as well as honey from their own hives and hope to

plant apple trees soon to start their own orchard. The orchard would enhance their established farm market and provide another avenue for educational tours which are now principally about pumpkins. The Drennens know their new apple cider business will only survive with community support and hope that people will be willing to come out to the farm or visit the farmers market in Bluffton to purchase their products. "This has been a large investment for us in time, effort and finances and we need good sales to keep the cider tradition going in our community" states Vivian Drennen.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Dogwood Glen and Kim's Katered Affair will be hosting Wednesday Lunch Buffet on November 28th from 11am-1pm. Menu will include: Rueben and Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Broccoli Cheese and Vegetable Beef Soups, Pasta Salad, Spinach Salad, Overnight Salad, Apple and Fruit Salads, Assorted Desserts and Beverages. Cost is: \$7 for Adults, \$3.50 for 10 & under. Interested Parties please call Dogwood Glen at 375-4750. Carry-out is also Available. The next Wednesday Lunch Buffet will be December 12th.

CLOSED FOR TRAINING

The Warren Clerk-Treasurer's Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 28th so that staff can attend annual software training in Wabash.

YULETIDE SPECTACULAR

The Mississinewa Valley Band presents A Yuletide Spectacular on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. The show will be held at the Phillippe Performing Arts Center on the Indiana Wesleyan University campus in Marion. This annual celebration is sure to please with its variety of Christmas songs and array of musical guests, including the College Wesleyan Bell Choir, the Mississinewa Valley Swing Band and talented vocalists from the Grant County area. There is no charge to attend and complimentary refreshments will be served following the performance.

The Mississinewa Valley Band is Grant County's community band and is headquartered in Marion, Indiana. It began in 2000, and is under the direction of John Brane. Members of the band vary in age and proficiency level and enjoy performing a variety of music for a number of different venues. The band's aim is to provide quality entertainment that is accessible to everyone; no admission fee is ever charged to attend performances. Experience for yourself why so many others have made attending A Yuletide Spectacular a holiday tradition. Make the Mississinewa Valley Band part of your holiday celebration this year.

KITCHEN GADGETS

This is a special interest lesson sponsored by Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. This Kitchen Gadgets Lesson will be presented by Kristi Henry. The date is December 5, 2007 at the CrownPointe Communities in

Hartford City, (formerly Heritage Commons). This will be a lesson to inform individuals of current food items (healthy or otherwise) as well as current trends & kitchen items that we "must" or "must not" use or just simply can't live without. Reservations will be limited, so make your reservation today! Please make your reservation by December 3, 2007, by calling the Blackford County Extension Office at 765-348-3213. Please come join the fun!

CHRISTMAS WALK

It's time for McNatt's second Christmas Walk! The McNatt Church ladies of Friendship Circle have been working hard to get everything ready to get you into the Christmas spirit once again. This year's event will take place on Saturday, December 1st starting with brunch at 9:30am. Following the meal will be a craft demonstration and then the opportunity to tour three decorated locations, one being the fully decorated fellowship hall and church. Many Christmas items will also be on sale including Shirley's American Girl doll clothes. Tickets for this event are only \$5 and can be purchased from Lois Slusher

260.375.3845, Sally Le-wellen 765.348.5502 or any Friendship Circle member. Grab some friends, send the men and kids off to do some Christmas shopping and come enjoy a relaxing ease into this joyous holiday season.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

The holiday shopping season is well underway. Shoppers rush from store to store, overloaded with purchases, searching for the perfect gift. Many do not realize they carry the perfect gift year round—lifesaving blood. This holiday season, donate blood with the American Red Cross and give the gift of life.

By donating blood you have the potential to help save up to three lives this holiday season. Your gift of life may treat cancer patients, premature babies, burn victims or people with blood disorders. Giving blood is always the perfect gift.

You can help boost the blood supply this holiday season by donating blood at one of the following blood drives:

* Monday, Dec. 10. at Evangelical United Methodist Church from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Evangelical United

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Christmas Open House

November 23 - 25

Fri 9-5 Sat 9-2 Sun 12-2

Drawings for 2 Door Prizes

PJ's Flower & Gift Shop

M-T-W-F 9-5: Th & S 9-12

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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.

