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Thought for the Week: *Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.*

### MUSICAL PROGRAM

December 21 6:00pm service. Special Christmas Music program will be presented by Rev. Billy and Marjory Stanton (of Montpelier) featuring Christmas songs and Scriptures.

Come share with us at First Baptist Church 727 N. Wayne St, Warren.

For more information call Pastor Bob 375-3353 or 375-2811 church office.

### NEW TIME

Since we have so many gift boxes being given this time (35 of them!!), we are asking you who have orders to pick up to wait until 11:30 (instead of the usual 11:00) to pick up those Angel Food orders this Saturday, December 20. We have about 35 families we are helping and want to prepare their boxes first so we can get them delivered first. You will have until 12:30 to get your orders filled. Don't forget your baskets/boxes and yellow receipts. Volunteers need to arrive at 10:30 and those helping unload the semi truck need to be here at 10:00. We appreciate everyone who has given to help folks in need at this special time of year. The Warren Angel Food Ministry continues to be a blessing as we reach out to our community with great food at half the price. God bless you and have a very Merry Christmas.

### CLOSING

Handcrafters Holiday Shoppe will be closing for the winter Saturday December 20. Some holiday items will be on sale this week. Nancy, Treva, Ruth and Wayne thank you for the support you gave us this holiday season.

### CHILDREN TO SING

On Sunday, December 21, during its regular worship time at 9:30 AM, the United Church of Christ of Warren (corner of Main and E. 2nd Streets) will have its annual Christmas program put on by the Sunday School children, entitled "Angels We Have Heard", directed by Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok and Becky Pulling. The annual Christmas party at 10:30 AM in the church lounge will follow worship.

ALSO.....On Wednesday, December 24, the United Church of Christ of Warren (corner of Main and E. 2nd Streets) will have its Christmas Eve service at 11:00 PM. The choir will sing the musical "Joy to the World", directed by Marsha Walton with soloists Jessica Stucky and John Tolen. The service will also include a children's story, the Christmas Bible story, Advent Wreath and Christ Candle lighting, small candle lighting, and the ringing of the church bell to usher in Christmas Day. All are welcome!

### CLEAR THE WAY

The first snowfall of the year serves as an annual reminder that there aren't many things that will stop a letter carrier from completing his or her appointed rounds. But an injury caused by ice and snow-covered walks and approaches is one of them.

Fortunately, that is easily prevented when customers keep a few simple things in mind.

"We really appreciate when people clear the path to their mailbox," said Van Buren Postmaster Debbie Echelbarger. "Whether their letter carrier delivers on foot or from their vehicle, it's much safer and quicker for them when customers shovel snow and de-ice walkways."

According to Echelbarger, customers should check the area surrounding their mailbox daily

to be sure no ice has built up. Just because there is only a dusting of snow doesn't mean that there isn't a hazard lurking underneath the powder.

"Many times there is a patch of ice under the snowy spot," said Echelbarger. "The carrier can't see it and could slip."

For roadside boxes, customers should clear any piles created by snow plows that make it difficult for a carrier to reach the box from the delivery vehicle. This is a problem especially as the winter season wears on.

"Each time it snows the pile from the plows get bigger and eventually it prevents the delivery vehicle from pulling up alongside the box," said Echelbarger. "Then, it turns to ice and is very difficult to remove."

The Postmaster suggests a quick shovel after every snowfall to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery.

"We know how much people look forward to receiving their mail, and we want to deliver it safely all through the winter," said Echelbarger.

### NEW TIMES AVAILABLE

Effective January 1st, the office of Dr Kevin DeaKyne will be scheduling Friday appointment times. Call the office at 260.375.2626 for more information and to schedule an appointment. Dr DeaKyne is a MetLife and Delta Dental Provider.

### JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

The Community is invited to attend "A Journey to the Manger", a Christmas Eve program to be held at the Mount Etna United Methodist Church. This is one story that is told over and over, year after year, but you will find this experience has a new twist.

The program, starting at 7p.m. on December 24th, will feature a drama by the children of the church,

congregational singing and a walk (Journey) to the Stable and Manger on that special night. Be prepared to meet Shepherds on your way and perhaps a meeting with Joseph and Mary.

Plan to attend. This will be a great way to celebrate with family, friends, neighbors and perhaps make new acquaintances. Come as you are - All are welcome. No charge. The Church is located at the corner of State Roads 9 and 124 in Mt Etna.



### ICE STUDENT

Southern Wells ICE Program is happy to announce it's first Student of the Week Award. This week's ICE Student of the Week is Cody Miller. Cody works for Bolinger's Propane & Warren Service & Supply, Inc. in Warren, Indiana. "Cody does a great job, he's on-time, efficient, eager to learn and ambitious. We really appreciate Southern Wells offering this ICE program. Perfect Timing...we were in need of a part-time employee. Mike Ripperger called from Southern Wells and asked if we had an opening for an ICE student and we were indeed in need! Cody is the main Inventory Controller, he verifies stock and quantity of stock delivered by each wholesaler. Cody also delivers parts to our techs on the job site," Gina and Scott Canady at Bolinger's Propane & Warren Service & Supply, Inc. Southern Wells ICE is a program where students

attend school for 1/2 day and work 1/2 day at a local employer in the Wells, Blackford, and Huntington counties. Every student is employed in a career that the student is interested in pursuing.

