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Thought for the Week: Enjoy your own life without comparing it with that of another. Marquis de Condorcet

SALAMONIE SUMMER FESTIVAL

The dates for festival this year will be Friday July 4, Saturday July 5 and Sunday July 6, 2025. The Theme for the festival is 'Memories of Years Gone By'. The first meeting of 2025 was held on January 14, 2025. We are planning fun things again this year so keep your ears and eyes open!

May 16, 2025 will be our Fund Raiser, we are having Dan's Fish Fry Drive-thru at Knight Bergman Center, mark your calendars now and we will have more details later. The fund raiser events along with sponsors are the only way we get to pay for all the wonderful events we have for the festival along with the FANTASTIC Fireworks we have. So please support the festival, we need you!

June 7, 2025 will be the SSF Annual Golf Outing held at Dogwood Glen Golf Course. June 21, 2025 will be the Rock-A-Thon held at Dollar General in Warren.

The Parade of course will still be on Friday night during the festival and Fireworks will again be held on Sunday night of the festival.

The festival committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Knight Bergman Center in Warren at 6:30pm. We have a small committee that's puts on this great festival for everyone but we welcome others to join us. It takes a lot of people and sponsors to put on a good show. If you enjoy the festival, come and volunteer or sponsor an event.

More news to come in next article. Welcome to 2025, the Salamonie Summer Festival is only 6 months away.

AG WOMEN ENGAGE CONFERENCE TO EMPOWER AND INSPIRE

Join us for the 2025 Ag Women Engage Conference on February 13, 2025, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This exciting event is designed to connect and empower women in agriculture through impactful keynote presentations, specialized breakout sessions, and valuable networking opportunities.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern for registration, followed by the main program from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern. Don't miss out—early bird registration is available for just \$125, but the price increases to \$135 after January 18th. Be sure to register by February 6th to guarantee your place at this incredible event.

The Purdue Women in Agriculture Team hosts this annual event, bringing together women from all corners of the agricultural industry. Featured sessions will cover essential topics such as risk management, enhancing agribusiness strategies, and exploring new opportunities for women in agriculture.

Keynote Speaker, Courtenay Dehoff, is a passionate advocate for agriculture and co-host of

the digital series Backroad Cowgirls. She is known for inspiring others by highlighting the power of agricultural storytelling to connect rural and urban communities.

In addition to the main conference, three pre-conference sessions will be held on February 12, 2025. These sessions, along with the Young Ladies in Ag Forum, offer focused learning opportunities for all attendees. Pre-conference registration closes on February 3rd, so be sure to sign up early.

For attendees traveling from out of town, the Hilton Fort Wayne, conveniently located at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, offers hotel accommodations. Reservations must be made by January 21, 2025, using the group code AGR.

For more details, the full agenda, and to register, please visit the conference website: <https://ag.purdue.edu/departments/extension/wia/conference.html>

If you have any questions, contact Jenna Nees at smith535@purdue.edu or call 765-653-8411.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 Ag Women Engage Conference!

STAY SAFE; ALWAYS ASSUME YOU ARE ON 'THIN ICE'

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice.

Don't let this happen to you or anyone around you.

Indiana Conservation Officers remind Hoosiers to be careful as they begin to partake in activities such as ice fishing, ice skating, or snowmobiling. Remember to put safety first. Take caution when going on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and retention ponds. And watch for others who may venture out on frozen waterways and find themselves in trouble.

Similar to needing to drive differently on snowy versus clear roads, safely having fun on ice may require you to adjust from what you have done in the past. The rule of thumb is to believe all ice is thin ice unless proven otherwise.

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walking on a frozen body of water:

- * Assume no ice is safe ice.
- * Test the thickness of the ice with an ice auger. At least 4 inches is recommended for ice fishing; 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiling.
- * If you don't know the thickness of the ice, don't go on it.
- * Wear a life jacket or flotation coat.
- * Carry ice picks and rope gear.

* Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a friend or family member.

* Don't test the thickness of the ice while alone.

Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your

head above the water until help arrives.

