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Thought for the Week: Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. Will Rogers



### CONGRATULATIONS INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONS

Two students from the Japan Karate-Do Genbu-Kai of Indiana dojo competed in the Indiana State Championship Karate Tournament on January 7.

In order to compete in this tournament, the competitor must have placed in the top 5 in the PKC, TKA, USAMA, or Lions Karate circuits. For those that placed 2nd-5th in their respective circuit, they could compete in the morning "battle in" to earn a spot in the finals that night. The 1st place circuit winners and the winners from the morning tournament then competed to determine the Indiana State Champion. Japan Karate-Do Genbu-Kai of Indiana had two competitors qualify for the finals:

\* Carson Gill – 9-10 year old novice forms Indiana State Champion

\* Sensei Dawn Anderson – 50+ women black belt forms Indiana State Champion, and 50+ women black belt weapons forms Indiana State Champion

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### ANNUAL FISH FRY

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 3, 2023, for the Warren, IN annual Fish & Chicken dinner sponsored by the Huntington County Council on Aging. The dinner will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren. It will be a drive-thru only event. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 which includes: Fish and/or Chicken, applesauce, tartar sauce, chips, and a cookie. Proceeds from this event are to support the programs and activities of the Huntington County Council on Aging.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

### GRANT COUNTY 4-H

The 4-H Beef and Dairy Beef Identification for the 2023 4-H Fair will be held on Thursday, January 26th, 5-7pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Livestock Pavilion.

For more information contact the Grant County Extension Office at 765-651-2413.

### FORAGE WORKSHOP SET FOR JANUARY 31

A forage workshop is set for Huntington. The session is at First Merchants Heritage Hall at the Huntington Co. Fairgrounds on Tuesday January 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (registration begins at 5:30 p.m.). Presenters are Elysia Rodgers, Purdue Extension – DeKalb Co, and Ed Farris, Purdue Extension – Huntington Co.

The session will cover the following topics:

Pasture establishment/renovation (preparing the soil bed for seeding)

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RSVP by Jan. 30 @ 260-358-4826 or e-mail emfarris@purdue.edu.

This workshop is approved as an Indiana Private Applicator Recertification Program. IN Commercial Applicator Credits for Category 1, 14 and Registered Technicians are also approved. IN Crop Advisor CEUs will also be available.

Attendees who wish to obtain credit are reminded to bring their Indiana Pesticide Applicator license number with them. There will be a \$10 fee for individuals signing up for private and commercial recertification credits. Light refreshments will be served.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 S. Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

### NEW DIRECTOR

The Huntington County Council on Aging Board has named Chris Karlin the new Executive Director of The Huntington County Council on Aging.

Karlin's background as an executive director, combined with his deep passion for promoting community, will help to further advance the mission of the HCCOA. "We are excited to welcome Chris Karlin as our new Executive Director," says Ron Frischman,

HCCOA, Board of Directors, President. "He will bring enthusiasm, experience, effective communication skills and a breath of fresh air to our organization and community. We feel fortunate to have found him and look forward to a successful and invigorating future with him at the helm."

When Karlin assumes the role January 3rd, 2023, he will oversee all day-to-day operations for HCCOA as well as fundraising, marketing, and community engagement initiatives.

Karlin has spent the last 24 years working for The Salvation Army in multiple roles and appointments. He most recently was Camp Director at Army Lake Camp and Retreat Center in East Troy, WI. Prior to that Karlin and his wife, Brianne, spent eight as Salvation Army Officers in the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division with appointments in Big Rapids, MI, Muskegon, MI, and LaPorte, IN. Karlin earned his B.A. in Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in 2009. Chris, his wife Brianne and three children Nathanael (6), Esther (3) and Miriam (11 months) and faithful dog Sarah have relocated to Huntington and now call this beautiful community home.

They look forward to getting involved in community life and everything that Huntington has to offer. Chris is an avid bowler and enjoys spending time with his family.



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**Kudos, Kicks & Karats**



*Treva's*  
**Recipe Box**  
 by Treva Flemming

I love making cream pies. They are so good and kinda quick to make. That's the best part. John loves coconut cream pie and it's not too far behind on my favorites list. This recipe has a more prominent coconut flavor that I like and when it's from scratch it's even better. My Heritage Pointe readers will find this is close to what they serve in the dining rooms on pie day and I know it is a well liked one. Enjoy!!