### BOWL FOR KIDS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana is excited to announce the kick-off of the 2009 Bowl for Kids Sake fundraising season. Bowl for Kids Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest fundraising effort, with last year's contributions totaling over \$240,000. Events are held in thirteen counties throughout Northeast Indiana and South Central Michigan, with multiple dates and times available.

Bowlers in Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley Counties in Indiana; and Branch, Hillsdale and St Joseph Counties in Michigan, can have a great time bowling with their friends and raising money for an organization that serves more than 1,800 children yearly.

Bowling skills are not required at this fun event, and teams are open to all ages. To form a team, simply gather four friends, sign up a team, and commit to raising funds to directly support youth mentoring in your county. Each team member is asked to raise \$100 each. This can be as easy as contacting ten friends of family members for at least a \$10 donation, and companies or individuals can also contribute by becoming sponsors. Each event will include prizes, donations, and refreshments. Team registration is available online at [www.BBBSNEI.org](http://www.BBBSNEI.org), or by calling 888.456.1600.

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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 wwklly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

In the spirit of giving, during this most special and holiest of all holiday seasons, my wife and I received an unexpected gift from the Town of Warren, by way of the Police Department. Our car, on our property, was tagged with an abandoned vehicle sticker. I was told this was done in response to a complaint lodged at a recent town council meeting. It is true that the car had an expired license plate and had not been moved for some time. But, I see other vehicles around town with expired plates and that have not been moved in a while and they do not appear to have been tagged as abandoned. What bothers us is that this appears to have been done by someone that has a personal issue with us. I would like to ask this person why you did not ring my doorbell and have a civil discussion with my wife and I before approaching the police and filing a complaint. I know it will not happen, but it would be nice to have an answer as my wife was so upset over this situation that it brought her to tears. I am glad that this person has personally solved all the ills in this world – poverty, homelessness, child abuse, etc. so that our car allows them to solve another real problem. And to those who care – yes we are going to fix the detached garage. One last thought – how can our car be abandoned, it's right where we left it. Thank you.

John and Donna Campbell  
Warren Weekly

### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

**by Ruth Herring**  
 The countdown to Christmas is in motion and it is hard to believe where this year has gone to. Each year seems to go faster.

Our Christmas this year is going to be quite different from the past. It is so hard for me to shop anymore, so the girls approached with the idea of us taking a day trip someplace and having a nice dinner out and just enjoy the day. And it suits me fine.

This year I have done very little baking and food preparing, first time in many years and I must say I have enjoyed not doing it.

One thing I do plan to make is the Christmas Eve Pecans which I will share the recipe later. I was talking to Nancy Smyth and mentioned about doing them and she told me that it was one thing Hattie Black always made. She and her husband Doctor Claude Black built the house we live in. It was designed for his office and residence and was built about 1920. Many people have told us some very interesting stories about their visit to Doctor.

From what I have been told Mrs Black was a wonderful cook and hostess, with many great parties and social events held at their home.

Many people have asked me how many rooms are in the house. It has 14 rooms plus a full basement. It also has 52 windows which if I manage to wash 1 window a week I can get them done in a years time. It is a grand old home that could no doubt tell many stories if it could talk. Even some interesting tales since it has been the Herring house.

In the greenhouse and sunroom I have some beautiful geraniums blooming and the "Halloween cactus" is still in bloom and very pretty. It is quite chilly out there as we don't have the heat on yet and was surprised to see things blooming so pretty. Makes me wish for summer already.

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 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship ..... 6:30 p.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.  
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**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
*Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor*  
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 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.  
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 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Youth Group (6th-12th) 6:00p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT  
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
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**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
*SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto*  
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 765/728-2065 for more info  
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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

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*Kathy Newton, Pastor*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
**468-2411**  
*Doug Sharrard, Pastor*  
*David Thrift, S.S. Supt.*  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Rev. Dale Lihhart, Interim 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  
*Tony Johnson - Pastor*  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.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.

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

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**468-2412**  
*Mel Zumbrun, Pastor*  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

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

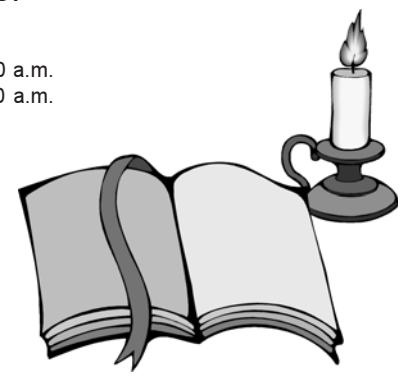
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 Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun)..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:30 p.m.  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
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*Janice Jordan, Angel Food Director*  
*Ruth Moreland, Secretary*  
*Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.*  
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 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Teen Youth (AOL) Sundays 6:00 p.m.