Remember that a new coating of snow, while perhaps beautiful, can make for treacherous ice conditions. Snow can serve as insulation, causing water to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is not as strong as solid, clear ice.

Another potentially dangerous situation is when you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice. If that happens, do not go after it. Instead, contact local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to make a rescue.

A few more tips:

* Some bodies of water can appear to be frozen solid but still have thin ice in several unexpected areas.

* Avoid flowing water, such as rivers and streams, when covered by a layer of ice.

* Similarly, water surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness of the ice.

* Underground springs, wind, waterfowl, and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.

Enjoy the winter weather but make safety a priority.

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I hope everyone had a good holiday. We did and now on to spring if it ever gets here. I really enjoy the holiday season, but as I get older it's not the same as it used to be. But still enjoy what I can.

Now we can move on to hoping for spring soon. I'm ready for warm weather, flowers blooming and a few rain showers every now and then. But mainly the sunshine and warmer weather. It even seems like the seasons go by so quick.

Been trying to get all the year end books done, some project for cemetery and of course a few things around the house. So hopefully I can get back on track with the writings of my life in a small town and I also got some great new recipes to share with you, so have a great week and stay warm

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES DURING A PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

(StatePoint) It's common to wonder how a new presidential administration will impact your wallet. As policies and regulations change, many people are left questioning what it means for their money.

According to CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professionals, here's how to safely navigate your finances during a presidential transition:

Take market coverage with a grain of salt: Media headlines might feel overwhelming, but it's wise to avoid making big investment decisions based solely on the 24-hour news cycle. Unlike what you may hear, U.S. market growth and resilience have historically remained steady regardless of the political climate. For investment planning and advice, always rely on trusted resources, such as the insights of your financial advisor.

Focus on fundamentals: Market volatility around election cycles is historically short-lived, so now is not the time to try to game the system, fully revamp your portfolio or reverse course on your long-term investment strategy. As always, you should stay focused on sound investment principles, like diversification and compound interest.

Examine your tax strategy: Consider whether your tax strategy will need tweaking in light of laws ushered in by the new administration. Whether it is your capital gains taxes or your small business taxes, new regulations can impact what you pay. Your financial advisor can help ensure you continue to maximize every dollar you earn.

Take a look at your savings: Policies coming out of Washington could affect healthcare costs, energy prices, Social Security income and other factors that impact your overall financial picture. Work with a CFP® professional to create a holistic

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 Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
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 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
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 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
 Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
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 Jim Knight, Superintendent
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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
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 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45am
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 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
 Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
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 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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 765-618-0027
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm</p> |
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AREA NEWS

FIREWOOD CUTTING FOR HOME USE AVAILABLE AT OUBACHE STATE PARK

The public is invited to cut up and remove certain downed trees at Ouabache State Park for firewood.

Trees eligible for firewood have fallen as a result of natural causes or have been dropped by property staff for safety purposes. They are along roadsides or in public areas such as campsites and picnic areas.

Permit sales and cutting are permitted through March 15.

The cost of one pickup-truck load is \$10. A load is defined as an 8-foot standard pickup truck bed without any modifications.

A firewood permit must be obtained for each load at Ouabache's office between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wood may be cut and removed between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Permits are not available on observed state holidays.

Firewood cut at Ouabache State Park is for personal use only and cannot be sold.

Ouabache State Park (on.IN.gov/ouabache) is at 4930 E. State Road 201, Bluffton, 46714.

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP ON JAN. 24

Purdue Extension will offer an in-depth Farm Financial Management Workshop designed to give farmers and agricultural business owners the tools needed to make sound financial decisions and enhance profitability. This workshop covers essential topics such as financial statements, balance sheets, measuring farm profitability, partial budgeting, and financial projections, all tailored for the unique challenges of the agricultural industry. Whether you're a beginning farmer or looking to refine your financial

strategies, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge to navigate today's economic landscape effectively.

This workshop will be held on Friday, January 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wells County 4-H Park located at 1240 4-H Park Road in Bluffton, IN. This is a free workshop - lunch included (sponsored by First Bank of Berne). Call 260-824-6412 to register. Bring a laptop (or one can be provided for you). Space is limited, so don't delay registering!

