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Thought for the Week: Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others. Robert Louis Stevenson

EOC FUNDRAISER

The Solid Rock Church Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago fundraiser in Warren on Monday, April 28, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All tips from the event will be used for needs in our community and beyond.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer First Thursday of May www.NationalDayofPrayer.org

Please take 15 minutes of your day to pray for our nation.

Examples of things to pray about

Government

Pray for the President, Vice President, the Cabinet, Senators; Representatives; Supreme Court Justices, Attorney General; Our Military Serving everywhere

Indiana Governor, the staff, Attorney General; Senators; Representatives; Our National Guard

Local servants: Judges; County Attorney; Sheriff, Deputies; State & Local Police; Conservation Officer

Warren Town Clerk Morrison, Fire Chief Poulson, Town Marshall Spitler, Warren Town Council

and others who influence & make decisions affecting our World, Nation, State, County & Town

Our Churches

Our Pastors, Elders, Deacons, SONday School Teachers, Music & Worship leaders, for wisdom & submission to the Spirit of God to teach, lead & direct their flock into a closer walk with God.

Church Revival & Spiritual Growth for people who attend a Church gathering (and those who cannot), to be drawn into

a closer relationship with our God.

Our Schools Superintendent, School Board, Principals, Teachers and Faculty. Home Education.

Students to learn the basic skills of reading, writing, language and math.

Our Families

Husbands & Wives, Fathers & Mothers, training our children to be compassionate contributing citizens; Brothers & Sisters, Relatives, family & personal devotions, personal commitments & testimony.

Our Community Friends & Neighbors

Volunteers who choose to give so much time & energy to community projects to make sure things keep happening

These are only a few Examples - pray without ceasing!

ADULT ART & HOBBY SHOW

Fair season is close at hand! Mark your calendars for June 15-21, 2025. The Grant County Adult Art & Hobby Show is seeking entries. This is a chance to show off your talents in the many categories available.

Domestic Arts & Crafts categories include: machine embroidery; bed covers; hand quilting; knitting - hand or machine; crocheting, sewing - hand or machine non-wearable; clothing construction wearable; counted cross stitch; miscellaneous needlework; Christmas decorations; wood craft, Do Your Own Thing: fabric, metal, leather, ceramics, gourds, etc.; hand woven; scrapbooking; wearable art; and collections.

Painting, Drawing & Photography categories

include: oil & acrylic painting, water color painting, drawings - pencil, charcoal, ink or pastels, Photography - color, black & white.

Foods & Food Preservation categories include: food preservation - canned vegetables, jams and jellies, pickles, canned fruits, salsa, and sauces; breads - plain and fancy yeast rolls, quick bread and muffins; cookies - all and diabetic; pies - one and two crusts; cakes - scratch and mix.

Horticulture and Floral categories include: single vegetable; single fruit; live flowers; and silk or dried flowers.

Domestic Arts & Crafts and Painting, Drawing & Photography are due at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 1, 5-7pm or Wednesday, June 12, 8am to 4pm.

Foods & Food Preservation and Horticulture & Floral are due at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 12, 5-7pm or Thursday, June 13, 8am to noon.

Further questions contact the Purdue University Extension office of Grant County at 765-651-2413 or by email to grantces@purdue.edu.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 14, 2025 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Ron Boxell: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Dustin Fortney; others.

President Buzzard announced the opening of a scheduled Public Hearing on Resolution 3-2025, Resolution to Approve Additional Appropriations. Following reading of the Resolution and request for public comment and hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve Resolution 3-2025. Boxell, Buzzard, Sweikhardt, Rufener voted to approve the motion.

Minutes of the March 24th meeting were approved as submitted.

Lisa Williams and James Loftis of the Baseball Association submitted the schedule for games at Tower Park noting eighteen youth teams were scheduled to play with Adult League scheduled following that season. Also submitted was an annual contribution to the Park Donation Fund from the Association.

Marshal Spitler submitted the March Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson had submitted the Department March Activity Report.

Rufener submitted the HCUED Monthly Report.