- Nov 21 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
 - Nov 22 **THANKSGIVING**
 - Nov 26 Warren Recycle Day
 - Nov 26 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Dec 5 Warren Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Assembly Hall
 - Dec 5 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
 - Dec 7 Warren Recycle Day
 - Dec 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Dec 11 KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
 - Dec 12 Warren Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
 - Dec 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
 - Dec 21 Warren Recycle Day
 - Dec 24 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
 - Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS**
 - Jan 1 **NEWYEAR'S DAY**
 - Jan 2 Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Noon, Assembly Hall
 - Jan 2 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
 - Jan 4 Warren Recycle Day
 - Jan 9 Chamber of Commerce Drawing 6:30 p.m.
 - Jan 14 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. Assembly Hall
- Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 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 Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus Walking in the Gym 7-11 a.m. Monday - Friday**

Pulse Opera House Presents
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Performance at 8:00 p.m., Doors Open at 7:30
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Methodist Church is located at 1000 Flaxmill Road in Huntington. Each presenting donor at this blood drive will receive a gift and can enter a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

* Friday, Dec. 21, at Pathfinders from 8 a.m. until 11 am. Pathfinders is located at 1152 E. State St. in Huntington. Each presenting donor at this blood drive will receive a gift and can enter a region-wide drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

NEW AT VBPL

The Van Buren Public Library has received the new 2008 Community Foundation Scholarship Applications. We also have the "Counselors and Mentors Handbook on Federal Student Aid".

The Van Buren Public Library has several new items available. Please stop by and check them out! These items include:

Adult Books - Zookeeper's Wife; Sylvia Browne's Psychic Children; Amish Grace; Blue Like Jazz; Christmas Jars; On Her Own; Dancing with the Stars; Chill of Night; Boo; Double Tap; The First Mountain Man Series

Children's Books - Charlie Bone Series; Hank Zipzer Series; Flotsam; The Golden Compass; Lyra's World

Movies - Transformers; Against Time; Evening; Evan Almighty; While My Pretty One Sleeps; Meet the Robinsons; Santa Trap; Spider-Man 3; Christmas Card; Danielle Steel's Safe Harbour; License to Wed; The Invisible; Ratatouille; Deck The Halls

NEW AT WPL

New materials received at the Warren Public Library include the following.

Large Print - Fiction - Leather and Lace by D Mills; Lanterns and Lace by D Mills; Hamilton by C Cookson; Heart of Winter by D

Palmer; The Sheriff of Tombstone by T Ballard; Little Lady, Big Apple by H Browne; Birth Marks by S Dunant; Leaving Normal by S Holm; First Comes Marriage by D Macomber; Rainy Day Kisses by D Macomber.

Large Print - Nonfiction - Jesus the One and Only; Love Languages of God; Rumors of Another World.

Children's - A Dog Needs a Bone; Great Joy; An Orange in January; If I Ran For President; Hottest Race Cars

Audio Books - Where My Heart Belongs by T Peterson; Creation In Death by JD Robb

Adult fiction - A Promise to Remember by K Cushman; A Week From Sunday by D Garlock; Home to Holly Springs by J Karon; The Heir by BT Bradford; Long Tall Texan Legacy by D Palmer; Murder on K Street by M Truman; The Last Days of Krypton by Anderson; The Race by R Patterson; Air Apparent by P Anthony; Amazing Grace by D Steel; Creation in Death by N Roberts; The Chase by C Cussler; Stone Cold by D Baldacci

Nonfiction - Shulz and Peanuts; What Do Muslims Believe; The Bible; Antiques & Collectibles 2008 Price Guide; Undertaker's Son by "Digger" Phelps; Generation Ageless; The Private Writings of Mother Teresa; Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy; Boom by T Brokow; World Almanac 2008.

Christmas Books - A Christmas Visitor by T Kinkade; Unwrapping Christmas by L Copeland; A Christmas Promise by D VanLiere; Kissing Christmas Goodbye by MC Beaton; The Last Noll by H Graham; A Christmas Beginning by A Perry; All Through the Night by S Brockmann.

MESSIAH AT HU

The Huntington University Concert Choir and Orchestra will join forces with the Community Festival Chorus in the 53rd annual Huntington performance of Handel's "Messiah." The performance will be Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington.

The public is invited, and there is no admission charge.

For more information, call the Huntington University's

Department of Music Office at (260) 359-4262.

