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Thought for the Week: You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again. Bonnie Prudden

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Spring clean up at Woodlawn Cemetery will be coming soon. So get your Christmas/winter decorations removed from loved ones graves. All items intended to be saved must be removed by March 1st.

4-H FLOWER SALES

Grant County 4-H members are currently selling flowers and vegetables. The flowers and vegetables available for 2024 are: red, white and pink Geraniums, Moss Rose, Dianthus, Begonias, red, white and purple Wave Petunias, Gerbera Daisy, Better Boy Tomato, Cherry Tomato, Wave Petunia hanging basket, Impatiens hanging basket, and Begonia hanging basket.

If you are planning to buy flowers or vegetables for your home, why not purchase from a Grant County 4-H member?

Contact a local 4-H'er or club leader to order your plants before April 19, or call the Grant County Extension Office and we can put you in touch with a 4-H Club. The phone number for the office is 765-651-2413.

Please support the Grant County 4-H Program!

FESTIVAL HELP

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival is always in need of people to help with the festival!

Have an idea for the festival?

Come on out to the meeting this Thursday (2.22.24) at 7 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Van Buren Lions Den (110 N 1st St).

FRUIT TREE FORUM

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will hold a public forum on Wednesday March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in 1st Federal Savings Bank Community Building at the Huntington County Fairgrounds located at 631 E Taylor St., Huntington. The topic will be "Growing Fruit Trees". Phil Foster, a local farmer, has raised apples and other fruits for many years.

Foster will discuss grafting, pruning, pest control, and other management practices essential for fruit production.

Please RSVP by calling the Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office - 1340 South Jefferson St. at 260-358-4826.

COUNCIL MINUTES

(Following is a draft of the minutes of the latest meeting.)

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, February 12, 2024 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, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Lee Poulson; others.

In reorganization of Council for 2024, Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to re-appoint Buzzard as President. Voting in support were Boxell, Schweikhardt, Buzzard, voting against was Rufener. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to reappoint Schweikhardt as Vice President. Unanimous.

Morrison is to continue as representative on the County CEDIT Committee with Buzzard to continue on the County Economic Development Committee. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of every Month at 6:00 pm.

Melinda Daniels, "Total Eclipse in Warren" Committee representative submitted a list of items to be considered in regard to activities being planned as Warren is in the area to see the Total Eclipse. Council concurred with all items requiring approval. More information will be made public closer to the event.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 were submitted. There was not a meeting in January. Proposed corrections to the minutes from a member were considered but, minutes were not amended.

Marshal Spitler submitted the December and January Activity Reports. Also reported was that meetings were being held with county wide emergency officials in regard to the Solar Eclipse and items such as traffic control and parking conditions. A request to use part time officers on April 8 was approved by consensus.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the January Activity Report.

Year End Activity/Event report related to Historic Warren was submitted.

In unfinished business, consideration of bid recommendations and related documents for the Nancy Street Lift Station and Sewer Upgrade were considered. Buzzard moved approval of Award of the Bid

to API Construction in the amount of \$838,730.75, the lowest of three bids submitted. Seconded by Schweikhardt, the motion was approved unanimously. Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve Agreement with Contractor. Buzzard, Boxell, Schweikhardt voted in the affirmative with Rufener abstaining. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to issue Notice to Proceed. Approved unanimously.

Also in regard to the Nancy Street Lift Station Project and due to the bid being substantially more than estimated, submitted for review was a Report from Financial Solutions Group detailing revised financial support of the project. Following review, Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to accept the financial plan. Motion approved unanimously.

Annual Contracts with Financial Solutions Group were approved unanimously as follows: Continuing Disclosure Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission due to an outstanding Bond with Morrison as Compliance Officer, Professional Services Proposal outside of Bonding, and Required Redevelopment Commission Reporting. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard, acceptance of all. Approved unanimously.

An Executive Meeting has been scheduled for February 13 with Thomas Niezer, Attorney, regarding purchase of property from Huntington County Community School Corporation.

In discussion of the Feral Cat situation, by consensus, Council directed that Marshal Spitler start a program with Animal Control to address the issue starting with a trap, treat, and release program of ten cats. Approximate cost of \$55 each.