**THE BEST COCONUT CREAM PIE**

- Pastry crust for a single pie
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 large egg yolks, room temperature
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 c. coconut milk
- 1 ½ c. shredded coconut divided
- 1 ½ c. half and half cream
- Cool Whip
- 1c. Sugar
- 1/3 c. cornstarch

Prepare your favorite pie shell or use a refrigerated shell that has been prebaked.

In a large heavy saucepan, whisk egg yolks, coconut milk, cream, sugar, cornstarch and salt until blended. Bring to a gentle boil over medium heat, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to medium low cook 2 minutes longer whisking vigorously. Remove from heat stir in vanilla and 1 c. coconut. Pour into a cooled crust.

Press plastic wrap onto surface of filling. Refrigerate until cold, about 2 hours. Take remaining coconut and toast in the oven till it is a lightly toasted color. Remove from oven to cool. When pie is set, top with cool whip and garnish the top of the pie with the toasted coconut. Keep chilled till serving time

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

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 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

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 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

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 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

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 Pator Rusty Strickler  
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 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ..Sun 11:30  
 Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Pastor Steven Spencer  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.warrennaz.org](http://www.warrennaz.org)  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

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

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 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm

**LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 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.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.  
 Everyone is Welcome

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

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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday School during  
 Worship Service  
 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Brad Hensley  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://www.vanburenumc.org)

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister  
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister  
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.  
 Tara Bower - Secretary  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 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

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
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 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor Al Sultz  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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# AREA NEWS

## NEW OB/GYN

Expert, compassionate care is essential to giving women confidence in the medical professionals they trust with their obstetric or gynecological care. June Pollydore, MD, Parkview Physicians Group – OB/GYN, offers that thoughtful, personal care to area residents, and she is now welcoming patients at her office in the John B. Kay Medical Office Building adjacent to Parkview Huntington Hospital.

“We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Pollydore to the community,” says Doug Selig, president of Parkview Huntington Hospital. “She brings outstanding experience and a warmth and competence that will make patients feel at ease. We’re fortunate she has decided to practice in Huntington.”

Pollydore completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Lincoln Hospital in The Bronx, New York, and Harlem Hospital Center in New York City. She earned her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D.C.

She received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics – graduating summa cum laude – from the Howard University College of Arts and Sciences.

Pollydore, a board-certified OB/GYN, is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

She comes to Huntington from Peru, Indiana, where she served on the Dukes Memorial Hospital medical staff from 2007 to 2022. She also served on the hospital board and was chief of obstetrics and gynecology

from 2011 to 2022. During that same period, she was a member of the Miami County Health Board.

Prior to 2007, she cared for OB/GYN patients at Saint Joseph’s Hospital in Huntingburg, Indiana, for five years. She is excited to be putting down roots in Huntington now.

“I grew up in a small community where you get to know people on a personal level,” says Pollydore, “and practicing in a smaller community like Huntington will allow the development of similar relationships. Developing relationships with my patients allows me to care for the rest of their families, too. Since graduating college and completing my residency, I have practiced in small communities and enjoyed it.”

Pollydore says her focus is on each person’s unique needs as a whole person.

“My mother was a midwife, and that piqued my interest in obstetrics,” she says. “I am fortunate to be able to practice medicine in an area that I really love. I enjoy helping families during pregnancy to produce healthy babies and care for their bodies. My interest is in the total care of each patient, realizing that it involves both mind and body. Developing a relationship with a patient paves the way for them to

trust my guidance and follow recommendations for their care.”

Outside of work, Pollydore says she and her husband love to travel: “I hope to visit all the states. In fact, we would love to visit as many countries as possible, too.”

Pollydore also finds joy in dancing and singing, especially singing in church.

“My Christian faith is my foundation and has sustained me in all my decisions so far,” she adds.

Dr. Pollydore is accepting new patients at her office, 2003 Stults Road, Suite 215. Call 260-355-3960 for appointment scheduling.

## SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Schools, organizations, and individuals are planning 617 celebrations of educational opportunity this month as traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, online learning options, private schools, and home educators highlight their unique choices.