Dr. George Killian, assistant professor of music, will serve as conductor for "Messiah." Killian earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Anderson University. He received a Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Ball State University. In December of 2000, Killian graduated from Arizona State University with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral music.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

High school seniors with SAT scores of 1240 to 1330 or 27-29 composite ACT and a 3.8 grade point average or a class rank in the top 5% will be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship worth \$5,000 per year for Indiana residents and \$7,000 per year for non-Indiana residents.

High school seniors with SAT scores of at least 1340 or 30 composite ACT and a 3.8 grade point average or a class rank in the top 5% will be eligible for the Trustees Scholarship worth \$8,000 per year for Indiana residents and \$10,000 per year for non-Indiana residents.

The scholarships are renewable for up to eight consecutive semesters at Purdue's West Lafayette campus. To renew each year, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. But time is short! To qualify, students must have a complete application for admission on file at Purdue by December 15.

Do you know talented students who are considering applying to Purdue for fall 2008? Please make them aware of these opportunities and encourage them to get their application for admission to Purdue before December 15. Complete information about these scholarship opportunities is available at http://www.purdue.edu/Admissions/Undergrad/costs/merit_scholarships.shtml.

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comes down to a financial decision. Please help us make students aware of these scholarships so they don't have to settle for anything less than a Purdue education!

ECA TO MEET

The Huntington County Early Childhood Academy will meet again on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:30pm at the Courthouse Annex 2nd floor meeting room. All childcare and preschool providers are encouraged to participate. Networking will begin at 6:30pm. Please feel free to bring any items that you would like to share with others in your profession, this includes upcoming workshops, conferences, trainings, engaging ideas for holiday fun with the kids, and any other information or ideas you would like to share. Karen Hinshaw, Purdue Extension Huntington County Educator, will have items on display that are available at the Extension Office for providers to use. At 7pm, Leslie Alvarez, Childcare Solutions, will be presenting Foundations for Young Children. All in attendance are eligible to receive a copy of the Foundations. Please RSVP by calling 260-258-4826.

POLAND EXCHANGE 2008

4-Hers in northeast Indiana have the opportunity next summer to visit Poland. Fourteen 4-Hers and six adults will travel to Poland for two weeks in June to share and learn about the 4-H program. While in Poland, 4-Hers will stay with host families, participate in 4-H activities and will learn about daily living in Poland. The adults may also stay with host families and will focus on Polish culture and history. Applications are due December 31, 2007.

For more information and/or a copy of the application, contact: Cindy Barnett, Extension Educator, 244-7615, 625-3313 or cbarnett@purdue.edu or Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator, 260-358-4826 or laldrig@purdue.edu.

JR LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, November 29 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with a presentation by the Salvation Army. Following the guest speaker, the group will discuss ways to support a family during the holiday season and plan for their caroling efforts scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at Victory Noll. The meeting will conclude by 8:30 pm.

The County 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member in grade 7 or older. Members are welcome to invite friends to participate and join the 4-H program and Junior Leaders.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, laldrig@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington.

HUNTING BAITED AREAS


Indiana Conservation Officers would like to remind deer hunters that it is illegal to hunt over, or near, a "baited" area. "Bait" is considered to be any product that is transported into a hunting area and placed there for animal consumption. Baits can be in the form of salt, mineral blocks, prepared solid or liquid which is intended for the animal to eat. An area is considered to be baited for ten days after the removal of the bait and affected soil.


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GENEALOGY REPORT

HEASTON

Services for Paul J. Heaston, 90, of Warren, were held at the Salamonie Church of the Brethren. Mr. Heaston died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Born in Huntington County on Nov. 12, 1917 to Henry and Josie (Cloud) Heaston, he married Marjorie Ellis on Aug. 1, 1936; she died Nov. 15, 1985. He was a life-long farmer in Huntington County, and was also a rural mail carrier for 20 years and served as a Lancaster Township (Huntington County) Trustee. He was a member and deacon of the Salamonie Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include a son, Richard Heaston of Huntington; a daughter, Carolyn Weaver of Lanark, Ill.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Calling hours were held at Glancy Funeral Homes, H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren. Burial was in the Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County.