As Council had previously approved funding from CEDIT Funds in the amount of \$12,500 for Commodity Blenders toward the purchase of loading equipment for the Wayne Street Mill Site in coordination with the County Commissioners providing additional funds, a contract prepared by Huntington County United Economic Development for the project was reviewed. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard, to authorize the contract. Approved unanimously.

An Executive Meeting was scheduled for February 20 to review applications received for two job positions which had been advertised.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to approve Resolution 1-2024, Transfers between Electric Funds. Approved unanimously.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to approve Resolution 2-2024, transfer of excess funds from Wastewater Debt Service Reserve to Wastewater Depreciation. Approved unanimously.

Approved unanimously by consensus was the 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Poulson updated work on projects and submitted a quote from ERS for replacement of four radios in the amount of \$4,408.08. Approved by consensus. The

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Hemming

This week I've been to the test kitchen again, so I have a great new recipe for you to try.

Back in the day I can remember watching the Brady Bunch and one show in mind was when Peter was talking about "pork chops and applesauce" well believe it or not it has stuck in my head along with John's. Every time I make pork chops, John will say "pork chops and applesauce". Well, today I beat him to the punch...."What are we having for supper?" my response was "pork chops and applesauce, literally" lol

So, this recipe is smelling really good and it's slow cooking in the crock pot so I can watch Purdue whip up on Ohio State. Go Boilers!!

APPLESAUCE PORK CHOPS

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 to 6 thick pork chops | 1 tsp garlic powder |
| 2 tbsp butter | 1/3 c. honey barbecue sauce |
| 2 tbsp brown sugar | 1 tsp worcestershire sauce |
| 1/4 tsp salt | |
| 1 1/2 c. chunky or regular applesauce | |
| 1/4 tsp black pepper | |

Brown pork chops on both sides in the butter using a skillet on top of the stove.

Add the browned pork chops to crock pot or slow cooker.

Make a sauce out of the remaining ingredients and pour over the browned pork chops.

Cook on low for 7 hours or high for 4 hours.

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 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.
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 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
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 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 Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
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 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Eklesia Sun 6:30pm

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 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
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 www.warrennaz.org
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.
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 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
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 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
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 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, 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. 7:00 p.m.
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 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 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 Grp 2nd & 4th Sat . 9am
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
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 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



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four month vegetation removal project to clear primary election lines has been completed. Work to proceed on the construction of a new pavilion has been delayed due to Huntington County Community Development officials citing a need for a variance. A State Permit has been granted. The Pavilion will be constructed at the same site of the original structure.

The next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for March 11.

RESERVED TURKEY HUNT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Beginning Feb. 19, hunters can apply for spring turkey reserved hunts by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 17.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period closes March 17.

Spring turkey hunts on Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs):

- * Atterbury FWA
- * Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area
- * Crosley FWA
- * Deer Creek FWA
- * Fairbanks Landing FWA
- * Goose Pond FWA
- * Glendale FWA
- * Hillenbrand FWA
- * Hovey Lake FWA
- * J.E. Roush Lake FWA
- * Jasper-Pulaski FWA
- * Kingsbury FWA
- * LaSalle FWA
- * Pigeon River FWA
- * Sugar Ridge FWA
- * Tri-County FWA
- * Willow Slough FWA
- * Winamac FWA

Spring turkey hunts on National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs):

- * Big Oaks NWR
- * Muscatatuck NWR
- * Muscatatuck NWR: Youth Turkey
- Spring turkey hunts on State Parks and Lakes:
 - * Mississinewa Lake
 - * Salamonie Lake

Spring turkey hunts on Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) sites in the following counties:

- * Bartholomew
- * Cass
- * Greene
- * Harrison
- * LaPorte
- * Ripley
- * Scott
- * Starke
- * Steuben
- * Sullivan

Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but a Customer ID number is needed.

In the online system, hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. Applicants must add a hunt to their cart and place an order to submit their application. If

the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information.

To view draw results, applicants can log into their online services account or click "View hunt draw results" at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt, which also includes more detailed information.