During the last two years, families and educators in Indiana have faced the academic consequences of the pandemic. A survey this month by the National School Choice Awareness Foundation showed that 53.7 percent of parents have recently explored or are currently considering new

options for their child’s education. During School Choice Week 2023, parents can learn about school choice and attend local events as they consider their K-12 options for the next school year.

Across the country, parents can choose between traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, online learning, private schools, homeschooling, and newer options like learning pods or microschooning.

But education policies vary from state to state. Indiana families have relatively restricted options to choose through open enrollment public charter and public magnet schools available. The state also offers many free, full-time online public

schools, and nearly 80 percent of Indiana students are eligible for a voucher or tax-credit scholarship to help families afford a private school. Within the past year, Indiana created a new education savings account program for students with special needs.

Across the state, events that are positive, supportive of a wide variety of school options, and family-friendly are planned, from in-school activities to large celebrations. Among the notable celebrations in Indiana will be a community celebration organized by EdChoice on January 25 in Indianapolis and a fair and community potluck organized by KH Christian Academy in Mishawaka. The AES Indiana in Indianapolis

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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 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 1	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 1	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 2		Groundhog Day
Feb 12		Lincoln’s Birthday
Feb 13	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Feb 14		Valentine’s Day - Don’t forget your Sweetie!
Feb 14	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Feb 15	7:00p	V - 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](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)**



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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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will light up on Jan. 25 with the colors of school choice.

"School Choice Week seeks to help parents and kids navigate and celebrate learning," said Andrew Campanella, president and CEO of the National School Choice Awareness Foundation.

"In Indiana, we look forward to a week of positive celebrations, fruitful conversations, and practical opportunities for families and educators across the state."

To download a guide to Indiana school choice, use the school finder tool to search schools in your area or see celebration photos visit [schoolchoiceweek.com/indiana](http://schoolchoiceweek.com/indiana).

### UPCOMING DEADLINE

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that the deadline to apply to the 2023-2024 Governor's Fellowship is approaching.

The Governor's Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

"Our Governor's Fellows receive an invaluable experience that will challenge and provide them with tremendous

opportunities to help reach their ultimate goals," Gov. Holcomb said. "They gain such a unique perspective into state government and how to best serve Hoosiers, helping inform their next steps in their professional careers."

The program is open to college graduates who receive their bachelor's degrees in either summer or fall of 2022 or spring of 2023. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor's Fellow participants have gone on to successful careers in both the public and private sectors — with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at [www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm](http://www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm). To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be postmarked or submitted via email by January 31, 2023.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Emily Clancy at the Governor's Office at [eclancy@gov.in.gov](mailto:eclancy@gov.in.gov).

### IWU JOINS I-TELL

Indiana Wesleyan University-National & Global is excited to partner with the Indiana Teachers of English Language

Learners (I-TELL) Project to provide a pathway for English Language Learners Licensure in the state of Indiana. Through a grant from I-Tell, current teachers can use I-TELL scholarships to English Language Learners Licensure at IWU for free. This partnership will eliminate the financial burden of ELL Licensure for Indiana teachers and help respond to the high demand for ELL teachers across the state.

"We're excited to see how this partnership with I-TELL increases opportunities for classroom teachers who want to deepen their teaching abilities and work closely with English language learners," says IWU Director of Academic Operations Tony Hembrock. "This grant will help us enable teachers across the state to achieve an affordable pathway to ELL Licensure."

IWU's English as a New Language certificate program is designed for current teachers seeking licensure in the English Learners (EL) P-12 area. It can be completed 100% online in approximately 12 months. Candidates in the program will complete a 15-credit-hour program that is aligned to the TESOL Association's professional standards and the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education's advanced-level program standards. They will engage in inquiry, research, dialogue, team learning, reflection, problem-based learning, collaboration and standards-based assessment

from a comprehensive P-12 perspective.

Course instruction is designed to model best practices and procedures in the classroom, equipping teachers to help their students learn through culturally responsive teaching, ethics and faith and research and technology tools. Candidates will participate in field experiences to apply their knowledge on a practical level, ensuring complete understanding of course material.