SILLS

Services for Burl Silles, Jr., 70, Hartford City, will be held Friday, November 23, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Glancy Funeral Homes, Walker Chapel in Montpelier. He died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2007 at Blackford Community Hospital.

Born Aug. 3, 1937 in Hartford City to Burl B. and Beatrice (Gilbert) Silles, Sr., he married Diana Reading on Oct. 5, 1957; she survives.

Mr. Silles attended Montpelier High School and retired from the GM Fisher Body plant in Marion after 31 years of service. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post 156, Amvets No. 23 and was president of the Bro Shadow Club. He attended the Montpelier Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two sons, Robert (Barbara) Silles of Hartford City and Timothy Silles of Dunkirk; a daughter, Melissa Silles of Hartford City; two brothers, Jerry (Joyce) Silles

of Huntington and Joe (Karen) Silles of Montpelier; a sister, Brenda Castillo of Hartford City; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, a sister, and a grandson.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Muncie with military graveside rites by the American Legion. Preferred memorials are to the Bro Shadow Club.



50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 17th with a dinner party with family and friends.

James Jones and Marjorie Scott were married November 24, 1957 at the South Marion Friends Church in Marion, Indiana.

James is retired from Brovont Builders and is a farmer and golfer. Marjorie is retired from Sears in Marion and works for Weight Watchers International.

They have three children: Rhonda (Larrie) Stoffer, DeWayne (Kelly), Warren, and Diane, Muncie. They have seven grandchildren: Jared, Jake, Mandy and Megan Stoffer, Sarah and Sam Jones, Suzette Corbin, and 1 great grandchild, Emma Corbin.



CELEBRATION

The children of Arthur and Marjorie Gard held a surprise dinner and open house on November 4, 2007, honoring their fathers 95th birthday. It was also the couple's 73rd wedding anniversary. Their mother celebrated her 93rd birthday on Halloween.

Hosting the party were Gary and Sandra Wegenke of Kalamazoo, MI, James and Dianne Burk of Decatur, Jane Montgomery of Angola, James Gard of Edmond, OK, Charles and Cathy Ann Gard of Huntington, Dr Richard and Cindy Gard of Kokomo and Patrick and Cathy Pearson of Bluffton. The couple also have 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Out of state guests were from Florida, Oklahoma, Michigan and Ohio.

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TRESPASSING

Trespassing and hunting or trapping without consent are common offenses that Indiana Conservation Officers investigate throughout the hunting and trapping season. It is illegal to hunt, trap, chase or retrieve game on private property without the consent or permission from the landowner or tenant. Respect landowner property rights and always ask permission before entering private property.

WEAR ORANGE

Wearing fluorescent orange (or "hunter orange") clothing makes it much easier for other hunters to see you and increases your safety while hunting. That's why Indiana requires the wearing of fluorescent orange clothing for most kinds of hunting activities. These activities include hunting for pheasant, quail, woodcock, rabbit, ruffed grouse, deer (November 17, 2007 December 2, 2007; December 8, 2007 —December 23, 2007), and squirrel (November 9, 2007 January 31, 2008).

During these activities, hunters must wear an outer garment exposed at all times of solid fluorescent orange. The clothing requirements include at least one of the following: a vest, coat, jacket, coveralls, hat or cap. The entire garment must be solid fluorescent orange. Minimal Logos or patches are allowed. Camouflage-patterned fluorescent orange garments do not satisfy the requirement.

Try not to wear tan, brown or white clothing when hunting, even while wearing fluorescent orange, as these colors are associated with game species and the hunter may possibly be mistaken for game.

In order to avoid a possible hunting accident from occurring, be seen while hunting and wear fluorescent orange.

FIREARM SAFETY

Indiana opened its 2007 deer firearms season on Saturday, November 17th.

As Indiana Conservation Officers prepare for another busy hunting season, they offer these safety tips to prevent hunting accidents.

- . Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.

- . Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearm safely keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

- . Identify your target and what's beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.

- . Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearms you are carrying.

- . Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open. Firearms should be carried unloaded when traveling to and from shooting areas.

- . Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.

- . Never climb a fence or tree, jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm,

Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.

- . Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

- . Store firearms and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children and careless adults.

- . Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while hunting or shooting.

These tips form a basic foundation for good firearms safety. When hunters incorporate these tips into their hunting day, they increase their chances significantly for an accident free hunt.