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AT THE PHARMACY

The Warren Pharmacy has Salamonie Summer Festival Cookbook are still available for only \$10.

Treasured Family Recipes by many local friends and family were contributed to this 2024 publication!

Over 70 pages of culinary delights and dietary information, including two pages on how to fold a napkin!

Cookbooks are still available at the Town of Warren office and Warren Pharmacy.

The Warren Pharmacy also has dozens of the 2025

Farmers' Almanac. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions for all of 2025 and many helpful insights that affect your life, including the best days to get your hair cut, and the best days to fish. It has astronomy information about the rotation of the Moon and the Planets.

Best of all, it is Free when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

But wait - there's more! Did you know that you can purchase prior year Salamonie Summer Festival T-Shirts at the Pharmacy, at clearance rates - Only \$5!

Shirts available are 2024 and multiple smaller sizes of the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 shirts for only \$5.

CHAUTAUQUA

The January 3, 2025 meeting of Warren Chautauqua Literary Circle was held at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Thompson. The club Collect was repeated by the members.

The roll call was taken with each member answering, what their winter wonder is. The minutes were read from the December 6th meeting.

A correction was noted as to name of Debb Smithley, should be Debb Smitley. The minutes were approved with the correction as noted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Carmen Anderson.

The ladies welcomed Julie Herron with the vote for membership. She will officially be welcomed at the February meeting. Julie's name should be added to each member's book.

Kitty Throop presented Debb Smitley's name for membership. This will be presented again at the next meeting.

The president, Sandy, appreciated everyone getting out for the meeting, even though the weather is a little cold and snowy. She thanked Pastor Troy for taking care of the sidewalk with shoveling and salt.

Bonnie Meyers, presented the program of Healthy Habits. Emily Jones submitted the information, but was unable to attend the presentation. She is a licensed dietician and is currently employed at Heritage Pointe. The best way to measure our healthy food intake is to measure our plate in thirds. One half of our plate should be filled

with non-starchy vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, green beans, tomatoes, or zucchini. The other half of the plate, --- one-half should have protein foods such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, seafood, eggs, or nuts. The last part of the plate, is for carbohydrates such as whole grain pasta, wheat bread, potatoes, peas, beans, squash, or fruit. As a beverage you can choose water, unsweet tea, or a low calorie drink such as sparkling water.

She added tips for succeeding at weight loss by changing a few eating habits. Changing habits can be difficult, so keeping a food diary to record everything you eat and drink can help you be more mindful of your food choices. Whether you choose to approach your recording by pencil and paper, or a smartphone app, recording it as soon as you eat or drink does make you

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jan 15	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jan 20	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jan 27	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Feb 2		GROUNDHOG DAY
Feb 5	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 5	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 10	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Feb 11	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

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aware at the end of the day of what or how much you have consumed. Find a friend to help support your change in habits. A walking partner makes the journey more fun and often helps to strengthen your will power.

Some strategies to help with weight loss is to keep fresh fruit on your kitchen counter or at eye level in the refrigerator. You can add your own fresh vegetables to frozen entrees, or enjoy a liquid meal replacement along with a side salad or a fruit.

Think about how to prepare foods to figure out where to cut some calories and fat content without losing flavor. For seasoning use herbs and spices in place of salt, butter, and oil. Also, skim or 1% milk, or Greek yogurt can be used instead of sour cream or whole milk. Vegetables taste better when roasted or browned. Fruit can be prepared in various ways, such as apple wedges with a dab of peanut butter or a sprinkle of cinnamon. Often a dollop of light whipped cream and a teaspoon of granola to fresh or canned peaches. Wash and cut up vegetables and fruit as soon as you get home from the store, so they are easy to snack on or to fix quickly for your meal.

The new year is a great time to start new and healthy habits.