Morrison submitted a request for financial support for the OCRA Rural Empowerment & Development program, County Wide program, planned initial workshop in May. Following discussion, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve the amount of \$250 from CREDIT Funds. Boxell, Rufener, Schweikhardt, Rufener voted to approve the motion.

A Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-4, Control of certain Truck Traffic on designated streets has been

scheduled for April 28th Meeting.

The Attorney has not yet submitted an Ordinance for Animal Control.

An Executive Meeting was set for Tuesday, April 22nd at 2:00 pm for discussion with the Real Estate Attorney regarding proposed Developer Agreement.

Ordinance 2025-5, Amendment to Utility Employee wages and Ordinance 2025-6, and Amendment to Appointed Officials wages as introduced on March 24th were submitted for action. Buzzard moved, seconded by Rufener, to adopt both Ordinances. Boxell, Rufener, Sweikhardt, Buzzard voted to approve the motion.

A notice from Midwest Fire, company from which a Fire Truck is scheduled to be delivered in 2026, was read with the company notifying that the tariff situation could be expected to result in higher than estimated chassis costs. Morrison recommended that additional funds be moved to the Rainy Day Fund during budget considerations to offset any potential cost increases.

Morrison submitted the Quarterly Report for the Substance Abuse Fund through the Huntington County Community Foundation. The Council commits Opioid Settlement Distribution monies to that Fund.

Utility Supervisor Fortney submitted updates on the Wayne Street Project noting that the work is scheduled to be complete in early May. Also, work has been completed in

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Will My Social Security Increase if I Keep Working After Applying?

Dear Rusty: I am going to be 67 in a few weeks & I plan on working for another year or two. According to Social Security, they count the best 35 years to come up with your benefit. I currently have 30 years, with 2024 and 2025 taxes yet to be filed. If I take my benefit now, will I get an upward adjustment after filing my taxes for those years, or do I need to wait to apply for SS until after filing my taxes to get credit for those years? Signed: Still Working

Dear Still Working: Whenever you claim your Social Security benefit, SSA will look at your lifetime earnings record on file at the time (as received from the IRS) and calculate your "primary insurance amount" (PIA) using that record on file. They will use your highest earning 35 years to do that calculation and, if you do not yet have 35 years, they will use "zero \$\$" enough times to make it 35 years. In other words, your benefit will always be calculated using 35 years, whether you actually have 35 years of earnings on record, or not.

However, Social Security revisits your earnings record whenever additional information is received from the IRS, so if file your taxes and add the additional year's income after you start your Social Security benefits, you will get credit for those additional earnings. Essentially, you will be replacing one of the "zero \$\$" years originally used to calculate your benefit amount, and Social Security will recalculate your monthly amount to reflect that, resulting in an increase to your monthly benefit.

Thus, as long as you work and earn and report your earnings to the IRS, Social Security will update your record and automatically give you a higher benefit if warranted by your more recent earnings. That recalculation usually happens later in the year (after April 15th), but Social Security will make any increase retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year, so you will get any higher benefit effective with January.

So, since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA), you can (if you wish) apply for Social Security now and be confident that Social Security will give you credit for any additional earnings after you apply. And for clarity, if you choose to wait beyond your full retirement age to claim, you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will continue to increase your monthly benefit amount until you are 70 years of age. DRCs will add 8% to your PIA for each full year you delay (.667% for each month you delay past your FRA).

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

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST
CHURCH**
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pastor Mark Joynerr
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

**HILLCREST
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 375-2510
 Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
 Bus Service 375-2510
 www.warrennaz.org
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.251.2322
 Ron Forsythe, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 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

**LIBERTY CENTER
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Daniel Tucker, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School
 for all ages9:00 - 9:45
 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
 Everyone is Welcome

**SALAMONIE
CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
 375-2102
 www.firstccw.net
 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Takarra Myers, Youth Director
 office@firstccw.net
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
 Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 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

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-618-0027
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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preparation for the Water Data Collection System to be installed on the Tower Park Tower. Submitted for consideration were two quotes from Colton Hasty for Street Cut repairs – one for work on Main and Nancy Streets for dips in the roads in the amount of \$2200 and one for repair of several street cuts in the amount of \$6300. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell to accept both quotes. Boxell, Rufener, Schweikhardt, Buzzard voted to approve the motion.