Although the English as a New Language certificate program is designed for currently licensed teachers looking to add EL certification, IWU is also working to establish a Transition-to-Teaching program that will allow candidates seeking initial teacher licensure to become licensed as an English Language Learner Teacher.

To learn more about the opportunities provided by the I-TELL grant, visit [indwes.edu/I-TELL](http://indwes.edu/I-TELL).

### NEW STATE SANDWICH?

Senate Bill 322, authored by State Sen. Andy Zay (R-Huntington), would make the breaded pork tenderloin the official state sandwich.

Located in downtown Huntington, Nick's Kitchen is home to the first Hoosier breaded pork tenderloin. Founded by Nick Freienstein, Nick's Kitchen has been serving customers the famous breaded pork tenderloin since 1908.

"Having the home of the breaded pork tenderloin located in Senate District 17, it was an obvious decision to author a bill to make it the official state sandwich," Zay said.

Former owner, Jean Anne Bailey, is pleased to have Nick's Kitchen as the motivation of this bill.

"It's quite an honor," Bailey said. "Indiana has enjoyed the breaded pork tenderloin for more than 100 years because of Nick's hard work. He used to push around a cart and serve the residents of Huntington before officially opening an establishment. I am pleased to have the representation from Sen. Zay on this bill and hope to see it pass the General Assembly."

"I was born and raised in Huntington, and Nick's Kitchen has been a staple in our community," Zay said. "I am looking forward to getting this bill to the finish line."

For more information on Nick's Kitchen, visit [www.nicksdowntown.com/](http://www.nicksdowntown.com/).

As the 2023 session progresses, Zay encourages residents of Senate District 17 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have at [Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov) or 800-382-9467.

### SCHOOL CHOICE

You likely don't need me to tell you that children all over the country are suffering the academic consequences of the pandemic, and Indiana is not an exception. A 2022 survey revealed that 52% of American families were looking for a new school. To put it in personal terms, in a classroom of 25 students, 13 families are not satisfied with the education their children are receiving.

A great K-12 education for every child is no small undertaking, and we know there are many learning environments that help different students achieve their potential. Every child is different, with different

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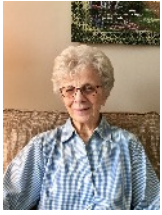
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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### RUBLE

Jane A. Ruble, 87 of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Monday afternoon, January 9, 2023, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Jane was born in Van Wert, Ohio on May 2, 1935, to the late Maurice W. & Marie June (Laymon) Hoover. Jane graduated in 1953 from Warren High School. Shortly after high school she married her high school sweetheart and classmate, David A. Ruble, on April 18, 1954, in the Warren United Methodist Church. Jane was a graduate of Ball State University earning her bachelors and master's degree in education. She taught and retired from Lancaster Elementary school in Huntington County. After retirement she started helping her husband on their family farm. Jane enjoyed volunteering for the Huntington County Literacy Coalition, teaching Sunday school, and working with the Huntington County Associated Churches, "By the Book" program. Jane enjoyed crafting, reading, gardening, and traveling. She was a member of Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, husband, David A. Ruble who passed on September 25, 2016, and brother Jim Hoover.

Loving survivors include her daughters, Debbie (Steve) Darnell, Diane (Joe) Begley, Susan (Russ) Denstorff, and Nancy (Steve) Tumbleson, grandchildren, Bruce Darnell, Mike (Paige) Darnell, Josanne (Robby) Aungst, Jayanna (Andrew) Capite, Jason (Kara) Bowman, Jeffrey (Jules) Bowman, Amanda (Bill) Russo, Stephanie (Eddie) Wielosinski, Eric (Bre) Tumbleson, and 18 great grandchildren.

Friends and family may gather to visit at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792, on Friday, January 13, 2023, from 1pm to 5pm and again on Saturday,

January 14, 2023, from 9am to 10am. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 10am with Pastor Gary Dilley officiating. Burial will follow next to her husband in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Associated Churches of Huntington County, "By the Book" program, PO Box 344, Huntington, IN 46750 and/or Huntington County Literacy Coalition, 255 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

### HUSSONG

Betty Lou (Nelson) Hussong, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Wesleyan Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

A lifelong resident of Marion, Betty was born on June 25, 1931, the daughter of the late Homer and Mabel (Beekman) Nelson.