Sandy concluded the meeting by reading, "For Just One Day". The next meeting is February 7, 2025

Delicious and healthy refreshments were served by Bonnie Meyers assisted by Jean Grasmick. In addition to the hostesses, those attending and enjoying the afternoon was: Carmen Anderson, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Ann Spahr, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Millie Whiting, and guest Debb Smitley.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority met on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. President Kelly Jones conducted a Pledge service for four new members, Sarah Jones, Kalin Johnson, Michelle Crone, and Taylor Bentley.

12 members were present, three were absent. We read several thank you notes from those we helped during Christmas and a few Christmas cards from surrounding chapters. We read correspondence from several Province and International Officers. Members were updated on finances and reviewed deadlines for financial statements and articles that were due.

Plans were made to have a Formal Initiation of the new members at our February social meeting and information was distributed regarding registration for our annual Province meeting in March.

Our next meeting will be a business meeting on Tuesday,

February 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Knight Bergman Center.

BRANSON CHRISTMAS TRIP DAY 2, PART 2

by Larry Ryan
Our bus disembarked from our lunch and shopping venue in downtown Branson at 2:45. On the short ride to the hotel, the driver sped by a Cold Stone Creamery and Fuddrucker's. The Hotel Grand Victorian would be our accommodations for two nights. It was located on the main street which was identified as Country Boulevard or Highway 76.

After checking-in, the luggage was delivered to the room while we rested for 50 minutes. Most hotel rooms only have one luggage rack so my suitcase found a home on top of a sturdy waste basket. The first floor room faced the parking lot with a purposely-locked exterior door. The room included a lounge chair, a desk with chair, and a bathroom vanity stool, along with the usual fixtures.

By 4:10, our group left for a dinner theater visit. On the way the bus drove by Poppa Dogs Restaurant, Tanger Outlet entrance, and the Titanic Show Theater. Next along West 76 Country Boulevard was the Retro Mania: Main Page, Side Chick Restaurant, Splash Park, and the Star Trek exhibit. Upon arriving at The Shepherd of the Hills, the dinner venue, I felt like it was the top of the world. This high altitude location afforded us an excellent view overlooking Branson.

Our bus load was the second bus party to be

ushered inside. My wife and I were seated on the second row in front of the stage. The servers immediately started placing the plated food on the shelf in front of us. The excessive meal consisted of Bar B Que pork/sauce, a chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll. This was followed quickly with a bowl of potato soup. I had no room in the stomach for the chicken, but found space for the white cake with icing. During the feast, one of the theater actors visited with members of the audience.

Within moments of having our plates swiped by the serving staff, the "Who Dunnit Mystery" actors appeared on the stage. Surprisingly, the performance turned out to be 100% comedy, and not an expected drama. Our tour director and the bus driver were invited onstage as fictitious participants and accused of harming a famous fiddler! The audience became the jury and convicted the tour director of the crime. Somehow she was not jailed but sentenced to bus arrest!

Afterwards, we were encouraged to wear heavy coats for an open-air, shuttle ride through the "Trail of Lights" at The Shepherd of the Hills venue. The chilly ride seemed longer than twenty minutes. Blankets helped. It was slow-moving, up and down steep hills, and around hair-pin curves. However, the endless, multiple, lighted displays helped bring the Christmas season into focus. We were informed that it took several people, several hours, and several days to construct the exhibit.

The bus driver returned all the chilly passengers to the hotel at 8 pm. This included the incarcerated, bus-arrested, tour director.

More Branson shows, shopping, and meals are scheduled for tomorrow.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP) runs January 1 through March 31 of each year. During the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period:

* You can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan.

* You can drop your Medicare Advantage Plan.

* You can return to Original Medicare.

* You can add a standalone Part D Plan, but only if you dropped your Medicare Advantage Plan and returned to Original Medicare.

To change your drug coverage during this period, you must disenroll from your Medicare Advantage Plan and join a different Medicare Advantage Plan with prescription drug coverage or Original Medicare with a stand-alone Part D plan.

Changes made during the Medicare Advantage OEP will take effect the first of the month following the month you enroll. If you want to keep your Medicare Advantage Plan, you should not use the MA OEP to change drug coverage.