Schweikhardt reported on the Veterans Park noting that signage had been ordered. Also updated was a project through Warren Library and Warren Boys and Girls Club for placement of murals on the building leased from the Town. Noting that the Library had put the project on hold due to pending State Legislative action and due to upfront costs from a mural artist whom had been contacted, it was recommended that a local artist be found to move the project forward.

General Discussion held. Next Meeting of Council set for April 28th with Public Hearing on Truck Ordinance and Project Update Reports by Town Engineer, Ben Adams, from Commonwealth Engineering scheduled.

REGISTER NOW

The Salamonie Summer Festival Golf Outing will be Saturday June 7th 2025! It starts at 8am at Dogwood Glen, Warren, IN. The fee is \$50 per Golfer or \$200 per Foursome. Lunch and Prizes are provided.

Registration begins at 7am, forms are available at the Warren Pharmacy.

For more info contact Terry or Melinda Daniels at the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135. Send your registration and contribution to: P.O.Box 140 Warren, IN 46792-0140

SHARE THE ROAD

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on roadways this spring.

"Spring time is incredibly busy for everyone. Hoosier families will be taking their kids to spring sports, graduations and more, but it's especially busy for our farmers," said Lt. Gov. Beckwith, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I want to encourage all motorists this spring to slow down, drive safely and share our roads with farmers and their large slow moving equipment."

In 2022, eleven occupants were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in one death, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.

"As we get further into the spring season, we will begin to see more farm machinery using our roadways as farmers begin planting their crops,"

said Anthony Scott, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "Let's make sure we are all giving them the space and patience necessary to get from field to field this season, because our primary goal is the safety of all those who travel our roads and highways."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

* Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

* Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

* Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not

planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a vehicle to pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

Additionally, * Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

* Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb wants to remind motorists that farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

"Getting planting equipment from field to field is the hardest part of planting season for Hoosier farmers," said Don Lamb, ISDA director and farmer from Boone county. "Having cars pull over when able is a huge help and farmers appreciate it and we also try to pull over when we can to let people pass. We want everyone to get to their destination safely, whether that is to school, daycare pickup or a farm field."

For a list of safety tips visit isda.in.gov.

VOLUNTEER WEEK

Every year more than 12,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, the DNR

will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources and salute their accomplishments on its social media accounts. To follow DNR official social media accounts, see on.IN.gov/dnrsocial.

Hoosiers can connect with Indiana's natural and cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and talents at their favorite DNR property.

To find out how you can help DNR properties and become part of DNR's volunteer family, explore on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or contact your local DNR property to learn more.

Visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov and the volunteer link referenced above for listings of programs and events for April 20-26.

For more information or to get answers to questions about volunteering for DNR, email DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

ARBOR DAY

Indiana's Arbor Day this year is April 25.

Arbor Day is a day on which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees each year. Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872, when an estimated 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska, the home state of then-U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sterling Morton.

States observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the

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Weekly Specials
Apr 24 - 30

GREENHOUSE IS OPEN!

- **Homestyle Flaky Biscuits**
\$1.89 ea
- **Good Health Cheese Puffs**
\$1.89 ea.
- **Hormel Diced Pepperoni**
\$2.99 ea

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Sunday	1pm-5pm	Thursday	11am-7pm
Monday	4pm-7pm	Friday	11am-6pm
Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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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.

Apr 26	11-2p	Warren Health & Fitness Center Open House
Apr 28	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 12	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 13	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
May 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
May 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 26	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall

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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year based on the best tree planting times in their respective area. This year, Indiana's date and the national date are the same.

No matter where you live in the Hoosier State, there's a tree celebration, planting, giveaway or similar tree-themed event for you to enjoy this month or next. Details about spring Arbor Day events across Indiana are posted on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Community & Urban Forestry program website at on.IN.gov/CUF under the Tree City USA section.

