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Thought for the Week: Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all they have. H. Jackson Brown Jr.



BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES "DOUGH"

Huntington County Community Foundation awards grant to Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry, located in Warren, received a grant from the Huntington County Community Foundation (HCCF) in the amount of \$1,922.55, towards the purchase of a walk-in cooler. The food cooler (pictured) will help expand the variety and quantity of food items provided to their patrons. Recently completing its 2020 Cycle II Grant Program, HCCF awarded over \$52,698.00 in grant funds to 15 charitable organizations serving Huntington County. Pictured from left are Huntington County Community Foundation Executive Director Matt Ditzler, Rose Broyles, Bread of Life Food Pantry coordinator, and grant sponsor Michael Howell, representing the Howell-Ehler-Wiley Community Fund.

Cycle I Grant applications are availing online via the HCCF website: www.huntingtonccf.org/grants/hccf-grant-application, and are due April 15th. For more information, contact the Huntington County Community Foundation office by calling 260-356-8878, or send an email to Jo Ellen Bradley at jo@huntingtonccf.org.

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

In just a couple more weeks, the Warren Baseball & Softball kid's League sign-ups will be out. You can find them in this paper, at the town post office and So. Wells and HNHS school offices. We are hoping to be able to start on time this season but will have to see how things go. Usually we start practices mid April, games mid May, and finish up the tourneys the second week of July.

PLEASE REMEMBER: this season parents of 10 year old boys have the option of playing their boys in the American Little League OR the National Little League, just write it on your slip which league you would like. If you do not mark it, I will get in touch with you BEFORE placing them on a team. We had 16 kid's teams last year, hoping to have another great season.

Contact us at wbleague@citiznet.com or on the Warren Baseball / Softball facebook page. Lisa & Rob Williams, WBSL :)

FIBER OPTIC UPDATE

In 2020 Citizens started a rural fiber optic project with the intent to get all of our current customers switched from copper DSL to a fiber optic service. The covid situation slowed us down some – affecting engineering and supply issues. With those problems solved we intend to start back up with

construction as soon as the weather allows. Our goal is to get our entire rural customer base switched over to the fiber service within 2 years. We currently have 98 miles of construction ahead of us. Alternately if you live within ¾ of a mile from one of our huts we have another product that can double the speed of our current service which can be deployed right now. If we plowed duct in your yard last year then we will be coming around soon to get you switched over to the fiber optics. You will be contacted to schedule this.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is this Sunday! Shop at a store with a door in Warren, Indiana! Your special someone will not be disappointed when you give them the perfect, one of a kind gift. Visit us at Homespun to choose a unique, handmade item as a thoughtful token for your loved one.

Why not customize a gift basket with the large selection of vendor's items from A to Z? And of course, we will have a wide assortment of fresh flowers ranging from \$10-\$60.00. If

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HISTORIC WARREN AWARDED GRANT FOR RIVERSIDE PARK

Historic Warren Board members (from left) Jeff and Becky Sounder, and Melinda Daniels braved the cold to receive a grant award from the Huntington County Community Foundation (HCCF), presented by Executive Director Matt Ditzler. Grant funds in the amount of \$1,086.00, helped fund the purchase of a new sign as shown in the photograph. Historic Warren is just one of 15 charitable organizations that received funding from HCCF during its fall grant cycle, totaling over \$52,698.00 in grant awards. HCCF's 2021 Cycle I (spring) grant program is currently open.

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THANK YOU!

The Board and staff of Warren Public Library would like to thank the good neighbor who anonymously shoveled the steps and a path to the street after the February 1 snow storm. It seems our snow removal company "forgot" us that day, and your work was greatly appreciated. We love being the library for this small town with a big heart!



How about them Chief's.....they were terrible. That game was as dull as the commercials were. Oh well it went down in history and I managed to see most of it. Took my nap during the last of the 2nd quarter and the half time show. I'm horrible when it comes to staying awake, it better keep me on my toes or I'm done. Even with a movie, if I don't have any popcorn to keep me busy you might as well hang it up if it has a boring part, I'm gone.