Keep in mind, if you go back to Original Medicare now, you may not be able to buy a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy without being underwritten. This means you could pay higher premiums and have a waiting period for pre-existing conditions or be denied coverage.

The Medicare Plan Finder can help you find, compare, and enroll in a new Medicare Advantage plan, www.medicare.gov/plan-compare.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

WIGGIN

Katherine Ann Wiggin, aged 49, of Dover, Pennsylvania, passed away on December 31, 2024.

Born in Van Buren, Indiana on September 8, 1975, Katherine, affectionately known as Katie, was a vibrant and free-spirited individual with an immense passion for travel and learning. Katie's early education was at Eastbrook Community Schools until the 9th grade, after which she was homeschooled. She furthered her education at Purdue University, which fueled her lifelong commitment to learning and personal development. Professionally, Katie dedicated many years at Marion General Hospital, working in the Emergency Department and Telemetry unit.

Most recently, she made significant contributions as a Registered Applied Behavioral Therapist, impacting many lives with her expertise and compassion. Katie's love for learning was matched by her love for people. She made friends across the globe and maintained these connections throughout her life.

Katie is survived by her daughter, Emma Hicks; her brother, Jack Wiggin; her former sister-in-law and close friend, Shawna Wiggin; her niece, Faith Wiggin; her nephew, Jaxon Wiggin; and her aunt and uncle, Louann and Benjamin Townsend.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy Wiggin; her grandmother, Martha Townsend; her grandfather, Jack Townsend; and her niece, Madeline Lake.

A private service will be held at a later date to honor Katie's life and legacy. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Katherine can be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, an organization close to her heart. Katie's journey was one of kindness, learning, and adventure, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

SCHULTZ

Dorothy Anne Schultz, 89, went home to heaven to be with the Lord on Friday morning, Jan. 3, 2025, at 1:08 a.m.

She lived a life of serving her Savior Jesus Christ, teaching children whom she loved dearly and caring for family members and loved ones.

God faithfully loved and provided for Dorothy all the days of her life.

If the reunion in Heaven was anything like the Holsinger family gatherings here on earth, it was LOUD AND JOYOUS!

Dorothy was born on February 5, 1935, the youngest of five siblings.

In 1958 she graduated from Biola University, La Mirada, Calif., with a B.A. in elementary education.

In 1958-59, she joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, Orlando, Fla., and went through SIL Jungle Camp.

In 1960-80 in Uka Rumpa, Papua New Guinea, Dorothy served as elementary teacher of Wycliffe missionary children. She loved her students. In 1980, she returned to California to care for her mother, Elsie, after her father passed away.

In 1985, Dorothy married Dick Schultz. Looking at pictures, the 12 years that Dick and Dorothy had together were the happiest years of her life. They served as area representatives for Wycliffe, encouraging young Christians to serve in Bible translation.

In 1997, dear Dick went home to heaven.

Dorothy continued to serve with Wycliffe and took care of her brother, David Holsinger, until he went home to heaven in 2000.

In 2004, she moved to Upland to be close to brother, Chuck Holsinger, and his wife, Betty.

Dorothy's health problems had already begun. Upland Community Church embraced her. They sacrificially loved and cared for her.

In 2018, Dorothy moved up to Heritage Pointe of Warren at the invitation of Dave and

Jackie Williams. She loved making new friends in ceramics class. The entire staff - nurses, housekeeping, dining room and maintenance staff - loved and cared for Dorothy and went extra miles for her.

We love Aunt Dorothy and are thankful for her life and legacy. She is whole now. Her body healed and mind renewed. Dorothy is reunited with her mother and father, siblings and Dick.

She was to turn 90 on February 5, 2025.

We had already talked about getting cupcakes to celebrate. Therefore, we will celebrate both Dorothy's birthday and her home-going on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, at 1:15 p.m. at Heritage Pointe of Warren, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, in Applegate Chapel.

There will be a burial at a later date in Oakland, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, it is Dorothy's wish that donations be made to Holsinger-Schultz Endowed Scholarship at Taylor University, 1846 Main St., Upland, IN 46989.