She married her loving husband Charles F. Hussong on July 26, 1952, and he preceded her in death on September 13, 2016.

Betty was a graduate of Van Buren High School, and Marion Business College.

She was employed at the Chronicle Tribune as a secretary from 1950 to 1953.

She was a member of First Friends Church and the Golden Band Sunday School Class, and served on many committees. In March 1978, she became the Secretary of First Friends Church, retiring on December 31, 2011.

She is survived by her sons, Ken (Belinda) Hussong of Marion, Gary (Connie) Hussong of Jonesboro, and Brian (Karen) Hussong of Marion; grandchildren, Joseph Hussong, Matt Hussong, Caleb Hussong, Anna Hussong, Gabrielle Smelser, Lori Stefancic and Bradley Feldmeyer; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday,

January 17, 2023 at First Friends Church, 2211 Wabash Road, Marion, Indiana.

Funeral Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating.

Burial will follow funeral services in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Friends Church, 2211 Wabash Road, Marion, Indiana 46952.

### NOBLE

George Noble, age 94, of Portland passed away on Wednesday January 11, 2023 in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

He was born in Portland on July 26, 1928 the son of Earl and Fern (Scott) Noble. He was married on May 25, 1948 to Betty Peckham and she passed away on October 1, 2020.

George was the owner and operator of Noble's Body Shop in Portland for many years.

He was a 1946 Portland High School graduate, member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Jay Lodge #87 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine, Portland Optimists, Eastern Star and Band Boosters where he drove the trailer for the band. He also drove children to the hospital for the Shriners.

Surviving are three daughters Linda Shull of Portland, Martha Corwin (husband Robert) of Dayton and Barbara Watson (husband Jeff) of Covington, Georgia, daughter in law Dru Noble of Portland, two brothers Harry Noble and Dale Noble both of Florida, two sisters Mary Baucker of Celina, Ohio and Esther Summers of Warren, Indiana, Eleven grandchildren, Ten great grandchildren and Two great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son George Noble and two sisters Martha Butcher and Ruth Noble.

Funeral services will be Monday January 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Boggs presiding.

A masonic service by Jay Lodge #87 F&AM will start the services.

Visitation will be Monday from 12:00 – 2:00 PM.

Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Memorials can be made to Asbury United Methodist Church or Keystone Hospice.

### STEVENS

Ted A. Stevens, 69, of Marion, passed away at 8:10 am on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion after an extended illness.

He was born in Marion, Indiana, on Tuesday, June 23, 1953, to Howard D. and Ferrol Jean (Polm) Stevens. On September 13, 1975, he married the love of his life, Carolyn S. Moon, who survives.

Ted graduated from Marion High School in 1972 and worked at General Cable for 40 years, retiring in 2010. He was a member of the Fairmount Masonic Lodge for over 20 years. He also volunteered for the Van Buren and Washington Township fire departments.

Ted was very active in the parent groups with any sports or fine arts in which his son participated when he was younger. He loved to travel, be around the water, read, and go fishing. He especially loved to be outdoors. He was also in bowling, golfing, and pool leagues over the years.

Everybody who knew Ted loved him, and he loved them in return. Never was he without a smile and a kind word. Ted's family would like to extend a very gracious thank you to the staff at Colonial Oaks and Fresenius Kidney Care for their help over the years. He was very proud of everyone in the "Ted Squad".

Ted was truly given the proper name because he truly was a Teddy Bear.

In addition to his loving wife, Carolyn, Ted is survived by his son, John (Misty Ortiz) Stevens of Fortville, as well

as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, John L. Moon; mother-in-law, Norma J. Moon; brothers, Rex Howard Stevens and Robert J. (Mary Lou) Stevens; sister, Susan (late Tom) Scheidt; half-sister, Berthala Maine; niece, Genny Stevens; and nephew, Phillip King.

At Ted's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Memorial contributions in Ted's name may be made to the Fairmount Masonic Lodge #635, 112 1/2 N. Main St., Fairmount, IN 46928.

### NEFF

Myrna Sue Ogle Neff, 85 of Huntington, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Peabody



Retirement Community in North Manchester, Indiana.