I think I got a good start on my taxes that I have procrastinated on doing. Federal is done and state needs to be done yet. Can't wait to see what I have to pay this year. I usually get a refund but there is a time or two that I had to pay and I have a feeling this year is the year of paying, so I'll procrastinate some more. I like to get ours done before everyone else hits me up to get theirs done. Its definitely a busy time but I get through it pretty good.

We went by the Civic Center hill one day after the big snow fall. There was kids, big and little, everywhere. It's definitely a winter past time when there is snow on the ground. Even the Hillcrest Church hill had sleds.

My time of sliding down the big hill is over, my back couldn't handle it like I used to. I told John that's probably why we are in the shape we are. To many launches off the snow banks. John said that he never went sliding on the Civic Center hill but they went to a road somewhere in the country and they would start at the top of the hill and with all hopes of no cars coming, would slide down the hill and would get enough momentum built up they would go up and down the next hill. The other fun thing they did was, you guessed it, took the hood off of a car and turned it upside down and tied it to the bumper of a car or truck and would ride on the upside down car hood out in the open field.

The other time was that his brother Richard had purchased a snowmobile from the state when they sold off some equipment. John was chomping at the bit to take it out and

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- ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**
 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.
- BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
 8294S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 6:00p.m.
- BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**
 Chad Yoder, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
- HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —**
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship
- DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
- HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 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 Sultz & Dick Case
 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 School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

- HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
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
 Paul Burris, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
- LANCASTER WESLEYAN**
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.524.3390
 Rev. Robert S Hallett, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm
- LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Morning Worship9:30 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.
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- SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-2102
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Terry Lee Miller, Youth 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
- 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 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
- WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
- WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 260-228-9084
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School9:30 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 Classes9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm



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COUNCIL NOTES

(Following is a draft of the meetings minutes)

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, February 8, 2021 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, Ethan Stivers, Steve Buzzard, Carrie Miller, Tavis Surfus; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison. Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group; Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineering; Others.

President Stivers opened the meeting at 4:30 PM and announced the reorganization of Council for 2021. Buzzard moved, seconded by Surfus to nominate Stivers for President. Approved unanimously. Surfus moved, seconded by Stivers, to nominate Buzzard for Vice President. Approved unanimously. Stivers moved, seconded by Surfus, to reappoint Miller to the Huntington County CEDIT Board. Approved unanimously. By consensus the Council Meeting Schedule was set for the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 PM.

Discussion was held with Adams in regard to bids received for the Water Project as those bids exceeded the engineering estimates by a substantial margin. Discussed in detail were alternate bids which

had been added to the main project of demolition of an existing Tower Park tower, construction of a larger tower within Tower Park, replacement of an existing well and a well house, and maintenance of Eleventh Street Tower. Total bid estimates were approximately \$1.9 million with the targeted bid amount being \$1.3 M. The Council, Adams, and Guerrettaz discussed removal of all alternates, addition of one alternate, and other situations to reduce the total cost. Guerrettaz gave a very preliminary financial report of the project impact on rates and local funds. The final financial impact report will be ready for the next meeting of Council, February 22nd, after the engineer finalized project costs.

Miller moved and Buzzard seconded approval of a Water Rate Study and Bond Issue Agreement with Financial Solutions Group in the amount of \$5,000 for rate study and \$25,000 to \$35,000 for the Bond Issue on the Water Project. Motion approved unanimously.

Miller moved and Buzzard seconded approval of a contract with Commonwealth Engineering for the Asset Management Plan as required by the Indiana State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) to qualify for a loan from that agency for the Water Project. Amount of

the contract \$20,000. Motion approved unanimously.

Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve a contract with Region 3A Development and Regional Planning Commission for update to the Town's Comprehensive plan which was last done in the 1990's. The update is necessary to qualify for any bonds, loans which include federal dollars.

Motion approved unanimously in the amount of \$10,000. The project will include public input and involvement.