FINNEY

Robert E. Finney, 77, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a five-month battle with cancer.

He was born in Marion on September 9, 1947, to the late Harold and Helen (Hart) Finney.

Robert lived his entire life in Grant County.

He graduated from Oak Hill High School, Mier, Class of 1965, and attending Purdue University, West Lafayette, for two years.

Robert and Deena Andrews were married on February 5, 1972, and would have soon celebrated 53 years of marriage.

He was employed with United Parcel Service for 29 years, retiring in 1998. Then, Robert and his brother operated Finneys, Inc. for 16 years, doing private lawn care.

Formerly attending Liberty Baptist Church, Sweetser, Robert was a founding member of Jalapa Chapel. He

served there in leadership until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Deena Finney; daughters, Jeannie (Oliver) Haste, of Coatesville, and Joy (Greg) Beghtel, of Anderson; grandchildren, Jake (Amelia) Haste, of Coatesville, with great-grandchildren, Ivy Haste, Owen Haste and Aiden Haste, Max (Sela) Haste, of Coatesville, with great-granddaughter, Isla Haste, Olivia Haste, of Coatesville, Lila Beghtel, of Terre Haute, Lena Beghtel, of Anderson, and Luke Beghtel, of Anderson; brother, John (Pam) Finney, of LaFontaine; brother-in-law, Rod (Niecy) Andrews, of Van Buren; niece, Angie Benner, of LaFontaine; nephew, Brian (Jennifer) Finney, of LaFontaine; four great-nieces; many dear friends; a beloved church family at Jalapa Chapel; his favorite cat, Bobo.

Preceding Robert in death were his parents, grandparents, father and mother-in-law, Max and Rosella Andrews, and brother and sister-in-law, Darroll and Vicki Korporal.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, with a funeral service immediately following at Jalapa Chapel, 5158 N. Frances Slocum Trail, Marion, with Pastor James D. Schroeder officiating.

For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed on Facebook: Jalapa Chapel.

Rather than sending flowers or gifts, Robert's family would prefer memorial contributions be made to Jalapa Chapel Building Fund, 5158 N. Frances Slocum Trail, Marion, IN 46952.

KERLIN

Victor Robert Kerlin retired from planet Earth on January 10, 2025. His new home is located in Heaven where he awaits loved ones now remaining on Earth.

Victor was born March 3, 1939 and raised in Grant County, Indiana. He was the oldest son of Carmen and Lucille Kerlin, both of whom predeceased

him. He graduated from Van Buren High School, Ball State Teachers College (now Ball State University) and received his master's degree from Indiana University. He taught physics in three high schools for a total of 34 years, his last 31 years of teaching were at Southport High School in Perry Township on the Southside of Indianapolis, Indiana. He also owned and operated a one-man small engine repair shop for 42 years. Victor married the love of his life, Maryln Kerlin (Jackson) in 1962. Together they had three children: Steven (Beth), Bryce (Rae), and Joyce (Juan) Paz. He has 9 grandchildren, Jamie Renee Kerlin, Jenna Nicole Kerlin, Alina Baimanova Kerlin, Madison Zhenya Kerlin, Donna Mia Kerlin, Andrew Robert Kerlin, Kacy Marshall Kerlin, Elise Lorraine Paz, Lucas Daniel Paz and 5 great-grandchildren, Ella Kerlin, Sophie Kerlin, Samara Kerlin, Khalias Kerlin, and Romeo Kerlin. His wife and all of his children survive him. Victor is also survived by a brother, Ronald Kerlin and a sister, Bonnie Kellogg (Kerlin). His youngest sister, Linda Eib (Kerlin) predeceased him.

Victor and Maryln enjoyed traveling and owning a camper. They towed a camper to 49 of the 50 states and all the Canadian Provinces. They were also able to do some traveling in Europe, Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia. They became "snowbirds" for 12 winters and enjoyed the Yuma, Arizona region the last 10 of those snowbird years before retiring to their home in Wanamaker in 2019. Southport Heights Christian Church was "home" for more than 45 years, before moving to a home near Wanamaker, Indiana and becoming a member of Acton United Methodist Church.