Myrna was born on July 19, 1937, in Snomac, OK, to the late Ernie and Greba (Lambert) Ogle. She graduated from Chester Center High School in 1955 and married Ronald D. Neff on October 12, 1958 at the United Methodist Church in Poneto, Indiana. Ron passed on February 14, 2015.

Myrna was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington, and formerly attended Jefferson Center United Methodist Church, Poneto United Methodist Church, and Solid Rock United Methodist Church. She was incredibly involved in her church and communities, where she held various positions and served on many different boards throughout her lifetime. Myrna was an avid bowler and had an incredible God given talent for playing the piano.

Myrna was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Greba Ogle, husband,

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Ronald D. Neff, infant brother, Ernie Don Ogle, brother, James William Ogle, sister, Areta Oswalt, and grandson, Andrew Pettit.

Loving survivors include her daughters, Rhonda (John) Pettit of Georgia, and Shirley (Steve) Oyer of Fort Wayne, IN, sons, Randy Neff of Huntington, IN, Rick (Kris) Neff of Noblesville, IN, and Scott (Lori) Neff of Fishers, IN, grandchildren, Ali (Marco) Liubenov, Aaron Pettit, and Abby (Cameron) Moore, all of NC, Tyler (Laura) Oyer of Ft. Wayne, IN, Taryn (Brandon) Liechty of South Bend, IN, Ryan Neal of Warren, IN, Kailey (Kris) Lahr of New Straitsville, OH, Natalie (Mark) Banas of Noblesville, IN, Ashlyn Neff of Noblesville, IN, Korbin (Ashley) Rhamy of Bluffton, IN, great grandchildren, Wilder Liubenov, Davis Oyer, Nora Oyer, Lewis Liechty, Elaine Liechty, Masdyn, Krohnan, Kahnler, Aivyn Lahr, Liam Rhamy & Levi Rhamy.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Trinity United Methodist Church, 530 Guilford St., Huntington, on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. At 4pm, everyone is welcome to share a meal. The funeral service will begin at 6pm after the meal, with Pastor Melissa Rice officiating and Pastor Jeff Taylor assisting.

Please ensure flowers and gifts are sent to Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Trinity United Methodist Church and/or United Women in Faith by visiting uwfaith.org.

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abilities, talents, personalities, and needs. In a place like Indiana, families need the flexibility to choose the school that will set their child up for success, whether it's their zoned traditional public school, or a public charter school, public magnet school, private school, online learning option, or homeschooling.

If it's been a while since you had school-age children, you may not realize just how different the landscape of options is than it was a decade ago. A 2022 survey from The Harris Poll revealed that since the pandemic, homeschooling and public charter school were the first and second most popular options for parents who decided to switch their child's school. What's more, around 6 in 10 parents said their child was happier with this change. On the other hand, interest in open enrollment in traditional public schools, as well as magnet schools remains high. Private school choice programs have expanded in many states in the last few years, and learning pods and microschoools are a new and growing option.

But time is of the essence. Due to the explosion of education options in many places, application deadlines often fall as early as January for the upcoming school year. The upcoming National School Choice Week (January 22-28, 2023) will streamline things for parents through a national public awareness campaign and thousands of events hosted by schools around the country. Parents who have chosen a school they love can also empower

others by sharing their own experiences.

All families can help their kids to achieve academic success, the first step is to choose the perfect school fit, and the best way to do it is by being aware of the local options and regulations. To learn about the academic alternatives in Indiana, parents can visit [schoolchoiceweek.com/indiana](http://schoolchoiceweek.com/indiana).

When parents in Indiana and across the country are exploring and choosing schools later this month, I hope they can count on all of our support.

Shelby Doyle is the vice president of public awareness at the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, which helps U.S. families to explore their K-12 education options and choose a great school for their children.

**CHAUTAUQUA**

Vice President Linda Howell opened the January 6, 2023, Chautauqua meeting by reading "A Prayer for Neighbors!" After the Collect was repeated, Roll Call answered the question "What were your pleasures of Winter?"

The Business meeting was conducted with Secretary and Treasurer reports, the report of the Card Chairman with cards sent to Mary Sell, Jean Grasmik, Sharon Gebhart, Eva Witkamp, and Carol Spangler. A Thank You note was also received from the Neil Laymon family. An update on the health of others was given. Conversations of memories of Ellen Laymon and Oma Zent were shared.