In celebration of Arbor Day, the DNR Division of Forestry holds an annual poster contest. The first-place winner was Jaxon Cadden, St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Newburgh. In second place was Chase Steele from John H. Castle Elementary School, also in Newburgh. The third-place winner was Anne Rose Worthington from Zionsville Middle School in Zionsville.

"This year's submissions were especially creative, with focuses on a variety of health and well-being aspects," said DNR Forestry's Racheal Stenger, who coordinated the contest. "We want to thank all the schools that participated and the teachers who chose to highlight the importance of trees to human and environmental health in their classroom."

View the top three winners' posters and more details about the contest at on.IN.gov/arboret-day-poster.

SLOW DOWN, SAVE A LIFE

Today marks the beginning of National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) 2025, a nationwide initiative dedicated to raising public awareness about work zone hazards and the importance of safety for both workers and motorists. This year's theme, "Respect the zone so we all get home," highlights the critical need for attentiveness and responsible driving in active construction zones.

As the 2025 construction season ramps up, Indiana Laborers are on the front lines-repairing roads, upgrading infrastructure, and enhancing public safety. However, work zones remain high-risk areas where speeding, distracted driving, and reckless behavior can have devastating consequences.

The Indiana Laborers District Council urges all motorists, construction workers, and community members to prioritize safety by:

- * Slowing down and following posted speed limits
- * Staying alert and avoiding distractions
- * Watching for workers and equipment

In support of these efforts, the Indiana SafeZone program is playing a vital role in improving work zone safety across the state. Through enhanced enforcement, increased public awareness, and advanced work zone technology, the SafeZone program helps reduce dangerous driving behaviors and protect both workers and motorists.

Brian Short, Business Manager of the Indiana Laborers District Council, stresses the importance of

this initiative, stating: "Every day our members work hard to build and maintain the roads we all rely on. But their safety depends on the actions of everyone on the road. Programs like Indiana SafeZone help reinforce the need for responsible driving, ensuring that workers and motorists alike make it home safely."

Throughout the week, the Indiana Laborers District Council will engage with local communities, policymakers, and industry leaders through awareness campaigns, public outreach, and safety initiatives aimed at reducing accidents and saving lives.

For more information about NWZAW 2025, and the Indiana Laborers District Council's commitment to workplace safety, visit inldc.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @IndianaLaborers.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Salamonie Summer Festival Cookbook is 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 2 pages on how to fold a napkin!

Cookbooks will be available at: DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance and Warren Pharmacy.

Calling All Puzzlers

The Warren Pharmacy has some donated puzzles, that are available to anyone to take home and solve, and then you can return it and exchange it for another.

Please Take a puzzle home and solve it, at NO CHARGE

then return & trade for another!

Feel free to take one home and solve it, then return it & trade it for another!

A TRIP TO ORLANDO AREA DAYS # 5 & 6

by Larry Ryan
The itinerary for the day was a trip to the Kennedy Space Center. Since it was a six hour venture and I was below par with that 'head cold,' a decision was made to stay put at the Drury Inn. Last summer my wife and I had driven to the Neil Armstrong Space Center in Ohio, so she decided that that was enough space traveling and stayed with me.

We spent the morning reading and watching television; had leftover shrimp from Miller's Ale House for a lunch meal; and sat by the pool in 60 degree temperature in the afternoon. After 40 minutes of sunbathing, the bright, orange fireball disappeared and it was back to the room.

The 5:30-7:00 pm, "Kick Back" food service was on our meager agenda for the day. Tonight's meal consisted of a salad, meat balls, mashed potatoes with beef gravy, and a vegetable soup that resembled watered-down V-8 Juice! The evening was spent watching more TV which included the men's Michigan State vs. U. Michigan basketball game.

This Saturday had an overcast sky with an 8 am temperature of 66 degrees. After the usual breakfast fuel, the bus left the hotel at 11:30 for a trip to Blue Spring State Park in Orange, Florida. A Subway stop produced pre-ordered box lunches. While waiting there, I noticed a 2 year old child who was near a temper tantrum stage. His mother was consoling him. Remember those occasions?