MIDWEST WALLEYE CHALLENGE

Indiana anglers are invited to participate in the 2024 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament that offers the opportunity to win prizes and contribute to fisheries management while providing Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologists with valuable data on the state's walleye, sauger, and saugeye populations.

The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30. Only catches of walleye, sauger, and saugeye will count in the tournament.

The Midwest Walleye Challenge was piloted in Iowa during the past two years. This year it will be offered across the Midwest as part of a larger fisheries research project funded by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

There is both a free and a \$25 paid option to enter the tournament, with biweekly

cash prizes available for paid participants and non-cash prizes available for free entrants. All participants will have a chance to win a grand prize at the end of the tournament.

Anglers will be able to submit catches and their time on the water for multiple categories, including a "Tough Luck" category for those who log fishing trips but don't catch anything, a "Most Waterbodies Fished" category for those who log trips from multiple rivers, lakes, and streams, and a standard "Longest Fish" category, in addition to random prize drawings for everyone who takes part.

Participants will use the free mobile app, MyCatch, to submit photos of their catch on a measuring device so length and species can be determined. Once the photo is reviewed, and the catch is confirmed, it will appear on a live leaderboard so anglers can see their current ranking in the tournament.

Those interested in participating can view the rules and register for the tournament by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app.

For more information, visit on.IN.gov/walleye.

INDIANA GOVERNMENT BOOK

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Bar Foundation have teamed up to bring the importance of civics for young Hoosiers to

the forefront. The 40th edition of the Here Is Your Indiana Government book – previously published exclusively by the Indiana Chamber – is now complimentary via an electronic guide and specifically designed to help teach to civics and government standards for grades four through 12.

The publication, which is still relevant for the general public and business community, is a resource to educate readers about the structure of Indiana government. This includes nearly 250 pages of content, including charts, photos, historical information and interesting Indiana facts.

"We're excited to bring back this staple of our publications division. Increasing civic engagement for all Hoosiers is one of the goals of the Indiana Chamber's new long-range visioning plan for the state called Indiana Prosperity 2035," shares Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sinderson. "For decades, Indiana students have been educated through this book and we're pleased to make it even more impactful by meeting current educational standards regarding civics."

The overhaul of the publication coincides with a new Indiana law now in effect that every middle school student must take one semester of civics education (in advance of the high

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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.

Feb 21	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Mar 6	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 11	6:00p	W Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Mar 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Mar 17		ST PATRICK'S DAY - Wear your Green!
Mar 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Mar 20		FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!!
Mar 20	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town 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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school government requirement).

Indiana Bar Foundation President and CEO Charles Dunlap echoes Sinders' enthusiasm about this collaboration.

"The Foundation is excited to be a part of the Here Is Your Indiana Government resource book," he says. "This will be an outstanding tool for educators around the state to help learn and teach about state and local government. Hoosier students and educators are getting a top-notch resource to help better understand our government."

The PDF of Here Is Your Indiana Government: 2024-2025 Edition can be downloaded at no cost at www.inbarfoundation.org/IndianaGovernmentBook. Hard copies of the publication will also be available for sale at www.indianachamber.com/here. (The book will be printed in March and pre-orders are currently being taken.)

The book is sponsored by Church Church Hittle and Antrim, Indiana Civics Coalition and the IU Center for Representative Government.

The timing of "Here Is..." also aligns with the deadline for young Hoosier students to take part in the first-ever Indiana Civics Bee. To do so, a student must submit a 500-word essay to a participating local chamber by February 19 with their ideas for improving their community and showing their enthusiasm for civics. The top three winners from each local event will advance to compete in the Indiana Civics Bee on August 23 at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by the Indiana Chamber and Indiana Department of Education. The state finalist winner will have the opportunity to compete this fall in Washington D.C. at the National Civics Bee.

ALMANACS AVAILABLE

The Warren Pharmacy still has some 2024 Farmers Almanac. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions for all of 2024 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, along with basic Eclipse information.

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

FREE CALENDARS

The Warren Pharmacy still has some Wall Calendars for 2024 provided by Citizens Telephone and Bippus State Bank. These calendars are also available to you at Citizens Telephone and Bippus State Bank.