In addition, Indiana Conservation Officers encourage hunters using elevated stands or platforms to make sure they use a safety harness to protect themselves in case of a fall. Falls from elevated stands or platforms is the number one hunting accident in Indiana.

COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd

On Monday evening, Nov. 12, the Warren Town Council met in Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council approved minutes of the regular meeting Oct. 22, special meeting Oct. 29, and executive meeting Nov. 7.

A dispatch representative from Huntington was in attendance and discussed the second phase of upgrade of the communications for Warren and the County. Financing is to be divided between the Town of Warren and Salamonie Township. Council voted to proceed depending on the Township.

Two representatives were in attendance and talked to Council regarding automatic meter readers for the Utility Department. This included both electric and water meters. Council voted to take the matter under advisement.

Council voted to accept a sanitation contract with Marion Services at \$6.49 per unit.

Council also accepted Ordinance 2007-6,7,8,9, salaries approved as stated for 2008.

Council agreed to study Personal Policy revision.

Christmas hams had been ordered from Ossian Packing.

Council approved \$85.00 dues for Huntington County Chamber.

Clerk—Treasurer Marilyn Morrison reported September and October financial reports are being updated due to problems in software. Council approved the update.

Curtis Day presented Council with the month of activities from the Utility and Street Departments.

Fire Chief Lee Poulson reported from the Fire Department October activities. They had purchased five new helmets and one pair of boots.

The Board of Directors asked for two new hand held radios.

The Park Board is scheduled to meet in December.

Announcements included: Nov. 26, regular meeting; Nov. 21, 22,

Town Hall, Utilities closed, Thanksgiving.

BAYVIEW READING

Bayview Reading Club met November 13 at 2 P.M. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe. There were 2 guests present Millie Priddy and Carmen Wilks and 8 regular members, including new member, Joyce Shepherd. The group joined in reading the Collect, and business began with reading and approval of both the minutes of the October meeting and the treasury report. No new business was presented.

The program began with the group's thanks to Secretary Margaret Bell for the useful new program books. Discussions of recent reading "finds" began with out guest, Millie Priddy, sharing a good joke, which President Lilly Nutter had picked up via E-Mail. A busy Mom hurried through her preparation for a morning doctor's appointment. It ended properly enough and she thought nothing of the doctor's complimenting her on her appearance. She did some shopping, cleaning, cooking and then was asked by her 6-year-old, now home from school, where her (the daughter's) washcloth was. Mother told her she'd used it to wash up in her earlier morning hurry, and to get another one. "But Mommy," the daughter said, "it had all my glitter and sparkles saved inside it." Our imaginations told us the rest!

Bonnie Halvorson had some commentaries on Thanksgiving, as the day approaches. She had read about special facts on the holiday which we may have forgotten: The first Thanksgiving was authorized by the Continental Congress in 1777, and the last Thursday of November proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln to be the day.

Joyce Shepherd was pleased with her new subscription to the Discover magazine and chose to share a bit from it. The Biblical creation account, we were reminded, in Genesis speaks of "the earth was without form and void." Scientists have proclaimed there were no voids, or empty places, in the universe. Now empty spots have been located in the universe. (What will that mean?) These empty spots are declared to be extremely cold, and appear to be quite common.

Martha Rumble produced a reading which both alarmed us and amused us. The current controversy and concern about how to dispose of medicines which are no longer being used was the subject. Poisoning of people, animals and fish, and the environment generally (including water supply) has resulted from commonly used methods of disposal - simple trashing, flushing into our sewers, etc. What to do? Remove and destroy labels use kitty litter (preferably used by kitty) coffee grounds or sawdust crush the pills and mix into the litter, etc, seal it all into a plastic bag and toss it into the trash. Martha also raised our spirits with two lovely Thanksgiving poems.

Miriam Dawson had a reading, also to inspire our faith and trust in troubling circumstances. Thinking of the Amish school shooting and how that community offered forgiveness, she read a lengthy listing of what we can do in the face of troubles or fears; example, if forgiving is hard, DO IT ANYWAY. This axiom applies to much human decision-making where a choice "to do" is hard, but the kinder thing is DO IT ANYWAY. She quoted: In this analysis it's between you and God — it never was about you.