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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*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.*  
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 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.  
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# AREA NEWS

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of dropping out of school, becoming violent, using drugs and alcohol, and falling victim to other negative cycles. We recognize the hardship, pain and challenges children in too many of our communities confront. Our movement is relevant and there's an urgent demand for what we achieve. Learn how you can join the movement to change how our children grow up in our community by going to [www.BBBSNEI.org](http://www.BBBSNEI.org).

## SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their December meeting on December 2, 2008 at the sorority room. In the absence of the President, Jenny Plummer Vice President presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer report was given.

It was decided to give Christmas cheer to several local families by giving money on outstanding utility bills, food through Angel Food Ministries, gas cards, fruit baskets and gift cards.

We had our drawing for the Christmas Longerberger Basket filled with goodies of all kinds. The winner was Kim Coolman. Our thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Those in attendance were Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Peggy Sue Clark, Sandy Eichhorn, Sharon Gebhart, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermyer, Jenny Plummer, Betty Yoder, and Rosemary Zeller.

We will meet December 18 at the Sorority room for our annual Christmas Party.

## CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle met Dec. 5, 2008, at Heritage Point with Sharon Gebhart and Lu Ellyn Pond serving as hostesses.

The meeting was opened by Ann Spahr, President, with the group repeating the Collect. Roll Call was taken with responses being a Traditional Christmas Decoration.

Minutes were read, Treasurers report given, and the business meeting conducted. Donations were given in the spirit of Christmas blessings.

Janet Beavens presented the program, "Stories Behind Your Favorite Christmas Carols", by Kenneth Osbeck. His work included interesting research on favorite hymns, Christmas carols, and spirituals. Janet reviewed the favorites Joy To The World, Away In The Manger, Go Tell It To The Mountain, I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day, O Little Town Of Bethlehem, and Silent Night. In conclusion, Janet read, "Yes,

Virginia. There is a Santa Claus", written September 21, 1897.

President Spahr then read a moving story, "A Christmas Gift I'll Never Forget", from Chicken Soup for the Soul, Christmas Edition. It was soul-searching.

Delicious holiday refreshments were served to the previously mentioned members, and Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina Laymon, Crystal Lee, Ann Miles, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Oma Zent, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, and Bertha Turner.

The next meeting will be held January 2, 2009, at 1:30, in the Calico Room, Heritage Pointe.

## KBC MEETING

Present were: Mark Davis, Gerald Moreland, Jerry Boyer, Ned Trout, Bob Pond, Denny Stroud, Shelly Boxell, Rosemary Zeller, Ron and Bonnie Boxell, Karen Herr, Janice Jordan.

Meeting was called to order by President Shelly Boxell.

Minutes were read and reviewed, and accepted as presented.

Financial report: Report was discussed and approved as presented.

Lee Poulson was present to ask if there would be room to store the old fire truck in the basement of the building. It has been stored there before. Approval was given.

Old Business:

Boys and Girls Club have finished their fall program. Partial rental received.

Carpeting, we selected the carpet that we want on the wall. The new gate is in place and looks very nice.

Bob Pond reported on the W.A.R.R.E.N. Preservation Fund. The committee continues to meet and are almost ready to present this program to the public.

Bargain Basement work has been completed in the large room. The ceiling has been scraped and repainted. The walls were treated and repainted. Jan has reset the store and it is back open for business. Anyone with questions regarding bringing in items or interested in working, Call Jan Weight 375 2451.

Gift cards have been given to Marilyn and Bill Bradford and Mary Miller for the work they have done.

Starting Jan 4th the building will be open at 7:00 A.M. - 11:00 Monday thru Friday for walkers. It will not be open when the schools are closed or delayed.

New carpet cleaner tabled.

Vandalism in the gym was

discussed. These groups will be given one more chance. If vandalism continues these teams will lose their privileges to rent the gym. Many hours were spent this summer in cleaning, painting, repairing, sanding and repainting the bleachers to have vandalism take place at this time.

New Business:

Get Prices on Cigarette Receptacles, Janice will get.

U.S.S. Bell: Permits were signed last week for us to have the bell in our building.

Calendar was reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned:

Next Meeting will be January 19th at 5:30 p.m. @ the KBC office.

## 4-H RECORD BOOK

### AWARDS

Mary Mc Clure and Emily Pinkerton have been selected as the Wells County 4-H 2008 Outstanding Record Book Award winners for 2008.

The award is selected each year to honor two youth who have the best 4-H project sheets.

The selection begins at the club level where leaders review and submit the best record sheets onto the county judging.

Each of the award winners received a \$50 cash prize.