The Warren Pharmacy also has some of the small NewCal (stick-on) calendars, provided by DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance. These are designed to stick on a wall, a door or in your vehicle. They start with December 2023 and go through December 2024, and can be torn off month by month, or folded up. You may also obtain these directly from DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance.

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2024 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner. Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2024, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each Planner has pages for some of your medical information, and standard medical information charts for Blood Pressure, BMI and Cholesterol.

These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE!

HISTORY MATTERS

by John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith
On February 16, 1804, the British Viscount Horatio Nelson, [1758-1805], applauded U.S. Lieutenant Stephen Decatur on a military mission which he described as the "most daring act of the age."

According to History.com, "after disguising himself and his men as Maltese sailors, Decatur's force of 74 men, which included nine U.S. Marines, sailed into Tripoli harbor on a small two-mast ship. The Americans approached the USS Philadelphia without drawing fire from the Tripoli shore guns, boarded the ship, and attacked its Tripolitan crew, capturing or killing all but two. After setting fire to the frigate, Decatur and his men escaped without the loss of a single American. The Philadelphia subsequently exploded when its gunpowder reserve was lit by the spreading fire."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Our Country, Right or Wrong: The Life of Stephen Decatur, the U.S. Navy's Most Illustrious Commander by Leonard F. Guttridge.

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On February 18, 1885, Samuel Clemens—known also as Mark Twain, put out The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Controversial and contentious--then and now, Ernest Hemingway, proclaimed that "all modern

literature stems from this one book."

History.com notes that Twain introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the institution of slavery and other aspects of life in the antebellum South."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

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Mardi Gras is a world-wide celebration but since February 27, 1827... New Orleans, Louisiana has evolved into the place to be on "Fat Tuesday." The holiday has a religious connotation but the celebration in New Orleans is decidedly secular.

"Early French settlers brought the tradition of Mardi Gras to the U.S. Gulf Coast at the end of the 17th century," according to History.com. "In fact, Mobile, Alabama celebrated its first carnival in 1703. However, Spanish governors later banned the celebrations. After Louisiana Territory became part of the United States in 1803, New Orleanians managed to

convince the city council to lift the ban on wearing masks and partying in the streets. The city's new Mardi Gras tradition began...when the group of students, inspired by their experiences studying in Paris, donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Rosary O'Neill's New Orleans Carnival Krewes: The History, Spirit & Secrets of Mardi Gras.

SPRING CLEANING: DON'T TOSS THAT 'JUNK,' IT MAY BE VALUABLE!

(StatePoint) From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning.

A little time spent determining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions,

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MORGAN

Donald Lee Morgan, 64, of Marion, passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at Aperia Care, Marion.

He was born on Sunday, April 19, 1959, in Marion.

Donald was a 1977 graduate of Eastbrook High School.

He retired from Hartson-Kennedy, Inc., Marion.

Donald enjoyed shooting targets and collecting guns.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Donald Eugene Morgan, of Muncie; granddaughter, Shaianna Elizabeth Morgan, of Muncie; sister, Brenda Morgan Diskey, of Marion; nephews, Ken and Trace; niece, Darla; five great-nieces and great-nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Eugene Morgan, mother, Carol D. (Wilson) Morgan, and daughter, Monique Renee Morgan.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Van Buren, on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A service to celebrate Donald's life will follow at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, with Pastor Steve Rogers officiating.

Interment will follow in Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Preferred memorials may be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

WALKER

Kathryn "Kate" I. Walker, 96, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at her residence in Spring Hill, Tenn.

She was born on August 20, 1927, at home in Wells County to Edward and Gladys (Kershner) White.

She graduated from Montpelier High School Class of 1947.

Kate retired from working at 3M Company, Hartford City, after 31 years of employment.

On June 23, 1947, in Van Buren, Kathryn and Jerome M. Walker were married. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Survivors include her children, Judy (Bob) Winningham, of Highland Village, Texas, Joyce Burke, of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Janet Frauhiger, of Sarasota, Fla. Kate was a loving Grandma to nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by two daughters, Jean L. Walker, in 2017, and Jill Walker Schmoyer, in 2019.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with Life Celebrant Jeff Lemler officiating.

