

The Warren Cheer and Pom Program announces that its former treasurer, May Lou Puccio, has entered a plea of guilty to felony theft charges related to funds that she stole from the organization. The Board began investigating the misappropriation of program funds over a year-and-a-half ago and we are grateful to Drew Pranke of the Lake County Sherriff's Office, Investigator Lou Archibald of the Lake County State Attorney's office, and Assistant State's Attorney Christen Bishop for their efforts in bringing the charges against Ms. Puccio and sucessfully prosecuting this case.

While we are grateful fot the efforts made in prosecuting the theft of our organization's funds, we are saddened that a person who was placed in a position of trust would steal money that was intended to be used to teach young girls cheerleading skills.

Our organization provides coaching, training and the opportunity to compete against other cheer groups n Lake County and across the country. Over 270 girls from the ages of 5 to 14 participated in our program this year. Any restitution ordered by Judge Phillips will be used to support these activities.