As the Town is not in compliance with the State of Indiana ADA plan, by consensus, Adams was asked to provide a quote to produce the plan. An estimate of cost will be submitted.

Miller moved and Buzzard seconded approval of an agreement and registration with the Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System (TRECS). Uncollected debts due the Town will be submitted to the State to be matched to Income Tax returns and if matched, the amount owed can be deducted from the return and paid to the Town after notification to the debtor.

Motion approved unanimously.

Golfo representatives have reported that the pretreatment system will be

operational by the end of February.

As two employees have contracted COVID, more discussion was held on policy. As one has returned to work with the other to return on February 9th, it was determined that masks must be worn with social distancing in place.

General consensus was given to a person interested in purchasing a Town owned property on Eleventh Street.

More discussion must be held before a final determination can be made.

While the Town has an unwritten policy for writing off of bad debt, a recent audit stipulated that an Ordinance must be enacted citing the policy. Ordinance 2021-1, an Ordinance to Establish an Accounts Receivable as Collectible Bad Debt Policy was introduced. Ordinance 2021-2, an Ordinance to update Town Code as to Disconnects was also introduced.

Resolution 1-2021, a Resolution to update the 1997 Purchasing Policy was submitted for consideration so as to meet changes in State requirements. Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve which was done unanimously.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Miller, to approve payment of dues in the amount of \$1368 for membership in the Association of Indiana

Municipalities. Motion approved unanimously.

By consensus, dues in the amount of \$70 were approved for membership in the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

Miller moved and Buzzard seconded approval of a 2021 Fire Contract with Jackson Township of Wells County in which Jackson Township pays the Town and Salamonie Township \$5500 annually and \$500 for each run over 5.

Motion approved unanimously.

By consensus, Brady Smekens was re-appointed to the Warren Board of Zoning Appeals.

The review of the Town's Insurance Policy was completed with an increase of 4.43% due to claim history.

Following review of the Premium Worksheet as submitted by Stewart Brimner Peters of Fort Wayne as agents of EMC, Buzzard moved, seconded by Surfus to accept the proposal. Motion carried unanimously. Total cost for 2021 was set at \$55,317 which includes vehicles, buildings, grounds, etc.

Reviewed was a proposal from Jeff Souder of Warren Area Chamber of Commerce in which Phase 3 of the Riverside Park development plan was outlined. With estimated cost of \$130,000, donations are now being accepted. If the Town was to

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Weekly Specials
February 11-17th

Eat Healthy - Farm Fresh Produce

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replace the existing sidewalk the estimated cost was set at \$4530, Miller moved, seconded by Stivers to donate \$5,000 in CEDIT Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Morrison submitted the January, February Accounts Register in the amount \$661618.44. Approved as submitted. To follow State mandated Internal Controls, the Council is now required to review payroll reports. Submitted and reviewed.

In the absence of the Operations Manager, Morrison submitted a request to purchase a smaller auger at the cost of \$2200 for use on the Pole Truck of the Electric Department. For the Water Department, a request to purchase a new Chlorine Scale at the cost of \$1400 due to the current scale being too old to recalibrate was submitted. Both requests were approved by consensus.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be February 22nd at 6:00 PM.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

A virtual learning series for National Nutrition Month is scheduled to begin in March. The program will be LIVE via a ZOOM link on Wednesdays in March. The dates are set for March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 9:30 AM EST.

March 3 – Improving Health with Mindful Eating
 · In a world where we are always on the go & connected to a screen it can be hard to think about the food we eat & how it makes us feel. Mindful eating is a technique often overlooked, but important. This session will focus on the importance of mindful eating & will end with an expert leading you on a short mindful exercise.

March 10 – Food & Mood
 · Our mood is regularly impacted by the food we eat: Have you ever felt hangry? Join us for this introduction to understanding how food & mood influence each other & learn ways to make healthy diet choices & avoiding emotional eating.

March 17 – Food Budgeting

· What & how we eat can affect our health, wellbeing, & our finances. Today's objective will give you tools that will help you plan healthy meals without breaking the bank.