Mary is the daughter of Rick and Deena Mc Clure of Nottingham Township and Emily is the daughter of Michael and Gina Pinkerton of Liberty Township.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

On the heels of the nation's official "R-word" status and nightly news reports about stock plummets, plant closings, layoffs and the state's now record unemployment rate, there's great news coming out of Shelby County.

More than 350 positions are opening up soon at the closest casino to Indianapolis.

Indiana Live Casino is gearing up for a series of job fairs in January and February to fill these positions as it prepares to open its massive, 233,000-square-foot permanent facility adjacent to Indiana Downs in early 2009.

"What we have to offer is really a large variety of opportunities for everyone from career professionals and skilled workers to high-energy general employment seekers," said Indiana Live Casino general manager Mark Hemmerle. "With supervisory and line-level, high-paying positions becoming available as we transition from our temporary to permanent site, we're looking for talented individuals to join our family and experience the introduction of the best entertainment

destination to the central Indiana region."

Since opening in its temporary 70,000-square-foot facility in June, Indiana Live Casino has employed more than 420 full- and part-time workers. Once the permanent facility opens, featuring even more casino floor space and dining and entertainment destinations including Maker's Mark Steakhouse, NASCAR Sports Grille, Live Market and two bars, the \$195 million casino will employ more than 750 people.

"When you look at the state of the national and local economy now and the forecast of what is to

come, I think this opportunity is a significant one for anyone looking ahead with the desire to secure employment during these unstable times," Hemmerle said. "We are excited to hire for these positions as we ramp up plans to open a new Indiana Live Casino and excited about our ability to contribute positively to the state's overall economy."

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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.

Dec 17	Van Buren Town Council, 7p.m.
Dec 19	<b>Deadline for Holiday Ads for Warren Weekly</b>
Dec 20	Angel Food Pick up 11:30-12:30
Dec 22	Warren Town Council, 4p.m.
Dec 25	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
Dec 26	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 1	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>
Jan 7	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Jan 7	Van Buren Town Council 7 p.m.
Jan 8	Warren Recycle Day
Jan 12	Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
Jan 19	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>
Jan 19	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 5:00pm 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 **Farmers Market** Saturdays 8-noon in Daugherty Parking Lot.

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Altogether, the annual payroll at Indiana Live Casino, including salaries, wages and benefits, is estimated at more than \$19 million a year once the permanent casino opens.

Positions that Indiana Live Casino will offer include ones in operations, marketing, food service, human resources, security, transportation, cashiers and engineering among many other fields. Job seekers must be age 21 or older to apply for employment at Indiana Live Casino. Indiana Live Casino is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Indiana Live Casino offers competitive wages; a comprehensive medical, vision and dental health benefits package; a 401k plan; and a dynamic work, fast-paced and customer-focused environment.

Those interested in pursuing employment at Indiana Live Casino should visit [Indiana Live Casino online](http://IndianaLiveCasino.com) frequently as the site is updated daily with new opportunities. Times, dates and locations of the planned job fairs in January and February will be announced once plans have been finalized.

Already, Indiana Live Casino is having an impact on the Indiana economy. Since opening in June, the casino has paid nearly \$20.2 million in wagering taxes to the state of Indiana. The casino is projected to generate more than \$74 million in taxes during its first year of operation on gaming revenues and purse contributions, excluding income and wage, sales, property and business taxes, of which nearly \$45 million will go directly to the state's Property Tax Reduction Trust Fund to benefit all Hoosier residents and an estimated \$5 million will be administered to Shelby County cities and towns.

Just 20 minutes from downtown Indianapolis, Indiana Live Casino features more than 1,900 high-tech slot machines and electronic table games and an eatery catered by renowned chef Wolfgang Puck. In early 2009, the casino's permanent 233,000-square-foot facility will open adjacent to Indiana Downs and feature nationally renowned restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Indiana Live Casino is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week year-round. For more, visit [Indiana Live Casino online](http://IndianaLiveCasino.com).

### CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

Salamonie Reservoir is hosting The Natural New Year's Celebration, a three-day nature camp for kids, ages 7 to 11, Dec. 29 through 31. Each day provides a variety of educational and entertaining activities introduce kids to a few of the many wonders of Indiana's natural resources.

The camp will cover various topics of interest, including squirrels and the winter night sky. Kids will even have an opportunity to make a mini-planetarium. The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, snacks, crafts, games and more.

All of the activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and enjoyable environment. Small snacks will be provided, but children need to bring a sack lunch and drink each day.

Cost of the camp is \$30 per child, with \$15 due at the time of registration. Advance registration is required and space is limited. Parents must fill out health and participation forms before their child will be allowed to participate in any activities.

There will be no gate fee to the

park during the camp.

To register your child, call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

### FREE SAFETY COURSE

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage the safe and responsible use of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) through a free online safety course.

The course, called "Today's ORV Rider," is designed so that the student can work at his or her own pace at a convenient time.

"For a number of years we have seen a steady increase in our ORV accidents" said Col. Michael Crider, director for the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "We made a decision a number of months ago to address the problem by offering this course."

