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Thought for the Week: You can't deny laughter. When it comes, it plops down in your favorite chair and stays as long as it wants. Stephen King

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Public Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale Saturday, April 6, from 10 am - 2pm. Bags will be provided by the Library.

There will be selections of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, tween books, teen books, graphic novels and DVDs.

The library is located at 123 E 3rd St, Warren. The phone number of the Library is 375-3450.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars for upcoming events in Warren.

Friday, May 17 - SSF Dan's Fish & Chicken Dinner (Drive-thru) at Knight Bergman Center sponsored by Salamonie Summer Festival.

Saturday, May 18 - Historic Warren Main Street 4th Annual Car Show at Heritage Pointe from 11 to 5, sponsored by Historic Warren Main Street and many area businesses.

Saturday, June 1 - SSF Golf Outing at Dogwood Glen Golf Course sponsored by Salamonie Summer Festival.

June 15 - SSF Rock-a-Thon at Various businesses in Warren.

July 4 to 7 - Salamonie Summer Festival in Downtown Warren. This year's theme is Warren: A Small Hidden Treasure. Sponsored by Salamonie Summer Festival and many area businesses.

October 25 - Scarecrow Festival downtown Warren 6-8pm Sponsored by Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

November 9 - SSF Arts & Crafts Marketplace, 9-2 at Knight Bergman Center Sponsored by Salamonie Summer Festival.

November 22 - Holiday Walk, Festival of Trees & Gingerbread Houses, 5-8pm Downtown Warren. Sponsored by Historic Warren Main Street

November 29 - Winter Warrenland, 6pm, Downtown Warren and Knight Bergman Center Sponsored by Town of Warren and Knight Bergma Center.

EYE HEALTH ESSENTIALS FOR ECLIPSE

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Indiana will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. Whether you're visiting the state to view the eclipse or a native Hoosier, the Indiana Optometric Association wants you to have the best possible eclipse experience. To that end, the IOA is sharing tips for safe viewing and information to help the public prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. This type of solar eclipse will only be seen within the path of totality. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where you can momentarily remove your eclipse glasses or viewers for the brief period of time during totality.

Tips for Viewing a Total Solar Eclipse

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it's not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing.

1. Use approved solar eclipse viewers. The only safe way to view a partially eclipsed sun

directly is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" or viewers that meet international standard ISO 12312-2 for safe viewing. Sunglasses, smoked glass, unfiltered telescopes or magnifiers, and polarizing filters are unsafe. Inspect your eclipse glasses or handheld viewer before use - if torn, scratched, or otherwise damaged, discard the device.

2. Technique of the pros. Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up. After viewing, turn away and remove your glasses or viewer - do not remove them while looking at the sun. If you normally wear eyeglasses, wear your eclipse glasses over them, or hold your handheld viewer in front of them.

3. Totality awesome. Only within the path of totality—and once the moon completely blocks the sun—can eclipse viewers safely be removed to view totality. During the partial phases before and after totality, special viewers must be used. Once the sun begins reappearing after totality ends, viewers must be used again to protect your eyes.

4. Visit your Doctor of Optometry. If you should experience discomfort or vision problems following the eclipse, visit your local doctor of optometry for a comprehensive eye examination.

Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses - regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the sun. Eclipse glasses/solar viewers are at least 1,000 times darker than the darkest sunglasses!

All symptoms should be treated as urgent until viewed

TOTAL ECLIPSE IN WARREN

The Town of Warren Total Eclipse Viewing Event at Riverside Park on Monday, April 8 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. For those who don't know, yet, where Riverside Park is - it is next to the Post Office.

Bring a chair and eclipse viewing glasses.

There will be food available for purchase (restaurants and food trucks located on 2nd St.), viewing areas, music, and fun activities to pass the time.

Arrive early and do the Historical Warren Walking Tour to see historic sites and murals.