March 24 – Food Labeling Session will discuss the basics of the new food label, different labeling requirements, & how these labels can be useful to consumers.

To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/2YLi9qg> (e-mail address required). Once registered, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with the ZOOM link for the session selected the Monday prior to the scheduled learning session.

BROADCASTING JOBS

Hoosiers interested in a career in broadcasting have a unique opportunity to meet with Indiana TV and Radio stations.

The Indiana Broadcasters Association (IBA) is hosting its Career Fair on February 25th and February 26th via Zoom. More than 90 stations will be represented with more than 70 jobs and internship opportunities currently available.

Those interested, can schedule interviews and see a full list of participating stations and jobs here: <https://www.indianabroadcasters.org/careers/career-fairs/>

Each introductory interview will be 10-minutes and will allow stations and job seekers to meet one-on-one, virtually.

"It's an opportunity to get your foot in the door and hopefully it leads to bigger things," said Skylar Sigman of Iron Horse Broadcasting who secured a job while interviewing at a previous IBA Career Fair. "You never know who is going to be your employer, so bring your A-game."

Prior to the fair, the IBA is hosting a special session on February 10th at 4PM with Laurie Kahn of Media Staffing Network who will share advice on improving your resume and interview skills so job seekers will feel more confident going into their interviews.

Registration is required here: <https://www.indianabroadcasters.org/news-events/laurie-kahn-breaking-into-broadcasting-february-10-2021/>

Those who attend Laurie's session and interview with at least one station will be eligible to win:

- \$1,000 Visa Gift Card
- One-on-One Resume Building Session with Laurie Kahn
- Airpods

Interviews for the career fair are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and there is limited availability.

About the Indiana Broadcasters Association

The Indiana Broadcasters Association is comprised of nearly 300 member radio and television broadcasters, united to serve their audiences throughout the Hoosier state. The IBA helps member stations with professional training, offers FCC inspection programs, coordinates scholarships to college students, hosts career fairs throughout the state for members to recruit new employees, and represents the broadcasting industry before the Indiana General Assembly and to Washington, D.C. policymakers.

GOVERNOR'S FELLOWSHIP

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that applications will be accepted through March 15 for the 2021-2022 Governor's Fellowship.

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 are such a valuable piece of our team," Gov. Holcomb said. "The wide range of assistance they provide over the course of their fellowship is key to serving Hoosiers in a timely and thorough manner."

The program is open to college graduates who receive their bachelor's degrees beginning in the fall of 2019 through the spring of 2021. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor's Fellows 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 <https://www.in.gov/gov/governors-office/governors-fellowship-program/>. To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be postmarked or submitted via email by March 15.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

HANLIN

John E. Hanlin, lifelong resident of Pennville, died on Jan. 31, 2021, in Sheridan, Ind., where he was receiving care during an extended illness. He was 77.

John was born in Portland, IN. on July 23, 1943, the youngest of George and Edwina Hanlin's six children. He grew up at Balbec, north of Pennville, on the farm his family owned since the 1830s. He graduated in 1961 from Pennville High School, where he played baseball and basketball. He participated in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America and was a member of the school's judging team, which won state and national championships for livestock and land judging. After graduation he took courses at Purdue University's Fort Wayne center.

During the early years of his career, John worked at the Sohigro Service Company in Warren, Ind. In the late 1970s he started his own fertilizer plant, Pennville Farm Service, and operated it until the early 1980s, when he began a career in real estate, appraisals and auctioneering. His work in real estate spanned nearly 35 years, first at Double H Realty and Auction then later at Hanlin Real Estate Service.

Throughout the years, agriculture remained an important part of John's life. He continued to operate the family farm and spent many summers supporting his children in 4-H as they showed swine, sheep and cattle at the Jay County Fair and Indiana State Fair. In recent years he raised registered Angus cattle.