Maybe it was the indigo blue clouds that were filtering in that created his moodiness.

A tuna sandwich was devoured on board while the driver pressed onward. The bus passed the Fantom Fireworks, and exits to Orange Blossom Trail, Winter Park, Maitland Boulevard, and Altamonte Springs. After crossing the St. Johns River into DeBary, FL, we were informed that there 500 Manatees waiting for our arrival. At 12:40 we entered Orange City and sure enough, I spotted an orange tree with fruit developing.

The bus driver maneuvered the traveling vehicle onto several different streets before locating the park. The space reserved for the bus was occupied, so it became sequestered in a vacant driveway. We were encouraged to walk the extended, riverfront boardwalk until it was our turn for a boat ride.

From several vantage locations along the river, Manatees were enjoying the warm water. They were either lazily swimming or preferred to remain stationary. Most stay in the river, but some may venture out to the ocean. Prolonged water temperature below 68 degrees is harmful to their health. A desired temperature is 72 degrees. They have no predators, but are harmed and killed by collisions with watercrafts! These mammals are sometimes called sea cows and have the following land relatives: Elephants and aardvarks.

At 3:15 our group boarded the Native II for a one hour boat ride on the 310 mile long St. Johns River. This river accepts three other rivers but is filled mostly by rainfall. It is a slow flowing waterway as the elevation only lowers 23 feet during its journey. Prior to leaving the dock an eagle was perched in a nearby tree top. We learned that the female is larger than the male. Females rule again!

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WEARLY

John Robert Wearly, 78, husband, father, grandpa, brother and friend, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at his farmhouse in Daleville.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Sarah Wearly.

John is survived by his wife, Christine Wearly.

We celebrate a simple man. He had a quiet presence that his family and friends so appreciated.

John was an avid vegetable gardener. His garden was his pride and joy.

He was a well-known mechanic.

John was always sharing his knowledge and skills to fix just about anything.

This was how he showed his love by working with his hands and helping family and friends.

John was a member of Indiana Outboard Association and raced hydroplane boats for many years. His nickname was "Mr. Fast" back in the day.

He never met a stranger at the races.

Great friends and memories brought John tremendous joy.

He also loved being a grandpa.

John enjoyed spending time with his childhood friend, Joe, and his coffee buddies, fishing at Topsail Beach, N.C., riding bikes with his friend, Marvin,

and riding around the farm on his John Deere Gator.

He also is survived by his daughter, Mindy McKee (Tom), and children, Sean, Michael and Erin; his daughter, Molly O'Halloran (Jim), and children,

Jimmy, Megan and Tommy; his son, Jonathan Wearly (Michelle), and children, Christian and Evan; family friend, Bobby Webb (Nicole), and children, Isaac and Ashton; sisters, Carol Wilhems (Jerry) and Ann Wood (Roby); brother-in-law, Phil Huffman (Donna); sister-in-law, Gloria Huffman (Jim Huffman, deceased); brother-in-law, Paul Huffman; sister-in-law, Nan Huffman.

Celebration of life will be on Saturday, April 19, 2025, with calling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Glancy H. Brown & Son

Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren.

Graveside service will follow at Thompson Home Cemetery, rural Warren, with Pastor Roby Wood officiating.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a meal at Dogwood Glen Clubhouse, 753 E. 900 S., Warren, following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Jimmy V Foundation, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513.

HAYNES

Sandra "Sandy" Louise Haynes, 73, of rural Wells County, passed away at her home on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

She was born on November 17, 1951, in Marion to Rexford and Velma (Clark) Ratliff.

Sandy graduated from Eastbrook High School.

She enjoyed going camping at Lost Bridge East at Salamonie and spending time with her family.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Randy Ratliff and David Ratliff.

Loving survivors include her sons, Sean (Cathryn Hygema) Koontz, Noel (Molly) Koontz and Paul (Ashley) Haynes; brothers, Rex Ratliff and Mark Ratliff; longtime companion, Mel Shideler.