Tour the Salamonie Valley Museum at the Knight Bergman Center, open from 11 - 2.

Attend the "Total Eclipse Cabaret" at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Historic Pulse Opera House, 127 N Wayne St - free concert, donations accepted.

Purchase a souvenir eclipse t-shirt.

Limited supply of eclipse glasses - first come, first served.

The First Christian Church of Warren on 2nd St, between Main St and Nancy St, will have their fellowship hall open all day with refreshments and restrooms.

Visit the Warren Public Library to help with their space themed poster (sign your name and where you are from), make-and-take constellation snack and pick up some free library swag.

FREE parking available downtown Warren and additional parking at Solid Rock Church of Warren (485 Bennett Dr, Warren), Knight Bergman Center (132 N Nancy St) and Tower Park (based on ground conditions).

Arrive early to ensure a parking space. Don't forget your Chair and Glasses!

by a Doctor of Optometry. If you suspect an eye or vision problem, don't hesitate to call your local practice - this is the best way to combat potentially severe complications, including vision loss.

For more information on solar eclipses and eye safety, visit www.ioa.org and click on the eclipse resources link.

Founded in 1897, the Indiana Optometric Association is the voice of Doctors of Optometry in service to the eye and vision care needs of the citizens of Indiana

CHECK-UP DAY EVENTS IN MAY

Parkview Huntington Hospital and the Parkview Center for Healthy Living invite area residents in need of lab testing to sign up for Check-Up Day events at the hospital in May.

Check-Up Day makes it convenient to obtain common lab tests at a reduced cost. The event will take place in the Wellness Classrooms from 7 to 9:30 a.m. on two Wednesdays, May 8 and 22.

Wellness packages Participants have a choice between two blood test packages.

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

This past weekend was Easter and I was trying to decide on what to fix. Ham was a given but just needed something different, so I made homemade macaroni and cheese and scalloped corn. Those two things have been missing in my life, so I just decided that's what it was gonna be.

My aunt Norine was a pro at making scalloped corn and nobody could make it better. When she told us the secret to good scalloped corn was the crackers. Not just any cracker you must use Ritz crackers. So I followed the order like she said and yep it was good, but of course it was missing something special, her love mixed in.

So I'll share with you the recipe, hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

**SCALLOPED CORN**

- 2 cans cream style corn
- 1 can whole kernal Corn, drained
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 sleeves of RITZ crackers, crushed
- 1/2 c. Butter
- 1/2 tsp. Paprika
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

Preheat oven at 350 degrees, butter baking dish and set aside In med bowl melt 1/4 c. Butter then add corn, eggs, and 1/2 of the crushed RITZ crackers. Mix till blended. Transfer to baking dish.

In another bowl mix remaining melted butter and remaining crushed RITZ crackers and seasonings mix till blended and sprinkle over top of corn mixture. Bake 30-40 minutes, until top is browned and bubbles on sides. Enjoy!!!

How about those Boilermakers, we're going to the final four!!!!