Helen Stoles encouraged us to consider the traditional use of the sweet potato in the Thanksgiving dinner. It is more than custom — they're good for us! They score highest of all vegetables in food values; the raw carrot is the only one which comes close. High levels of vitamins A and C, potassium, and fiber are some of the values. They are natives to North and South American tropics, and can be grown in warmer areas of Russia and Japan. There are many stories and records of the life-saving usage of sweet potatoes in different times.

Helen Jo Strassner provided a good laugh with an item from Art Linkletter entitled "Gumming Clean". A newly married couple knew it was best to keep no secrets from each other. Still, the bride could not bring herself to tell her new husband that she wore dentures. In a visit to the dentist, the husband told him that he believed his new bride had dentures, but would never tell him so. The wife was persuaded to come see the dentist, who told her to "gum clean" to her husband!

Margaret Bell read a discussion by a member of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University concerning the widely discussed puzzle of what to do about immigration. Basically, he advocated 1) Latin American, African and Mideast countries moving toward family planning and developing better their own natural wealth to keep most of their own at home; 2) paying our own (US) poorer laborers more, 3) doing some of our own physical work, and 4) obeying our own immigration laws. A final quote: "The more Western elites ignore their own laws, allow unassimilated ethnic ghettos and profit from an exploitative labor market, the more their own nations will begin to resemble the very places immigrants fled from."

Lilly Nutter's E-mail again provided a thought-provoking article, concerning "Mom," "I'm invisible." It described the many familiar times busy women sense a feeling of being undervalued — yes, invisible. Then, the article encouraged remembering the many ways a really valuable contribution cannot be recognized as such for many years. God sees, "but you can't see right now what it will become." It concluded, "as mothers we are building great cathedrals!"

What a thoughtful closure to carry into our holiday seasons!

HAPPY HATTERS

The Van Buren Happy Red Hatters met Friday at the Los Nopales Restaurant in Marion for lunch. We sang happy birthday to Janet Hunnicutt and Irene Pickard and they were serenaded by the staff also.

Ladies will bake breads to help with the Christmas baskets at the food pantry and should take them to the Christian Church by December 3 or 4th.

Will meet December 20th at The Other Place in Van Buren for lunch at 11:30. Those attending were Mary Ellen Hawkins, Lucille Endsley, Paula Shepherd, Norma Briner, Donna Zent, Phyllis Harper, Anna Lou Saylor, Irene Pickard, Janet Hunnicutt, Shirley Shinholt, Nancy Cook, Willadean Harte, Rosemary Hammons, and Queen Mum Wauneta Bald.

VB STORYTIME

The Van Buren Public Library hosted storytime on Friday, November 16th from 2:30-3:30pm. Those in attendance were: Lilly Stiles, Faith Wiggin, Jacob Clupper, Kaylee Lester, Emily Webb, Devon Lester, Chelsea Cason, Chris French, Carrie Waggy, Nixon Miller-Smith, Caitlin Imhoff, Autumn Harmon, T.J. Holman, & Liam Hancock. The children made Thanksgiving and fall crafts. Rose Marie Doyle read them the story "Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks" by Margaret Sutherland. Snacks were also provided.

There will be no storytime on Friday, November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please join us on Friday, November 30th from 2:30-3:30pm for a Christmas Craft Storytime with special guest J. R. McGinnis. The children will be painting a free holiday ornament to take home. Don't miss the fun!

IDLE HOUR

The Idle Hour Club held its November meeting at Heritage Pointe with lunch in the dining room of the Fahl building.

We held our business meeting in the Calico Lounge. Roll call was answered by telling of your plans for Thanksgiving day.

Edna Alfeld read the thought for the day: Spend so much time improving yourself, that you have no time left to criticize others.

The Secretary and Treasurer report was given.

Next month will be our final meeting after seventy years. We have two charter members, Margaret Knight of Warren and Violet Yoars of Warsaw.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

IAC WORKSHOP

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced that it will collaborate in presenting a grants workshop for individual artists residing in Region 3. The IAC's Region 3 includes Allen, De Kalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties.

The workshop will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Huntington University Merillat Centre for the Arts, 2303 College Avenue, Huntington.

The workshop is intended for those individual artists interested in applying for the IAC's Individual Artist Program. Artists will learn tips on how to write a successful grant application. Artists may apply for non-matching grants of up to \$2,000 from this program.