"With Christmas just around the corner, we find it a perfect time for families who have just purchased a new ORV to become aware that ORV riding is much more than just starting the machine and punching the throttle," Crider said.

The online course presents the basics for ORV riding, including safe operation, the responsibilities the ORV rider has

to others and the environment, and how to be prepared for the unexpected.

Those wishing to test their knowledge can take a \$30 Indiana certification exam or take one or more of the free practice tests. Buy doing either or both, the student should gain a better understanding of ORV safety and the responsibilities that go along with riding accident-free.

To learn more about Indiana's ORV safety course visit: <http://www.offroad-ed.com/IN/> or type into your search engine: Indiana ORV Safety Course.

### KIDNEY CARS

It's not too late to donate your unwanted vehicle to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana (NKFI) and still be entered in the 25th Anniversary Kidney Cars Program's national sweepstakes.

Vehicles donated to the NKFI from September 1 through December 31, 2008 are eligible to win one of 25 prizes, including the Grand Prize—a weekend for four at the Pebble Beach golf resort in California. You may also get a

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## SHUTTLEWORTH

Mary Elizabeth Shuttleworth, 94, of Warren, IN, died at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.



She was born on Saturday, October 17, 1914 in Jay County, IN to Orlando Madison and Lulu Mae (Regester) Silliven. She married James A. Shuttleworth on November 5, 1938 in Ridgeville, IN.

Mary was a 1932 graduate of Pennville High School and a 1938 graduate of Ball State Nursing School. Mary was a homemaker and worked as a R.N. at Jay County Hospital in Portland, IN from 1947-1950. She also worked at Caylor Nickel Hospital in Bluffton, IN from 1950-1964 and the Marion V.A. in Marion, IN from 1964-1973. Mary retired from the Bay Pines V.A. in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1982. She had attended Fellowship Wesleyan Church Spring Hill, FL.

Survivors include Sons-Thomas Michael (Wife, Rosemary) Shuttleworth of Hazelwood, Mo. And Howard Patrick (Wife, Gelana) Shuttleworth of Warren, Ind., 7-Grandchildren, 10-Great Grandchildren, 3-Step Grandchildren, 6-Step Great Grandchildren and several Nieces & Nephews.

She was preceded in Death by her parents, husband, brother Howard Silliven, sisters Doris Silliven and Viola St. John and step-daughter Betty Jane Garnett.

Funeral services were held at Heritage Pointe Chapel - Warren with Pastor Kathy Newton officiating.

## FOUST

Charles "Ed" Foust, 66, of Warren, IN, died at 3:07 PM, on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at



Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born on Monday, August 24, 1942 in Bluffton, IN to Harrold Edwin and Dorothea (Duncan) Foust.

Mr. Foust was a graduate of

Jackson Center High School and from Ivy Tech. Mr. Foust was an X-Ray Tech at St. Joe in Ft. Wayne and at Harvester, a Computer Programmer, and a full time farmer. He was an avid motorcycle rider and farmer. He was a member of the Moose in Bluffton, IN, the Eagles in Huntington, IN, NRA, VFW in Bluffton, and always helping the community. He was also the president of Jones Cemetery. He had retired from Anaconda in Marion, IN. He attended the United Church of God.

Survivors include 4 nieces Teresa M. Lugar and Timisha L. Markle of Warren, Ind., Yvonne (husband, Craig) Taylor of Suffolk, Va., and Carrie (husband, Richard) Lutze of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Donna Lou Thompson.

Services were held at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home with Rev. Dewey Zent officiating.

Interment was at Jones Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to ABATE.

## RAMSEYER

Paul A. Ramseyer, 58, of Montpelier, IN, died at 1:30 AM, on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at his residence in



Montpelier, IN. He was born on Tuesday, February 14, 1950, in Bluffton, IN Gerald and Francis (Ulmer) Ramseyer. He married Pamela J. (Wilson) Ramseyer on July 4, 1981 in Keystone, Indiana.

Mr. Ramseyer lived most of his life in Wells County where he was a 1968 graduate of Southern Wells Jr. Sr. High School. He served in the Bluffton Unit of the Indiana National Guard and was a member of the Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156, Montpelier. He was a semi owner/operator, enjoyed golfing and was the crew chief for Ramseyer Racing.

Survivors include his wife, sons Michael P. and Tristan L. Ramseyer of Montpelier, Ind.; brothers Dave (Carrie) Ramseyer of Keystone, Gary (Pam) Ramseyer of Bluffton, Rick (Connie) Ramseyer of Poneto, Jeff (Janie) Ramseyer of Keystone, Tom (Neva) Ramseyer of Bluffton, Tim (Arda) Ramseyer

of Arizona; sisters Nancy (Ernie) Smelser of Flora, Becky (Denny) Runkle of Warren, Jennie Barger of Bluffton, Sandy (Steve) Rogers of Dunkirk; grandsons Drake and Darren Ramseyer of Montpelier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Sutton and Mr. Les Bantz officiating. Interment was at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Montpelier, Ind.