In honor of Sandy's wishes, no public services will be conducted.

The family will celebrate her life privately.

HALL

Loren Clair Hall, 78, formerly of Warren, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Loren was born on April 13, 1925, in Grant County to Ernest H. and

He graduated from Van Buren High School in 1943. On September 7, 1945, he married Margaret Jane Cline at Griffin Chapel in rural Marion, Indiana.

Loren proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. Following his military service, he worked for the United States Government

at the Marion Veterans Administration Home, where he later retired. He served several years as a member of the Eastbrook School Board and retired as a driver for Eastbrook Community Schools in Grant County. Loren was a founding member of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department and, in retirement, ran upholstery shops in Van Buren and Warren, Indiana, where chairs lined the room of his workshop so friends could drop by for casual conversation as he worked.

Loren and Margaret were lifelong residents of Grant County until they moved to Heritage Pointe in Warren, where they spent the last 30 years. Loren had a deep love for growing things—he maintained a bountiful vegetable garden for years before shifting his focus to establishing and caring for an apple orchard. He took Purdue University extension classes to learn more about apple grafting techniques. A self-proclaimed handyman, he was always ready to repair rather than replace anything that wasn't working properly. Loren also considered himself the unofficial historian of Washington Township, often sharing detailed stories about the area's past.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Gladys Hall; his beloved wife, Margaret Jane (Cline) Hall; and his siblings Marris Hall, Jay Hall, Pauline Hall, Wilma (Embree) Hall, Phillip Hall, Martha (Weaver) Hall, and Phyllis Hall. Loren is lovingly survived by his children: Sue Lynne (John) Bever of Southgate, KY; Max Alan (Tonja) Hall of East Troy, WI; and James Brian (Kathy) Hall of Swayzee, IN.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jennifer (Zak) O'Conner, David Bever, Mara Quinn, Preston Scott-Hall, Richie (Lexi) Sisson, Courtney Sisson, Aliyea Rizai, Melissa Rizai, and Cameron Rizai; great-grandchildren: Lexi O'Conner, Emmett O'Conner, Baylee Quinn, Brayden Quinn, Bentlyn Quinn, Abram Sisson,

Ellie Sisson, Benji Warren, Josie Scollick, and Maggie Scollick; as well as his brother Glenn (Barbara) Hall and sister Glenna Plummer.

Family and friends are invited to gather and share memories of Loren on Tuesday, April 22, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792. A funeral service will begin at 2:00 PM, officiated by Chaplain Ginny Soultz. Burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery on the Heritage Pointe campus, where Loren will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife, Margaret. Military honors will be performed in recognition of his service.

BURKE

 Will "Scott" Burke, 93, of Jonesboro, passed away at 12:13 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025, in his home.

He was born in Nickelsville, Va., on Friday, Dec. 25, 1931, to David and Alice (Sexton) Burke.

On September 28, 1968, Scott married Bessie M. York, who survives.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He achieved the rank of Corporal and was honorably discharged.

Following his military service, Scott worked as a corrugator operator with Bell Packaging, Marion, for 37 years.

He was a member of Grace Community Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gas City, and Elks, Marion.

Scott enjoyed golfing and swimming.

In addition to his loving wife, Bessie, he is survived by his daughters, G. Lyvonne Nightenhelser, of Warren, and Sheila (Dan) O'Keefe, of Missouri; sons, Randy (Denise) Burke, of Wabash, and Sandy (Kim) Burke, of Converse; step-daughter, Cheryl (Jerry) Gibbs, of California; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; plus several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, David Lee Burke, mother, Alice M. Burke, son, Justin Burke, and 12 siblings.

The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Scott's life will begin at noon with Pastor Barry Earley officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

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The boat traveled around Hontoon Island while a variety of birds including osprey, vultures, egrets, and blue heron were seen. Another bird, the Brown Limpkin makes a haunting, screaming sound. This utterance is heard in the Tarzan movies, rather than that of a cheetah! Two small alligators rested on shore. Part of the river expanded into Lake Baresford. A naturalist, Wm. Bartram was an early explorer here. He was the first person to hybridize flowers in North America.