Visitation is Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm at Indiana Funeral Care, Greenwood Chapel (2433 E. Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46143) then again on Thursday, January

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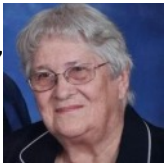
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16th, 11:00 am until noon. Funeral service will begin at noon with burial to immediately follow at Orchard Hill Cemetery in Wanamaker. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made online to the American Heart Association at <https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNUSPGVDBJ>

Hix

Rebecca "Becky" J. Hix, 94, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at her home.



She was born on Friday, Feb. 7, 1930, to the late Merle A. and Ethel M. (Foust) Blinn.

Becky married Robert "Bob" Hix on June 5, 1949, at Dillman Church. They celebrated 71 years of marriage together.

She was a kind, humble woman who loved the Lord.

Becky was a member of Hanfield Church's ladies' group that would serve meals on various occasions.

She and her friend organized a fund-raiser through the ladies' group that sold nuts and candy. The proceeds would go to serve non-profit organizations throughout Grant County and missionaries with World Gospel Mission.

Becky was a member of Happy Homemaker Extension Club for over 50 years.

She volunteered at Grant County 4-H Fair until she wasn't able.

When Becky wasn't involved with group activities, you could find her with her husband and children working on their family dairy farm.

She attended many of her grandchildren's activities.

Becky is survived by her sons, Tom (Joanne) Hix, Roy (Beth) Hix and Ronald (Julie) Hix; daughter, Maribeth Hix; grandchildren, Scott (Abbie) Hix, Kristen (Jeff) Gioe, Mary (Matt) DeLong, Peter (Catherine) Hix, John (Jess) Hix, Simon (Amanda) Hix, Rachel Hix, Andrew Hix and Trevor (Laura) Hix; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; sisters,

Doris Blinn and Mary Lou Blinn; brother, Jim (Jackie) Blinn; sisters-in-law, Rita Blinn, Margaret Brown and Jondajane Childers; brother-in-law, Jerry (Barbara) Pearson; several nephews and nieces.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Merle and Ethel Blinn, husband, Bob Hix, grandson, Shad Hix, and siblings, John (Karen) Blinn, Jerry Blinn, Bonita Pearson and Sam Blinn.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Van Buren Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall, 108 S. Second St., Van Buren, on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The funeral service will begin at noon with Pastor Curtis Banker and Pastor Tim Helm officiating.

Becky will be laid to rest at Van Buren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hanfield Global Church, 101 N. 400 E., Marion, IN 46952 or Gilead Ministries, 212 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

MINNICH

Eva Mae Schemerhorn Minnich, 101, of Warren, passed away on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.



She was born on June 18, 1923, in Huntington County, to Aulden and Leatha M. (Ziegler) Schemerhorn.

Eva Mae graduated from Warren High School.

Her first job was at Coolman's Drug Store when she was 15 years old. She ran the photo studio for Mr. Brown from Huntington from 1944-1945 and had several positions in Warren throughout her life.

Eva Mae loved art! Painting, gardening and sewing on a machine were her hobbies until she lost her sight.

At the Knight Civic Center, she started The Bargain Basement and later a smaller version at Heritage Pointe.

In 1967, Eva Mae and a couple of friends started the Fourth of July Festival in Warren, her lifetime home.

She is survived by daughter, Julia Ann Stegmaier, and son-in-law, Richard Stegmaier, and son-in-law, Michael Stetzel.

Surviving are seven grandchildren, Rick Stegmaier, Tim (Kim) Stegmaier, Shon (Darcy) Stetzel, Bill (Amanda) Stetzel, Tina (Matt) Bailey, Tiffany (Rod) Saterthwaite and Kit (Kelly) Stetzel.

There are nine great grandchildren, Jessica Stegmaier, Emma and Calvin Bailey, Mason and Parker Saterthwaite, Tucker and Haidee Stetzel and Madeline and Charles Stetzel.