Memorials to the Ramseyer Family.

## BUCKNER

Roger E. Buckner, 94, Warren, died at 11:02 a.m. Monday,



December 8, 2008 at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Roger was born March 18, 1914 in Liberty Center, Indiana, to Walter and Bessie Sheets Buckner. He married Lucille Renz who preceded him in death.

Roger was a graduate of Liberty Center High School.

He also served in the U.S. Army during WW II.

Roger retired from Anaconda Wire and Cable located in Marion and was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Liberty Center.

Survivors include his son, Roger A. Buckner and his wife, Kay, Warren; granddaughter, Deah Wolf and her husband, Brad; and great-granddaughter, Mya Wolf.

In addition to his wife and parents, those preceding him in death include one brother, Ralph Buckner; and two sisters, Beulah Benjamin and Ruby Boxwell.

Funeral services were held at the McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home with Reverend Tony Johnson officiating.

Burial was in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Mt. Etna.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Etna Volunteer Fire Department in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home.

## BIRTH

Mike Clifton and Ella (Sills) Smith are the parents of a son, Devin James Clifton, born September 23, 2008. Devin was born at 7:04 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins siblings, Brandon, 18, Dacia, 17, Chelsea, 15, Cody, 13 and Chantel, 9.

Grandparents are Robert and Sue Clifton of Bluffton and the late Gilbert and Karen Sills of Montpelier.

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By: Dr. Kevin J DeaKyne DDS, PC

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The National Kidney Foundation is the nation's leading voluntary health agency dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

For more information on the sweepstakes or to donate your vehicle visit <http://www.kidneycars.org/> or call 1-800-488-CARS (2277).

### PROTECT YOURSELF

Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver. Toxins, certain drugs, some diseases, heavy alcohol use, and bacterial and viral infections can all cause hepatitis. Hepatitis is also the name of a family of viral infections that affect the liver; the most common types in the United States are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

What is the difference between hepatitis A and hepatitis B?

The diseases are caused by two different viruses. Although each can cause similar symptoms, they have different modes of transmission and can affect the liver differently. Hepatitis A occurs only as an acute or newly occurring infection and does not become chronic. People with hepatitis A usually improve without treatment. Hepatitis B can also begin as an acute infection, but in some people, the virus remains in the body, resulting in chronic disease and long term liver problems. There are vaccines to prevent both A and B. If a person has had one type of viral hepatitis in the past,

it is still possible to get the other types.

Hepatitis A is caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV) and lasts from a few weeks to several months. It does not lead to chronic infection. It is usually spread when a person ingests fecal matter—even in microscopic amounts – from contact with objects, food or drinks contaminated by the feces of an infected person. The best to prevent hepatitis A is by getting vaccinated. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/A/aFAQ.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/A/aFAQ.htm).

Hepatitis B is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). It ranges in severity from a mild illness, lasting a few weeks to a serious long-term chronic illness that can lead to liver disease or liver cancer. Contact with infectious blood, semen and other bodily fluids from an infected person or sharing contaminated needles to inject drugs are the common methods of transmission. The best way to prevent hepatitis B is a vaccination. For more information about hepatitis B, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/B/bFAQ.htm>.

The Indiana Adult Immunization Coalition is a voluntary group of health and older adult focused organizations dedicated to eradicating vaccine preventable deaths and disease among adults. The Coalition promotes education and outreach activities to increase awareness of and participation in adult immunizations.

### WACHOVIA CHECKS

The Better Business Bureau has been receiving numerous telephone calls from local consumers who have received a check for \$149 from the U.S. District Court Settlement Administrator in Philadelphia, PA as part of a settlement agreement with Wachovia Bank.

Consumers are concerned about the legitimacy of these checks and are also confused about why they are included in the Wachovia settlement.

According to Michael Coil, President of BBB of Northern Indiana, "these checks are legitimate and consumers who receive them can safely deposit the check in their banking account or cash the check at a Wachovia branch."

Checks were mailed to 740,000 consumers on December 11, 2008 as part of the \$150 million dollar settlement agreement.

The settlement arose from banking arrangements that Wachovia had with telemarketers to process payments for product orders made by telephone.

Consumers who receive settlement checks ordered products or services from one of these telemarketing firms and paid by electronically created checks over the telephone.

Consumers can get additional information on the Wachovia settlement at [www.restitutionpayment.com](http://www.restitutionpayment.com)

For more information, please visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or call the BBB (toll-free in Indiana) at 1-877-317-7236.

### GIVE BLOOD

There is one New Year's resolution you can fulfill in just about an hour of time: donate blood. A single blood donation may be separated into three components—platelets, plasma and red cells – to be used for different patients. Accident victims need your red cells, cancer patients need your platelets and burn victims need your plasma.

By giving blood through the American Red Cross, eligible donors can help save the lives of up to three people, and help offset the slump in blood collections that typically occurs post holidays.