Burial will follow at Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery, Montpelier.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

HALL

Lloyd "Kenny" Hall, 81, of rural

Montpelier, IN, passed away at 12:55 PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at his home in Montpelier, IN.

He was born on Monday, November 16, 1942, in Carter County, KY. He married Diane Schmidt on Saturday, September 24, 1988 at the United Methodist Church, Montpelier, IN. Kenny attended Hartford City High School.

He had worked at Gripco (Stanley Engineered Fastening) where he retired after serving for 25 years. He also worked for Key Fasteners in Berne, IN. Kenny was a horse farrier and corrective horse farrier. He pulled horses & ponies with Roger Montgomery for many years. Kenny attended the Dillman United Brethren Church and had a very strong faith.

Kenny will be sadly missed by his wife - Diane (Schmidt) Hall, Montpelier, IN, sons -

Randy Hall, Hartford City, IN, Kenneth Ray Hall, Hartford City, IN, daughter - Jodie (Bob) Dodds, Hartford City, IN, 5 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father - George Melvin Hall, mother - Nellie (Jordan) Hall, sisters - Beulah Litteral, Anna Bea Hess, Goldie Maxine Adkins, Geraldine Hess, & Norma Jane Allen, brothers - Charles Preston Hall, William Ralph Hall, George Franklin Hall, Johnny Monroe Hall, and infant brother George Melvin Hall.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Kenny's life will follow at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 3:00 PM with Pastor Kevin Lex officiating. Interment will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials: Blackford County Animal Shelter c/o Blackford Community Foundation PO Box 327 Hartford City, IN. 47348

SELL

Diana Marie Sell, 75, of Markle, passed away on Friday morning, Feb. 16, 2024, at her home in Markle.

She was a 1967 Huntington High School graduate.

Diana was a member of New Life Fellowship Church.

She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and a friend and mother to everyone she encountered.

Diana was a co-owner of Trailer Tractor Enterprise and Custom Truck Detailing with her husband.

She loved to shop, feed her ducks and spend time with her grandchildren.

Diana was born on May 15, 1948, in Huntington, a daughter of the late Charles W. Smith and Bertha (Wilson) Smith.

She was united in marriage to Jerry P. Sell Sr. on March 16, 1968, in Huntington.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Maria E. Sonner, of Huntington, and Aylssa F. Sell, of Decatur, and Charlie Sell, of Pendleton; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce (Fred) James, of Warren, and Sheryl (Jess) Spencer, of Huntington.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Steve Smith.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, Indiana.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, Indiana.

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

Memorial donations can be made out to New Life Fellowship Church sent in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington.

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an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today.

Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are valuable:

The Older, the Better with Cards

Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases.

Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet

Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars.

When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in researching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions.com.

Don't Overlook Memorabilia and Equipment

Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey.

Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition.

Save Postcards and Photographs

If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs.

Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations.

When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock.

"A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli.

This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.

MUST-HAVE TECH

UPGRADES FOR YOUR LIFE

(StatePoint) Want to simplify your life, boost your productivity and work smarter? Incorporating some of the latest tech developments into your routine may be the answer. According to Authority Hacker, 77% of devices use some sort of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and 50% of consumers are becoming more optimistic about using the technology.

Check out some of the coolest technology upgrades you can make right now:

1. **Boost Your Productivity:** With so many distractions, it can be difficult to stay focused and productive in your personal and professional life. Cue AI to the rescue! The app RescueTime works silently on your computer or mobile device, recording how much time you spend on different programs or websites, and then creating a report

providing insights into your productive time and distractions. If you struggle with organizing your email inbox, try SaneBox. It sorts messages for you and over time, evolves to improve your productivity. Apps like IFTT (If This, Than That) allow you to create automated commands to store files and things you need.

2. **Upgrade Your Smartphone:** Upgrading your smartphone will enhance security features, battery life, performance and the latest 5G network. Samsung just unveiled its latest S24 series and the new lineup is the first to leverage T-Mobile's uplink carrier aggregation. This means customers can get up to 90% faster uplink speeds than the previous Samsung lineup, making things like video uploads nearly twice as fast. The Samsung S24 series introduces Galaxy AI, with easy, real-time live language translations of voice and text, Circle to Search with Google, to help streamline your internet searches, and Generative Edit to perfect your photos. New and existing T-Mobile customers can get a Samsung Galaxy S24+ for free or up to \$1,000 off any in the series with an eligible trade-in on the Go5G Plus or Go5G Next rate plans. Learn more at <https://www.t-mobile.com/devices/new-samsung-phone-updates>.