Three nieces survive, Etta Jane Spivey, Jone Gaye (Stan) Brill and Shari Sue (Wendell) Brown.

Preceding Eva Mae in death are her parents, Leatha and Aulden Schemerhorn, husband, Howard Minnich, daughter, Mary Ellen Stetzel, and great-grandson, Chase Saterthwaite.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A funeral service will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Chaplain Ginny Soultz officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Heritage Pointe-Applegate Chapel.

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MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT GUARANTEED ISSUE

All Medigap Plans available open for those under 65 with Medicare. A new bill, SEA 215 was introduced and passed in Indiana in Spring of 2024. Beginning January 1, 2025, there will be guaranteed issue into medigap plans for people under 65. What does this mean? This means that after December 31, 2024, any Medicare Supplement Plan (Medigap) that is available to those with Medicare will also have to provide that same plan, or an equivalent, available for those with Medicare due to disability or ESRD.

Anyone on Medicare under the age of 65 prior to January 1, 2025 will have a six month window to sign up for a Medigap Plan, guaranteed. This would be January 1 – June 30, 2025.

Anyone enrolling into Medicare under the age of 65 AFTER January 1, 2025 will be granted their own six month guaranteed enrollment window starting from the first day of the month their Medicare begins.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the following rules will apply to health insurance providers:

* Issuers may not deny or condition issuance of Medicare supplement policy because of health status, claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical condition of an individual.

* Issuers may not charge a premium rate for Plans A, B, or D that exceeds the

premium rate an issuer charges to those age 65 for same Medicare supplement policy.

* Issuers may not charge a premium rate for any other standardized letter Medicare supplement policy that exceeds 200% of premium charged to those age 65 for the same Medicare supplement policy.

* Issuers may not issue policy that contains a waiting period or preexisting condition limitation or exclusion.

If you have questions about the SEA 215 bill or anything else related to Medicare, contact SHIP for free, impartial assistance.

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SNOW SHOVELING TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HEART

INDIANAPOLIS – With snow predicted to fall across large portions of Indiana this weekend, the American Heart Association encourages Hoosiers to protect their hearts while shoveling snow and to seek immediate treatment if they experience any signs or symptoms of a heart attack. Research shows that many people may face an increased risk of a heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest after shoveling heavy snow.

“Shoveling snow can be a very vigorous activity, and you’re basically doing it in a freezer,” says Dr. William Gill, a cardiologist who is president of the American

Heart Association board of directors in Indianapolis. “Those conditions can very quickly lead to stress on the heart. For example, after only two minutes of snow shoveling, participants in a study had heart rates exceeding 85% of maximal heart rate, which is a level more commonly expected during intense aerobic exercise testing. The impact is hardest on those people who are least fit.”

To help make snow removal safer, the American Heart Association suggests:

* Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don’t overstress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

* Don’t eat a heavy meal prior or soon after shoveling. Eating a large meal can put an extra load on your heart.

* Use a small shovel or consider a snow thrower. The act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure acutely during the lift. It is safer to lift smaller amounts more times, than to lug a few huge shovelfuls of snow. When possible, simply push the snow.

* Learn the heart attack warning signs and listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you’re not sure it’s a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don’t wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1

* Don’t drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person’s sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

* Consult a doctor. If you have a medical condition, don’t exercise on a regular basis or are middle aged or older, meet with your doctor

prior to the first anticipated snowfall.

* Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. Heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body’s heat can be lost through your head.

It’s also critical for people to recognize the signs of a heart attack and to call 9-1-1 immediately if they experience any of those signs.

“I can’t stress enough the urgency of getting proper treatment for a heart attack,” Dr. Gill says. “Don’t die of doubt. If you’re experiencing symptoms or something just doesn’t feel right, go get it checked out. Hospitals offer life-saving treatment.”

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the “movie heart attack,” where no one doubts what’s happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren’t sure what’s wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

* Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

* Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

* Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

* Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness

As with men, women’s most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are

somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room. If you can’t access EMS, have someone drive you to the hospital right away.

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