"What better New Year's resolution can you make than to help save someone's life?" asks Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "This year, we're asking blood donors to resolve to give blood one more time than they did last year."

While the need for blood is constant, there is an even greater need during the winter when the blood supply can reach low levels. Winter weather can sometimes prevent donors from making or keeping appointments, which can contribute to a drop in blood donations. That is why all presenting donors in December

and January will be entered into a drawing to win a trip of their choice worth \$2,000. The lucky winner will receive a \$1,000 American Airlines gift card and a \$1,000 Marriott Hotels gift card.

Friday, Dec. 26, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, located at 303 S. Main St. in Bluffton. Give blood or platelets from Dec. 1, 2008 to Jan. 31, 2009 to win a trip of your choice worth \$2,000!

**How to Donate Blood**  
Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment or visit [IndianaOhioRedCross.org](http://IndianaOhioRedCross.org) for more information. 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.

\*In Indiana, you may give blood at 16 years of age with written, parental consent.

### OUTDOOR GIFTS

The Indiana DNR has gift solutions for the person on your gift list who's more concerned about the state's outdoors than acquiring more stuff. Convenient contributions in that person's name can be made to support a number of causes.

Help schools fund field trips for children to Indiana state parks and reservoirs by donating to the Discovering the Outdoors Fund, administered through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation at <http://www.IN.gov/ai/appfiles/inrf-donations/> and including

"Discovering the Outdoors Fund" in the "In Honor Of/Memory Of" line.

Support the care of C52, the non-releasable bald eagle used in programming at Patoka Lake. See <http://www.IN.gov/dnr/c52/WholsC52.html> for details or call (812) 685-2447. Donate online at <http://www.IN.gov/ai/appfiles/inrf-donations/>.

Support a person's favorite state park or reservoir by contacting Ginger Murphy, assistant director for stewardship in the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, at (317) 232-4143, [gmurphy@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:gmurphy@dnr.IN.gov), or writing to: State Parks and Reservoirs, 402 W. Washington St., Room W298, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Give a Friends Group membership to McCormick's Creek, Spring Mill, Lincoln, Falls of the Ohio, Indiana Dunes, Mounds, Turkey Run/Shades or Brown County state parks, or to Hardy Lake by contacting Murphy at the phone number or address above.

Support the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center at Hardy Lake, where injured hawks and owls receive care and are released. Permanently injured birds are used in programming for schools and families. Contact Terry Davis, (812) 794-3800.

Support land acquisition and a variety of other projects throughout the DNR by contributing to Indiana Heritage Trust. For more information, contact (317) 233-1002, [nheinzelman@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:nheinzelman@dnr.IN.gov), or

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Make sure to give your child or grandchild the gift of a time for a winter hike, a hunting trip or a nature center visit at a state park, reservoir or state forest trail in January.

Written acknowledgments for donations can be provided, but may not be available until after the holiday season. For up-to-date information about happenings in the DNR, visit [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

### No MAGIC PILLS

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley  
There are no magic pills that are going to make you feel prettier, clean your home, turn the frog you met into Prince Charming or miraculously cure your years of depression. If for some reason we woke up one morning 100 pounds lighter to a clean home, greeted by a cup of coffee from your husband and the weight of the world lifted off your shoulders you would think you were dreaming or worse having a nightmare.

These dramatic changes don't happen overnight. It has taken years for us to gain the weight and clutter up our homes. Our depression crept up on us too. In many cases we thought our frog was going to be our prince who would save us. The truth is we are the only ones who can save ourselves from this torture we have put ourselves through. That doesn't change the fact that we want, what we want and we want it now. We just want to be happy! We just want to be loved! We just want, want, want!

Commercials on TV entice us to go out and get it now. For only \$299.95 a month; we can have that car we want but it is very hard to read the fine print that says for 72 months with \$2400 down. We don't look at the real cost is almost double what you would pay if you saved up your money and paid cash for it.

This entitlement attitude is all about filling that need to be happy with stuff! This is why our homes are filled with stuff. This is why we have Hot Spots everywhere because our clutter has taken over all our closets, cabinets and drawers. Oh and let's not forget about that credit card debt that is all we really have to show for our need to be happy.

The debt, the weight and the clutter didn't happen overnight and it is not going to vanish if you make three wishes. We have to take babysteps. But I can hear you now and see you! I just want to be a size 12 again and live in a clean organized house and be debt free! Then our actions tell the story. We crash and burn! We try to make the magic happen by going on a crash diet, filing bankruptcy and hiring a cleaning crew to come in and fix our homes. The problem here is that we will be back in the same shape much faster than before and probably with increased measure.

We didn't establish a plan! Or shall I say babysteps! We want, what we want and we want it now! Only to discover that just because we can make things happen doesn't mean that they will stay that way long. We didn't build the foundation we needed to keep the plan consistent. Our impatience set us up for failure once again.