John was the father of four, including Tammy Hanlin (husband Dave Ashley) of Pennville, Dawn Marineau (husband John Malone) of Wasilla, Alaska, and George R. Hanlin of Indianapolis, all who survive. His son John Hanlin Jr. preceded him in death, as did his parents, George E. Hanlin Sr. and



Edwina (Edmundson) Hanlin, and his siblings Ellen (Hanlin) Bulzone, George E. Hanlin Jr. and Carolyn (Hanlin) Hoffacker. Additional survivors include sisters Nina (Hanlin) Stultz of Montpelier, Ind., and Martha (Hanlin) Kimmel of LaOtto, Ind., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Private burial will take place at the Twin Hills I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville with a public service to follow later this year.

Memorials may be directed to the Pennville Gym, c/o the Pennville Community Center, P.O. Box 54, Pennville, IN 47369.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

LANE

Jerry C. Lane, 62, of Liberty Center, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 2, 2021, at AMG Specialty Hospital in Muncie.

Jerry was born in Wabash on Mar. 22, 1958, to Eugene and Hazel (Miller) Lane. He married Robin R. Franze in Sevierville, Tenn., on Sept. 15, 1997; she survives.

A 1976 graduate of Manchester High School, Jerry worked at Star Excavating in Huntington County for over 30 years. He was a member of College Park Church in Huntington, and in his free time, he enjoyed golfing. Jerry was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed attending Chicago Cubs games. More than anything else, however, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Jerry is survived by two sons, Chad (Kelly) Bleeke of Montpelier and Scott Bleeke of Huntington; three grandchildren, Trenton, Shelby, and Morgan Bleeke; two brothers, Junior (Viola) Lane of Wabash and Larry Lane of North Manchester; and five sisters, Rosie Miller of Wabash, Iva Wright of North Manchester, Peggy (Jerry) Shepler of North Manchester, April Young of

North Manchester, and Linda Allen of North Manchester.

Aside from his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Taylor Bleeke; a brother, Steven Lane; and a sister, Patsy Hunnicutt.

Visitation will be on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, from 2 until 4 p.m., at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton followed immediately by a funeral service at 4 p.m. Pastor Jason Carter will officiate.

Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA International or Riley Hospital for Children.

EDWARDS

On Tuesday February 2, 2021, Pastor Herbert Leroy Edwards, age 98 of Warren, Indiana,



passed away at his residence, Heritage Pointe Home.

Born on November 3, 1922 in Carroll County, Illinois, he was the son of the late Glen Orville and the late Mary Ellen Zillhart Edwards. In 1945 he married Ruth Ellen Wiggins of Dixon, Illinois. As the patriarch of the Edwards family, Herbert lived longer than any ancestor since 1662.

After farming for many years, he earned a BA degree in Philosophy and a BA in Theology from Huntington College and Seminary. On 31 July 1955 he was ordained an Elder in the Church of the United Brethren. Continuing his education he completed Masters Classes in Christian Education from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Masters degree in Education and Psychology St. Francis College of Fort Wayne.

As a Pastor, Herbert served the United Brethren in Christ Church in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa before moving the family to Huntington in 1961. There Pastor Edwards served United Brethren and Evangelical United Brethren Churches as well as teacher/Principal for Banquo

and teacher/Assistant Principal for Jefferson Center Schools. In 1968 he joined the United Methodist Conference and was stationed at the Atwood Circuit, Frankton, and the Brushwood Covenant Parish.

In 1988 he retired from Forest-Hillisburg Circuit. After retirement Herbert served as supply pastor for Mt. Ayr and Chaplain for Hospice of Jasper County.

Active in his community, Herbert volunteered for the American Red Cross of Kosciusko and Madison Counties, Lions Club of Atwood and Frankton, volunteer fireman and ambulance driver. In addition Pastor Edwards chaired the Northern Indiana Methodist Conference Disaster Relief Committee and served on the World Mission Committee taking mission work trips to Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alaska, and Liberia, Africa. While living at Heritage Pointe, he served as Chaplain from 2000 to 2007, did patient transport, and volunteered in the ceramic shop and Apple Cove.