3. **Smarten Your Home:** From automatic door locks to smart plugs, thermostats and appliances, you can give your home a much-needed tech upgrade. Use smart plugs to control lighting in your home from an app, and a smart door lock with features like remote access and fingerprint ID so you can go key-free.

4. **Enhance Your Network Experience:** The network your phone relies on to access the latest technology may need an upgrade, and now there's a way to test out another wireless provider's network before making the switch. T-Mobile's Network Pass allows you and your

family to keep your current wireless provider, phones and phone numbers and try out T-Mobile's network free for three months. You'll get access to T-Mobile's largest, fastest and most awarded 5G network and the ability to compare your network performance to pick the best wireless provider for you. The best part, it all can be done online via an app, without having to go into a store.

5. **Give Visual Search a Try:** Google, Amazon and Pinterest now allow you to use images to search for similar items or products online. You can even use this feature to translate text in different languages.

Ever feel like you're treading water? With so many apps, devices and features designed to streamline tasks and to-dos, adapting the latest tech can help you create a more productive life.

WHAT EVERY MOM AND SOON-TO-BE-MOM NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR HEART

(StatePoint) Over the last three decades, the United States has seen pregnancy-related deaths rise nearly 140%, and heart disease continues to be the leading cause. Furthermore, women who have prenatal complications, such as high blood pressure or gestational diabetes, have a significantly higher risk of heart disease and stroke later in life, yet many are not getting the care they need.

According to the National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers (NCIT), an advocacy collaborative working to pass policies that make it possible for all expectant parents, infants and toddlers to thrive, the United States is in the midst of a maternal health crisis.

This sentiment is echoed by "Opportunities in the Postpartum Period to Reduce Cardiovascular Disease Risk Following Adverse Pregnancy

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Outcomes,” a new scientific statement from the American Heart Association (AHA), which was recently published in “Circulation,” the Association’s flagship peer-reviewed journal.

“Healthcare professionals and the public alike often think of heart disease as a man’s disease. While heart disease is also the leading cause of death for women, fewer than 50% of women identify it as such. This is creating a dangerous situation for women, especially during higher-risk periods of their life, as their symptoms often go undiagnosed and untreated,” says Dr. Sadiya S. Khan, one of the statement’s authors. “As adverse pregnancy outcomes become increasingly common, it’s important for women to be aware of their risk for heart disease, the actions they can take to lower their risk if they experience pregnancy complications, and for birth justice policy interventions to take place that will improve their care during their pregnancy, and throughout their lifetimes.”

Many women face significant barriers in accessing primary care after delivery. Up to 40% of women do not access postpartum care, and only an estimated 18% to 25% of postpartum patients with pregnancy complications or chronic health conditions are seen by a primary care clinician within 6 months of delivery. Women of color, and women in rural areas are disproportionately impacted by barriers to care that could leave them vulnerable to further health complications.

According to NCIT, policy interventions such as expanded Medicaid coverage for 12 months postpartum in all states, expanded income eligibility for health insurance programs, paid family and medical leave, community-based doulas, and evidence-based home visiting programs can help promote ethnic, racial and socioeconomic birth equity,

and help ensure all expectant and new parents have access to insurance, care and the supports needed to thrive.

Also supporting women in all stages of life, and all stages of pregnancy is Go Red for Women, an AHA initiative empowering women to take charge of their heart health. One way they can do that, according to the initiative, is by understanding their heart disease risks, and coming to their doctors’ appointments prepared to discuss their personal and family health history and other factors that could impact their chance of a healthy pregnancy. Women can also proactively manage their heart disease risk factors during pregnancy and after delivery using the AHA’s Life Essential 8 cardiovascular health metrics as a framework. These include: eating better, being more active, quitting tobacco, getting healthy sleep, managing weight, controlling cholesterol, managing blood sugar and managing blood pressure.