While the workshop is free of charge, advance registration is required. Those interested in participating in the workshop should contact Jan Shupert-Arick, Director of Regional Services for Arts United. Call 260-424-0646 or e-mail jshupert-arick@artsunited.org. Registration deadline is December 13.

Eligible projects may be in the areas of dance, theater, music, crafts, literature, media-arts, photography, folk and multi-arts, design, and visual arts. Applicants must be 18 years of age, must not

be enrolled in high school or a degree-granting program, must be an Indiana resident for at least one year prior to application, and plan to remain in the state of Indiana for the full grant period. Applicants may not have received an IAP grant in the previous grant cycle. All funded projects must be completed between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

Grant applications are made directly to the Indiana Arts Commission. For more information about the Individual Artist Program, visit www.in.gov/arts.

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne is the Region 3 granting agent for the Indiana Arts Commission. As one of the IAC's 12 Regional Arts Partners, Arts United provides regional grants-making, technical assistance, cultural planning, and information and referral services to the region.

On behalf of the people of Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission advocates engagement with the arts to enrich the quality of individual and community life.

HOLIDAYS AND ALZHEIMER'S

Holidays are opportunities to share time with people you love. Try to make these celebrations easy on yourself and the person with Alzheimer's disease so that you may

time together.

Adjust your expectations by calling family and friends to discuss the holiday celebrations and make sure everyone understands your caregiving situation. Have realistic expectations of what you can and cannot do. There is no way you can expect to maintain every holiday tradition and event. Give yourself permission to do only what you can manage. Instead of a huge gathering consider inviting fewer people for short visits. Try lunches and brunches instead of huge family dinners.

Involve the person with Alzheimer's or another dementia in the holiday activities keeping in mind their abilities and safety. They can help with decorations, preparing food, wrapping packages or setting the table. Avoid using candles, artificial fruits/vegetables or other edibles as decorations. Do not use blinking lights as they may confuse or scare the person. Maintain as normal a routine as possible. Build on past traditions and memories like singing old holiday songs or watching seasonal movies.

Gifts ideas include tickets to a movie or simple familiar games like dominos or bingo. If they are more advanced in the disease consider an ID bracelet, comfortable easy to remove clothing or favorite music tapes. Videos of favorite movies, animals, sports teams or travel, warm blankets or quilts and photo albums are good gifts.

And most importantly the caregiver must take care of themselves. If friends or family ask what they can do for you, be specific about letting them know what you need. A few hours out for a movie or a nice dinner or help with household chores. Do your best to manage holiday stress and caregiving stress (not to mention the family stress of holidays). If you find it too overwhelming and need support, call the Alzheimer's Association to talk with one of our care consultants at 1-800-272-3900. You can also chat with others who know what you are going through on our message boards found at www.alz.org.

ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

The Huntington County 4-H program is in need of additional adult volunteers to assist with the leadership and guidance of community based organized 4-H clubs. 4-H clubs involve youth from grades 3 through 12. All interested adults must complete a 4-H volunteer Application Form and proceed through the volunteer application process to ensure appropriate placement as an adult volunteer within the Huntington County 4-H program.

There is also a need for adults to share their interests and talents as resource leaders through specific 4-H project work.

For more information about serving as a volunteer with the Huntington County 4-H program, contact Linda Aldridge, laldridg@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension—Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington.

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watched every bit of it including the crumbs go into the boxes. As a 10 year old who was anxiously waiting for a sample, it was hard to see it all go into boxes. It is one Christmas I will never forget, now I think of it as a lesson in unselfish sharing. The best part of the story was on Christmas Day there appeared a very small plate of all the things that had gone into the boxes.

Those boys all came home safely and I know that it was a gift in itself to have them home again. Us kids were very close to them and they were like brothers to us. Even our Queenie dog was delighted to see them and was ready to go rabbit hunting with them. Here is the recipe Mom used to make that

wonderful Christmas treat. I also had a request for it to be reprinted.

White Divinity Fudge

2 cups sugar 1/3 cup water 1/2 cup white karo syrup 2 egg whites beaten very stiff and 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine sugar, water, syrup, bring to boil stirring often, reduce heat to medium and cook to hard boil stage. Let cool slightly and slowly pour half the syrup over egg whites beating constantly. Return syrup to stove and bring to just boiling and pour over the egg white mixture continue beating till thickened. Add nuts last if desired and either pour into a pan lined with wax paper or drop by teaspoonful onto a tray lined with waxed paper. Enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving.