Surviving are four daughters: RoxyAnn (Michael) Casper of Decatur, IN, Marsha Edwards of Franklin, IN, Theresa (Gary) Wright of Frankton, IN, and Denise Edwards of Corvallis, MT; one sister: Doris (Kenny) Geisz of Lanark IL; seven grandchildren: Ella (Adam) Casper-Eichhorn, Emma (Forrest) Powell, Evan Casper, Ephrem Casper, Brandy (Austin) Bolles, Trent and Taylor VanBriggle; two step grandchildren: Kevin (Cindy) Wright and Todd (Tyra) Wright; two great grandchildren: Josie and Justin King; and five step great grandchildren: Ashley Gaither, Kirk Gaither, Rachel Taylor, and Bronson Wright.

Preceding Herbert in death are his wife, Ruth on February 13, 2013, one brother, Sherman Laverne, and one sister, Wilma Pauley.

A private family celebration of life will be held with burial at the Springhill

Cemetery at Heritage Pointe, on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Preferred memorials are to UMMH Foundation, 801 Huntington Ave. Warren, IN 46792.

Arrangements are being entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

NEEL

Virginia Ditzler Neel, 97, of Warren, IN died February 3, 2021 at Heritage Pointe of Warren.



Virginia was born April 15, 1923 in Wells County, IN to Vier C. and Mayme Haines Ditzler.

She attended Salamonie Township High School, graduating in 1941. After graduation she worked at the Warren Post Office.

She married Norval W. Neel on April 22, 1944 in Miami, FL. She and Norval eventually returned to Indiana but moved to Sebring, Florida in 1954 where Norval ranched with his father and brother and later built homes. In Sebring, Virginia was active in the Woman's Club holding several offices including President. She also was a member and President of the Reader's Club, a life member of the Sebring Historical Society, and a member of the Sebring First United Methodist Church where she was a life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the The Methodist Church, Florida Conference.

Her love of reading was evident by her choice of employment at a local bookstore as well as the Sebring Public Library. She was a successful realtor for several years in Sebring.

Virginia was an avid knitter and enjoyed cooking, sewing, and crafts. She loved researching family genealogy and shared not only her family history, but also was known for her extensive knowledge of Warren's history, which she gladly shared with others. She

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could always be found writing a letter to a friend or family member and never missed a birthday or anniversary.

Virginia was a supportive wife and wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, and loyal friend. She led her life with strength, determination, faith, and generosity. She loved her family dearly and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Neel is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Grimm, of Palm Coast, FL and Sondra (Vince) Harrell of Wabash, IN.

Surviving grandchildren are, Stephanie Burns of Lewiston, Maine, Steve (Shannon) Grimm of Dublin, Ohio, Amy (Thomas) Riebe of Fishers, IN, Julie Harrell (Geoffrey Holden) of Ypsilanti, MI. Great-grandchildren are Andrew (Paige) Crippen, Nicole Crippen, Marti (Brandon) Favreau, Caroline Riebe, Spencer Riebe, and Claire Riebe. She is also survived by her sister, Donna Bolinger of Warren, IN and son-in-law Larry Alkoff of FL.

In addition to a brother-in-law Kyle Breedlove, Warren, IN and a sister-in-law, Patricia Ditzler, Rosedale, IN she also has several much-loved nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, daughter Karen Alkoff, son-in-law Steve Grimm, brothers Vier Ditzler II, Gale Ditzler, Jean Ditzler and two sisters, June Glover and Barbara Breedlove.

Funeral arrangements are with Glancy Funeral Home in Warren, IN. There will be no visitation or services due to Covid19.

A celebration of Virginia's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, you may remember Virginia with a donation to:

The Verna Johnson Nursing Student Fund at Heritage Pointe Warren, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren IN, 46792 OR Solid Rock United Methodist Church in Warren, P.O Box 322, Warren IN 46792 OR Heartland Hospice Care, 1315 Director's Row #210, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808

GUERIN

Terry W. Guerin, 69 of Van Buren, received his ultimate healing and has gone to heaven this evening, February 7, 2021 at 8:14PM at his home in Van Buren.