Half the fun of setting goals is reaching them. With weight loss, getting rid of clutter and reducing debt we can enjoy the process and make it a habit. Did I say that? A habit! That is consistency plain and simple. A way of living that stops our need to search for happiness in those magic pills. We become happy with daily progress toward our goals.

Are you ready Fly with over dosing on Magic Pills?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free life coaching at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net), listen to her channel <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/channels/flylady> show or read her books, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2008 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

### GIFT BASKETS

(ARA) - When it comes to giving a great holiday gift, it pays to put all your eggs – or gifts – in one basket. Gift baskets are not only simple to brainstorm, they are easy to put together and transport. Plus, you can fill gift baskets with items you know your friends and family will use and match it to their lifestyles.

Here are some gift-basket ideas you can purchase or create yourself to match the

personalities of the recipient.

**For the Bathroom.**

Find a semi-large basket which will hold bottles of bath salts, bubble bath and lotion upright. You can wrap the bottles in a hand towel and matching wash cloth to keep the bottles from clanking. Also try to match the scents of the products, and top the gift basket off with a matching candle.

**In the Laundry Room.**

Purchase a laundry basket with comfortable handles and fill it with laundry detergent, softener and a filled change container for anyone who has to use a Laundromat. If you have space leftover, add some wooden hangers, an iron or ironing board.

**Spicing up the Kitchen.**

Americans are cooking more and more in their own kitchens thanks to a troubled economy, and every working kitchen needs a good set of spices. American Spice has a starter spice kit already assembled, or you can create your own, matching the tastes of your friends and family.

Say your sister is into French cooking and is always complaining she can't find cooking lavender anywhere in the stores.

Visit [www.AmericanSpice.com](http://www.AmericanSpice.com), add a bottle to your gift basket and your sister will be in heaven.

If your friends already have an established spice collection, check out the jams, salad dressings or barbeque sets which come in many different sizes and flavors. Tuck in a few drying towels, a chef's apron or hat, cooking utensils and a recipe box and your cook is set to create some amazing treats and meals.

**Setting up the Garage.**

Anyone with a vehicle can use a garage-themed auto care kit. Instead of using a basket, try a crate or nice wooden box. Start with jumper cables, and include all the handy tools necessary to do minor maintenance jobs — paper hand towels, extra bottles of window washing fluid, transmission fluid and oil. A small tool kit also would be handy, complete with a lightweight hammer, screw drivers and a pair of pliers.

**Bedroom Basics.**

This basket can go in many directions, depending on how the recipient is related to you. For basic ideas, try an aromatherapy candle, a good novel, a set of high thread-count cotton sheets

complete with pillow covers and a reading light.

**Baskets for Baby Care.**

When babies are in the house, supplies are used quickly, and trips to the store are tedious. Help the new mom and dad out with a basket filled with hand lotion, diaper creme, cozy onesies and a CD of lullabies wrapped up in a soft baby blanket.

### Check the Classifieds



### MORE UPTOWN GARDNER

Here is the recipe for the pecans

1 egg white beat until foamy add gradually 1/2 cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon beat until quite stiff add 1 1/2 cup pecan halves and mix lightly to coat. Spread on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 300 degrees for 1/2 hour. Cool and store in air tight container.

All the good wishes of the holiday season to each of you. Hope to be back next year.

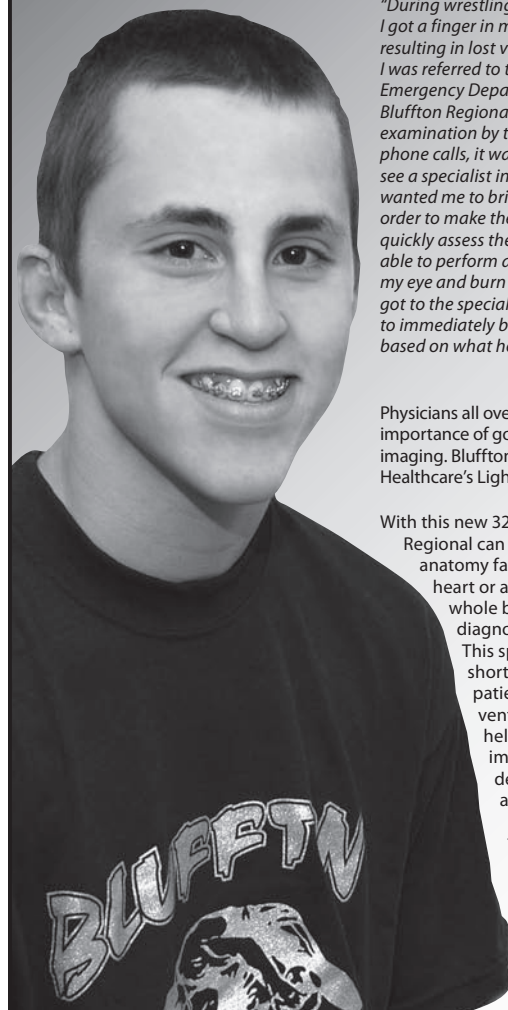


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