Bonnie Meyers introduced her husband, David Meyers, who gave a very interesting program of the Miami Indians that lived throughout our large "neighborhood" of many nearby Counties. He set up a magnificent display of Indian arrowheads, stones, and pieces of probable tools used by the Indians.

These displays had been gathered by David's

Grandfather Little on his 280 acre farms located in Jackson Township, Wells County, for many years. David also had some interesting books on the Miami Indians way of life, attitudes, approach to existing with others, and Indian Lore from the Warren Library.

David also spoke of the present legal problems the Miamis have of becoming a Registered Tribe of Federal recognition and benefits. In 1846 the government split up the Indians and sent some of them to Kansas where they were recognized as another official Registered tribe. Those that stayed behind were not allowed to be a Registered tribe. In 1978 it was found that many of the arrow heads, relics, etc were thousands of years old. Even this fact of having lived there for so many years, and being peaceful people, has not been enough to allow them to be a Registered Tribe capable of being benefitted as other tribes. In the many years that have passed, many personal papers that were

signed showing their registered status have been destroyed or lost. Even today the Federal government will not give them recognition as a Registered Indian Tribe, the same as all the other tribes throughout the West and other parts of the country. Much discussion followed about family heritage and experiences spent on Miami territory looking for arrowheads, hiking, etc. Hopefully someone can come up with an idea or answer that will help them receive Registered status---long overdue.

Thank you, Dave, for a very informative program!

Hostesses Peggy Schweikhardt and Linda Howell served delicious refreshments to Carman Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Bonnie Meyers, Sandy Schwarzkopf, Ann Spahr, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Betty Yoder. Carolyn Sparks.

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### SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

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

#### Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Social Security Now?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 68 years old, born in July 1954. I have the credits necessary to qualify for benefits. The Social Security website says that if I continue to work to age 70 with yearly earnings of \$206,000, my monthly benefit would be \$4,245. If I stop working now, and start taking benefits in January 2023, my benefit would be \$3778. The number of months between January 2023 and July 2024 is 19. Nineteen months of benefits for that period would be \$71,782. It looks like it would take about 17 years to make up the difference between taking the money in January vs. waiting until age 70, which would put me at age 85. I don't think that I would live much past that age, given my family history. Do you think it wise on my part to begin taking benefits in January 2023, and are my calculations correct? Signed:

#### Trying to Decide

**Dear Trying:** Well, the difference between your monthly payment at age 70 vs. your benefit amount in January 2023 is \$467, so it would take you about 154 months (just under 13 years) to recover that \$71,782. But that doesn't take future cost of living adjustments (COLA) into account. Average annual COLA over the last 20 years was about 2%, and if you factor average future COLA into the equation you would likely break even at about age 81 (if you wait until age 70 to claim). And this is where your life expectancy comes in.

According to Social Security, the average life expectancy for a man your age is 85, which means that if you claim at 70 and enjoy average longevity, you'll collect that higher benefit for an extra 4 years. That would mean

more than \$22,000 in additional benefits over your lifetime. Of course, no one knows how long they will live, but if you'd like to get a more personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest you try this tool: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/). This tool takes your lifestyle and current health status, as well as your family history, into account.

When to claim is always a personal choice, but in your specific circumstances - since you apparently don't need the money right now and have a family history which suggests longevity - waiting until age 70 to claim could not only give you a substantially higher monthly benefit but also the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. And if you're married, it will also mean the maximum possible survivor benefit for your wife if you predeceased her because, as your widow, your wife would get the benefit you are receiving at your death instead of her own smaller amount. Thus, when you claim your benefit will also affect your wife's benefit as your surviving widow. In the end, it's your personal decision to make, after considering all of the above factors, especially your life expectancy.

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### YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by Bryan Golden

It's so easy to get into a rut yet difficult to get out. A rut is a regular habit, pattern, or expectation. There is a certain degree of comfort associated with being in a rut. It is consistent, familiar, and safe. We can fall into a rut unintentionally without realizing it.

Although dwelling in a rut can induce feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction, not all people are unhappy being in one. There are those who are happy and satisfied with a regular, dependable pattern. If you are happy with your circumstances -- great. But if you want to break out of a routine, this article is for you.