“Stemming the tide of this maternal health crisis is vital for families, and it starts with bringing light to the tremendous need for better delivery of care to moms and soon-to-be moms with a focus on heart health,” says Dr. Khan.

HOW TO BUILD A HEALTHY MONEY MINDSET FOR A STABLE FINANCIAL FUTURE

(StatePoint) Building and managing your wealth is a lifelong process that can have major implications for you, your children and other beneficiaries. While your path to building wealth should be tailored to your circumstances, this three-pronged approach from Freddie Mac can help you plan for a stable financial future.

1. Understand your money mindset: Understanding your relationship with money can help you identify opportunities to create healthier spending and saving habits. A positive

outlook toward money can provide you with a strong base on which to build wealth and achieve goals. Conversely, a negative outlook can make you reluctant to take the steps you need to establish a strong financial history. For example, being overly focused on displaying wealth can lead to overusing credit. Likewise, becoming preoccupied with financial success to the point of anxiety can prevent you from spending the wealth you do have on items you need and want to live comfortably. By recognizing the factors that influence how you spend and save, you can make new choices that better support your financial goals.

2. Set and manage goals: Establishing and maintaining a set of defined financial goals is the next step when building wealth. Think about what you would like to accomplish over the short-, medium- and long-term, and make a savings plan to help you get there. It’s also important to take actions to safeguard your accumulated savings. This includes being mindful of inflation, guarding your information from scammers, and planning for unforeseen circumstances and emergencies.

3. Be prepared: Building an emergency fund can help you maintain financial stability by putting you in a better position to weather unexpected financial circumstances, such as a loss of income, unplanned medical bills or property damage from a storm. Creating an emergency budget can help you gauge how much you need to save, but in general, you should save up enough money to cover three to six months of your typical monthly expenses. Keep this money separate from your other savings, and don’t touch it until it’s needed. Additionally, having adequate homeowners or renters insurance will help ensure that your wealth is protected in certain unexpected circumstances.

Familiarize yourself with your coverage so you understand what is and isn’t covered by your policy.

Want to know more about managing money and establishing wealth? Whether you’re renting a home, are on the path to homeownership or saving for the future, Freddie Mac’s CreditSmart, which is available in English and Spanish, offers free personalized financial educational resources. Visit creditsmart.freddiemac.com to learn more.

By adopting a healthy money mindset and setting tangible financial goals, you’ll be well on your way to a stable financial future for you and your loved ones.

CONNECTING MILITARY AND FAMILY DURING AND AFTER LONG DEPLOYMENTS

(StatePoint) It was a long-awaited homecoming for the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), which returned to Naval Station Norfolk on January 17. The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier operated for an additional 76 days in the Mediterranean Sea due to the Israel-Hamas conflict, for a total of 8 months deployment.

As part of the homecoming, many sailors met their newborn babies on the pier for the first time. In fact, nearly 100 babies were born while the Ford was deployed. To celebrate, the USO hosted a Special Delivery baby shower honoring the new parents with refreshments and gifts.

The USO Special Delivery program features baby showers that provide a touch of home and are an important part of the USO’s

mission to strengthen the well-being of the people serving in America’s military and their families. Through these events, expectant parents can build meaningful connections with other military families who understand the challenges of pregnancy when far from home and separated from the support of loved ones, including even their spouses sometimes. They also fill a much-needed gap – last year, 72% of participants stated that this is the only baby shower they will receive. The USO hosted 85 Special Delivery events in 2023 that supported over 3,000 parents. One of those expectant parents was Stacey Dyadushenko, who attended a Special Delivery event at the USO center on Fort Liberty in North Carolina while her husband was deployed to Eastern Europe.

“The USO has helped me connect with – and build a sense of community with – other military spouses here in the Fort Liberty area who are going through some of the same challenges I am. Sometimes you feel you don’t have the resources you need, but that’s where programs like this really help and support us.”

To learn more about these programs and how to support them, visit uso.org/programs.

Deployments and relocations can put a strain on the military community, particularly when they are in the process of starting a family. But thanks to programming that fosters community and provides connection, military families can feel supported during a challenging, but exciting time in their lives.

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