By 5:15 the driver had collected all the survivors from the river ride and was on I-4 heading west to Orlando where dinner was served at the Black Angus Steakhouse. We placed our meal selection cards on the table and the servers discovered us with the proper entrees. I was first handed a bottle of steak sauce which I proudly displayed as my meal. I received a laugh for that act! Finally that sauce was accompanied with a small NY Strip steak. My wife ordered grilled salmon. The dessert was an oversized, round, Berry Brulee Cheesecake. Everything was delicious. On the way back to the hotel, we passed the largest McDonald's.

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Most Medicare Advantage plans do not cover health care provided outside of the United States and its territories. Contact your plan

to see what rules and costs apply when you are traveling.

If you have questions related to Medicare, call SHIP at (800) 452-4800 or online at www.medicare.in.gov. You can also find SHIP on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

THE GRAIN DRILL

by Daris Howard

It's planting time in our rural community. Much of the grain is in, and some of it is up just enough that the fields have a beautiful green tinge to them. In the higher country, the grain is just getting planted, and in the valley, the potato planting is moving into high gear.

As with harvest, farmers often help each other or share equipment during planting. Dean, one of the older members of our community, told a story about just such a time.

Dean didn't have a big farm, but it was necessary to provide for his family. One year he had worked much of the spring trying to get his grain drill working. He would just get one thing fixed when something else would break down, sending him right back to the shop.

Dean could see the days going by, and the time for planting was coming to a close. He couldn't see any way his old planter was going to work, so he started asking around to see if anyone had a grain drill they could lend him.

The first farmer he asked had his grain drill up in the high country and wouldn't be done until after Dean needed it. The second farmer said his drill had broken down just as he was finishing his own planting. He said Dean could use it, but it would take some time to fix. And so it went with farmer after farmer. Each was willing to let Dean use their grain drill, but it wasn't currently ready or available.

Finally, Dean called Cyrus, who had a small farm, much like Dean's.

"Sure, you can use my grain drill," Cyrus said. "I don't even plan to use it this year. I have planted some hay, but I plan

to put the rest of my fields into potatoes."

Dean asked if the grain drill was ready to go or if it would need some work.

"Well," Cyrus said, "it was working when we parked it last spring. Of course, every spring, a person would do well to grease the bearings, oil the sprockets, and things like that. But that's all I think it should need."

Dean felt relieved. He met Cyrus at the shed by Cyrus's house where the grain drill was parked. Dean backed his pickup up to it as Cyrus directed him. They hitched the grain drill to Dean's pickup, and Dean was on his way.

When he got it back to his shop, Dean grabbed his grease gun and the oil can and started to freshen up the grain drill to make sure everything was working correctly. Before he kicked in the mechanisms to make sure everything was running, he opened the hopper to make sure there was no old grain or anything inside that might clog the drop chutes. He was surprised to find it full, but not of grain.

Dean called Cyrus. "I think you ought to come over here. There are some things in the grain drill."

"Like what?" Cyrus asked.

"I'm not sure what it all is," Dean said, "but I figure you should be the one to go through it."

It wasn't long before Cyrus's old Ford pulled into the yard.

Cyrus got out, and the door squeaked like it would fall off. He walked over to Dean, who was standing by the grain drill. Cyrus opened the door on the hopper and stared intently, seemingly confused. He pulled out a bag.

Cyrus reached in the bag and pulled out a bunch of new blue jeans with the store tags on them. He still seemed confused. He pulled out another bag and pulled a doll out of it.

Cyrus's confused expression began to give way to a smile that was spreading across his face. "Oh, my diggity dang! That's where all that stuff went to."

"What is it?" Dean asked.

"When it's Christmas time," Cyrus said, "my kids have figured out all the hiding places we have for their presents. So, I decided to hide them where they would never find them. But the problem was, I couldn't remember where I put them, either. It ended up being a sparse Christmas."

Cyrus laughed as he gathered up the packages. "I guess my family is gonna' have Christmas in May."

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