Any aspect of your life has the potential to fall into a rut. If it does, you have the power to pull yourself out. Ruts are an insidious trap because it's easier to stay in familiar territory than to venture out into the unknown. How do you know if you're in a rut? An unending routine, a job without any perceivable chance of change, or a situation that appears to have no potential for change are all situations that qualify.

Pay attention to your feelings, they can identify a rut. Are you bored, frustrated, or apathetic? Do you feel a lack of excitement or challenge? Is it tough getting started each day? Do you lack motivation? Some or all of these emotions may be indicative of a rut.

You can get used to being in a rut and accept it as an inevitable part of life. Once this happens, your drive and ambition begin to wane. Getting out of a rut can then seem unattainable. The good news is that a rut doesn't have to be permanent and you possess the ability to get yourself out. The key to extricating yourself is being proactive and taking initiative.

You can't get out of a rut by waiting for things to change. A rut will only become deeper with the passage of time. Only you can change your situation. To do so you need to recognize that you are in a rut, have a desire to get out, and be willing to put in the effort necessary to do so.

Once you have decided to get out you are ready to begin. You

can't just jump out of a rut, you have to climb out one step at a time. It took time to get in and it will take time to get out. Unrealistic expectations create frustration and may cause you to abandon your efforts altogether.

Climbing out necessitates changing engrained habits. You want to take small successful steps that will motivate you to keep going. So, pick something that is relatively easy to alter and not overwhelming. Some ideas: take a different route to work, do something different during lunch, vary your daily schedule, or change your evening routine. No aspect is too insignificant.

The goal is to build confidence in your ability to successfully make changes. With each successful alteration you make, you will be building strength to tackle bigger challenges. It's the same process as getting into shape physically. You start out with easy exercises and make them more challenging as you get stronger.

As your confidence builds you can tackle bigger ruts. Every aspect of your life has the potential for adjustment. If you believe you are stuck in a rut and can't get out, you are right. If you believe you can get out of any rut, you are also right. The choice is yours, get started today.

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### FUN WAYS TO FOSTER A LOVE OF MUSIC AT AN EARLY AGE

(StatePoint) It's never too early to encourage children to love to make and appreciate music. Here's how:

- Attend a Concert: Whether you're attending a symphony or a rock concert, there is no

substitute for the excitement of a live musical performance. Not only will kids enjoy watching the show, the experience may inspire them to learn to dance or play an instrument themselves. To get started, look for events geared towards kids and families, or those with relaxed vibes, to ensure little ones will get the most out of the experience.

- Play With Musical Toys: Toys are a fun and interactive way to encourage musical creativity and help kids find the beat. One of the coolest musical toys out there, a 2022 Toy of the Year finalist, is DJ Beat Boxer from VTech. Each interaction with this music-mixing pup -- from scratching DJ's head and booping her nose to pushing the buttons on her headphones -- adds layers to the music. Kids can start a rhythm and add in backbeats, harmonies, record-scratching sounds, an air horn effect and more to complete any remix. They can even press DJ's ear to record a quick phrase to drop into their song. Her head will nod along to the music while her jowls flap to the beat.

- Get Immersed: Hit up the library and check out picture books that build music vocabulary or feature musical characters. Look for movies and television shows with musical themes. There are many entertaining ways to immerse kids into the world of music.

- Create a Playlist: Give kids the tools they need to develop their own music tastes and interests. Many streaming services now offer special apps for kids that allow them to explore genres, musicians and songs all on their own. This is a safe and easy way to ensure little ones have access to kid-friendly content, along with the freedom to create their own library and playlists. Of course, a good pair of headphones that are safe for young, sensitive ears is also essential!

From playlists to playtime, you can help foster a child's lifelong love and appreciation for music.

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The Japan Karate-Do Genbu-Kai of Indiana organization teaches traditional karate and kobudo classes at 1210 S. Briant Street in Huntington. Classes are for adults and juniors. More information on the organization and classes is available on the web at [www.indianagenbukai.com](http://www.indianagenbukai.com) Contact Sensei Dawn Anderson at 260-355-5384 or e-mail at [Indianagenbukai@gmail.com](mailto:Indianagenbukai@gmail.com).