Terry Wayne Guerin was born in Bluffton July 5, 1951, to Dale E. Guerin and Alice J. Keller. He graduated from Elmhurst High School, 1969, attended IU/Purdue, Ft Wayne and Airline School in Kansas City. He worked as an EMT and fireman in Laramie, Wyoming and also ran a successful steam cleaning business. After living in Colorado and Wyoming he returned to Ft Wayne but never lost his love for Wyoming. He worked for Magnavox and Auburn Foundry. Terry got his CDL license and worked for 20 years as a boom truck and crane operator delivering materials to construction sites for West, North Coast and Shelter.

Terry was passionate in his love for our God, our country and stood up for our freedoms and liberties. Terry and Lois are members of McNatt Church and he was also active in the Grant County Tea Party.

He was a man of many talents. He loved blacksmithing and woodworking. He belonged to the Rural Smiths of Mid-America and the Indiana Blacksmithing Association.

Terry loved old barns and belonged to the Indiana Barn Foundation. He strongly believed we need to save our history and heritage.

He loved all animals especially horses, buffalo, oxen and cats. He worked on a ranch with buffalo in Wyoming, rode a bull at a rodeo on a dare, and worked on real old-fashioned cattle drives. He belonged to Midwest Ox Drivers Gathering and was excited to occasionally drive a team of oxen at the gatherings and at Conner Prairie. His dream of having a few buffalo on our land never happened but I'm

sure Heaven has a buffalo or two for him. He even had compassion for the stray cats his wife talked him into adopting and gave them lots of loving.

Loving survivors include his wife, Lois of Van Buren, sons Matthew Wayne (Sara Marie) Sullivan of Germany and Micah Clifford Sullivan of Berne, IN, sister Sandra (John) Wright of Roanoke, IN and nephew Daniel Wright of Roanoke, IN."

A note from Terry's loving wife, Lois: "To describe Terry in one word, it would be kind. To know Terry was to love him and have a friend for life. He was a man of God and a prayer warrior. He was my best friend and a gift from God to me. We were married December 6, 2003 at Springhill church in Berne and I was so honored to share his name, his loves and his life as his wife for 17 years.

A note from daughter Sara: "My father in law, Terry, passed away last night. He married my beautiful mother in law when Matt and I were 30. He was one of the most patient, caring and kind men I have ever known. We were always thankful that Lois Guerin had him in her life. He loved and cared for her. It was a running joke that he helped "keep her out of jail". Terry doted on her for many years. They were absolutely best friends. He was sick for the last couple of years. He would be sick in the hospital for 4 or 5 days and the day he was released go and mow! His place has always been immaculate and he took pride in its upkeep. Not too long ago mom called me upset because Terry was planning on getting up on the barn roof. We talked him out of it, that time. He took a lot of pride in his appearance as well. I never saw him in a wrinkled shirt. I never saw him once without his hair perfectly done. He did have a pair of rotten old farm shoes that had been duct taped for years. He kept them for the dirty chores. We gave him a hard time about those shoes for many years. I loved that.

He was a wonderful "Grandpa Terry" to our pups Snaps, Little Debbie, TaTer, and Trixie. Lois and Terry are where our beloved "chicken" came from. He would get tickled when he would hear Trixie squeak "chicken" when we were on the phone. He would always ask about my family. He gave really good compliments. I loved feeding him my cooking because he was always hungry. I loved being his daughter in law. He always took my side, if there was a side to take. He liked me best. Just kidding, but always made me feel special. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. I would just like to say thank you to his friends and friends from church. You have all been so supportive through the hospital stays and illnesses. As the adult children, who live overseas, we are incredibly grateful for all that you have done. God bless you all. It was a blessing to have him in our lives. We are eternally grateful for how much he loved our mom. He will be missed. He will be celebrated. He is no longer in pain. His miracle was his freedom. We love you and look forward to our reunion. God bless."

Services for Terry will be held at a later date.