THE POOL LADY

This lady, also known as Stacia Perry, has worked off and on at Heritage Pointe since she was three years old. She began by riding on her dad and brother's shoulders as they delivered the papers to the Home back in 1973. She loved the Home even when she "helped" deliver the papers. By age 14 she was working the switchboard and later in the Activities Department/Alzheimer's.

While she finished her B.S. degree at IPFW I tried to lure her away because she was a great substitute teacher. She worked for me at Southern Wells Elementary School when she had the time, but her heart was in water. Specifically she loved swimming, coaching and working with residents at the Home.

Stacia taught and coached swimming at Salamonie Elementary School and held sessions for residents at the Home in lap swimming, water walking, and aquathetics. Phil Sutton was a resident at the Home at that time and wondered why David Souder didn't build an exercise pool there.

Since Mr. Souder wasn't exactly excited about a square, cement water-filled hole, he decided to investigate the possibilities of a therapeutic pool. He, Stacia and others visited many other facilities to determine economic feasibility. And, the rest is history.

By 2000 a beautiful facility was opened to the residents and the public. Not only was there a warm-water rehab pool with 90-degree water, but also an exercise/fitness room. The pool has wide stairs and a ramp, which makes entry into the pool easy for everyone, even those in a wheelchair. Rails in the pool allow individuals some added comfort and security especially for those who experience poor balance and gait. There are two lanes for lap swimming, but if you're not a swimmer, don't worry. The deepest part of the pool is only 5 feet. The best part is the whirlpool jets located at the end of the pool for a relaxing massage.

In the beginning the fitness room was nice with the two treadmills, elliptical trainer, and weight machine. However, the traffic was so heavy and proved to be so successful that in 2006 the room was remodeled and expanded. Residents and the general public have used both the pool and fitness room. Winter months are especially busy times with over 1300 folks using the pool and 1500 users in the fitness room per month. Besides Director Stacia, there is a friendly staff of several dedicated people who are not only trained as lifeguards, but are trained in therapy techniques. There is always someone to assist whatever your needs may be.

This pool/fitness room is probably the best-kept secret in our community. Some folks wait until they need after-surgery therapy or are recovering from an accident to discover this wonderful facility. My recommendation is, don't wait! The cost is reasonable. Of course the residents use the pool free. Special rates are made for the Villa and Town Houses residents. The rest of us pay \$30 per person per month or \$4 each visit. A couple can go all month for \$50.

Congratulations to David Souder for his vision and to Stacia for the good job she does directing the events happening each day in the fitness room and pool. Stacia lives in rural Wells County with her husband Dan, and children Morgan, T.C. and Jed who are students at Southern Wells Schools.

(The reason you haven't seen this article for awhile is because I've been busy with twin grandchildren born September 29, 2007 in Dallas, TX. Naomi weighed in at 5 pounds 2 ounces followed a minute later by her brother, Nathaniel at 6 pounds. They are beautiful and healthy. God is good.)



STEELERS UNDEFEATED

The Warren Steelers 2007 Football Team went undefeated, having a perfect season two years in a row. The team consists of 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders from the Warren area. At the completion of the season, the sixth graders on the Warren Steelers merged with 2 other teams and competed in a 6 Grade Classic PAL Game at the Huntington North Viking Football Field. They were victorious in the 6th Grade Classic Game! For more information on Huntington's PAL Football League, please call 260-356-9272 or 9820.

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Team members: Front Row: Cameron Buzzard, Austin Rasmussen, Jared Bradford, Bryant Bradler, and David Bradler

Second Row: Quade Heyde, Wesley Smith, Justin Zumbun, Robert Roach, Matt Kendall and Austin Arnutt not pictured Coach Dale Buff

Third Row: Coach Rod Sprinkle, Colton Mooberry, Andrew Nelson, Austin Rosen, Levi Nunemaker, Kole Hale and Walker Spahr

Top Row: Coach Mark Forth, Grant Canady, Brady Herr, Wesley Hutson, Dale Buff, Matthew Knight, Kennan Mooberry and Head Coach Gene Daggitt

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