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

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Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than April 15. Recipients of the Fellowship will begin July 1.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Emily Clancy at the Governor's Office at eclancy@gov.in.gov.

STARTedUP

Applications for the 2021 Innovate WithIN™ pitch competition, a statewide initiative hosted by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the STARTedUP Foundation, are open to high school students across Indiana. Applications opened earlier this year, and student teams are encouraged to continue submitting video pitches before Feb. 28.

"Innovate WithIN™ gets Hoosier students plugged in to Indiana's thriving and engaged entrepreneurial community," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "This program fosters a pioneering spirit among our leaders of tomorrow, and every year I'm amazed by the innovative ideas these students pitch and the hard work they put into their business plans."

Innovate WithIN™, which is in its fourth year, gives Hoosier students the opportunity to create their own business plans and showcase entrepreneurial ideas throughout the state. The overall winners of the state competition will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize, \$10,000 toward one year of in-state tuition, college scholarship award opportunities, internship opportunities, mentoring services and more.

Participants are invited to work individually or in small groups to submit an innovative idea for a business, product, service or venture. Students will then receive feedback from experienced professionals while competing against like-minded youth from across Indiana through three rounds:

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 Round Two: Virtual regional pitch competitions hosted from April 19 to April 30
 Final Round: State pitch competition for regional finalists hosted in June

New this year, all participating students will have access to a brief, online companion course, and regional winners will participate in a virtual bootcamp to help students hone their ideas and prepare for their state pitch presentations. In addition,

regional winners will also receive guided counseling from the Indiana Small Business Development Center (Indiana SBDC) to help refine their business model and pitch, and receive no-cost market research.

The overall winners of last year's competition, Megan Jones, Joshua Breitsprecher and Abigale Haluska won first place representing Hobart High School, creating the Remedy Glove, an innovative therapeutic glove equipped with vibration, compression and heating features. The team came up with its idea

after seeing friends and family members struggle with arthritis that restricted common everyday tasks. The group, along with all of the final 11 teams, received mentoring services through the STARTedUP Foundation, which focuses on engaging students and teachers through innovation and entrepreneurship in the classroom.

"Our goal is to create a statewide ecosystem of support to help equip the next generation of entrepreneurs by encouraging students to see problems as opportunities," said Don Wettrick, founder and CEO of STARTedUP. "It's been amazing to see the variety of community and industry partners who have come together to assist the students as they bring their ideas to life."

In 2020, Innovate WithIN™ drew 152 online applications from 419 Hoosier students at 50 high schools. Students can

submit applications and learn more details about the program at InnovateWithIN.org. About IEDC

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state of Indiana's economic development efforts, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

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entrepreneurship, while building a life of purpose. We envision a generation of youth with an "Opportunities are Everywhere" mindset, fueling innovation and hope for our communities, country and the world. To achieve this, we spark interest in innovation and design thinking to solve problems, we coach students through the process as they develop new ideas, and we accelerate student solutions to market-ready ventures. For more information, visit startedupfoundation.org.

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ride it. So we jumped on it and away we went. We just had a real good snow storm and there was snow everywhere. The roads had drifted and you couldn't really tell where you were at and of course running at 40 mile an hour you didn't have time to decipher where you were and next thing you know we hit a ditch and went air born and when we come down I was darn near side saddle on the snowmobile. I manage to get myself back up right and hung on for dear life from then on. Sometimes I wonder how many lives a human has, cause if we have 9 lives like a cat, I've done shot through 15 of them since we've been together. Lol!! We've done some pretty good things like racing, mudding, running through the flooded river, just to name a few, and I lived to tell it somehow.

As a teenager I lived a wild life with my friends and like I said I lived to tell about it. Now if my momma knew about half the stuff, I wouldn't have lived cause she would have killed me, but my dad would have stood there and shook his head and with that smile on his face and was probably thinking "that's my girl"

So set back and enjoy the snow and think back what kinda wild things you've done, then you can set there and shake your head too. We've all done it and I'm sure it was fun. Have a great week.

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