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| <p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier<br/>             Nick Miller, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             8924S 900W 35<br/>             Harold Smith, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             Steve Nevius, Pastor<br/>             Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199<br/>             Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp<br/>             Handicap Accessible<br/>             Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b><br/> <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b><br/>             Pastor Wayne Couch<br/>             260/515-2517<br/>             Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN</b><br/>             8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779<br/>             Matt Kennedy, Pastor<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726<br/>             Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor<br/>             Worship..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b><br/>             SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto<br/>             Steve Sutton, Pastor<br/>             765/728-2065 for more info<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b><br/>             Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Sultz &amp; John Moyer<br/>             Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT</b><br/>             Monday thru Friday<br/>             Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             727 N Wayne St, Warren<br/>             260-375-2811<br/>             office@warrenfirsbaptist.net<br/>             Pator Rusty Strickler<br/>             Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild<br/>             Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.<br/>             Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30<br/>             Eklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             375-2510<br/>             Pastor Steven Spencer<br/>             Bus Service 375-2510<br/>             www.warrennaz.org<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>             485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN<br/>             375-3873<br/>             John Boyanowski, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b><br/>             3147 W 543 S, Huntington<br/>             765.524.3390<br/>             Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesdays:<br/>             Bible Study &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             694-6622<br/>             Aaron Westfall, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:15a.m.<br/>             Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.<br/>             Monthly Meetings<br/>             1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am<br/>             4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             Pastor Diane Samuels<br/>             Fellowship Time .....9:00a.m.<br/>             Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b><br/>             375-4359<br/>             Bill VanHaften, Pastor<br/>             Lois Slusher, Supt.<br/>             Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; Family Dir.<br/>             Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>             260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124<br/>             Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"<br/>             Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 - 9:45<br/>             Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00<br/>             Everyone is Welcome</p> <p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN</b><br/>             468-2412<br/>             Mel Zumbrun, Pastor<br/>             Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> | <p><b>1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>             375-2102<br/>             www.firstccw.net<br/>             Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor<br/>             Takarra Myers, Youth Director<br/>             office@firstccw.net<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Youth Sunday School during<br/>             Worship Service<br/>             Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             765/934-3321 Parsonage<br/>             Jeff Slater, Pastor<br/>             Jim Knight, Superintendent<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.<br/>             Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE</b><br/>             765-934-1431<br/>             Pastor Brad Hensley<br/>             vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:30 am<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45am<br/>             Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm<br/>             Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm<br/>             Men Serving God Group ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9am<br/>             Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am<br/>             Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>             375-3022<br/>             Mickey Strong, Senior Minister<br/>             Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister<br/>             Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.<br/>             Tara Bower - Secretary<br/>             www.warrenchurchofchrist.org<br/>             Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.<br/>             Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.<br/>             Youth:<br/>             K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm<br/>             Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN<br/>             765-934-3609<br/>             Pastor Al Sultz<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am<br/>             Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am<br/>             Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm<br/>             Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm</p> |
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# AREA NEWS

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The Green Package includes a lipid profile and glycohemoglobin A1C for \$50. Also, any of these tests can be added for an extra charge: \* Comprehensive metabolic profile (CMP), \$25 \* Complete blood count (CBC), \$15 \* Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), \$30 \* Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for men, \$30

The Diamond Package includes the two tests in the Green Package PLUS the four optional tests listed above for a total cost of \$115. The Diamond Package can also be purchased without the PSA for \$100.

Individuals who choose either wellness package can also add any of these additional tests: \* Iron, \$15 \* Vitamin B12, \$25 \* Vitamin D, \$40

Either wellness package requires a 10- to 12-hour fast before the appointment. During fasting, it is OK to drink water to avoid dehydration and take regular medications as prescribed. Questions may be directed to 260-266-6500.

Single tests

Apart from the wellness packages, three single tests are available. Fasting is not required for these tests: \* Glycohemoglobin A1C, \$30 \* TSH, \$35 \* PSA, \$35

Pre-registration is required

Participants must register for a Check-Up Day event in advance by calling 260-266-6500. Make sure to leave a voicemail if a Parkview Center for Healthy Living team member is unavailable to take your call. Payment by credit card at the time of pre-registration is required.

For questions about which lab test options may be appropriate for you, please talk with your medical provider.

Information about this event can also be found at parkview.com/checkupdays.

Parkview Huntington Hospital is located at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington. To access the Wellness Classrooms, guests should use the main hospital entrance, turn right at the information desk, pass the Holly D. Sale Rehab and Wellness Center,

and enter the first door in the hallway connecting the hospital to the Medical Office Building.

**GOLDEN HOOSIER AWARDS APPLICATION**

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, announced today that nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Golden Hoosier Award.

This is the 17th year of the program.

"Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to their neighborhoods and communities," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The Golden Hoosier Award is an amazing opportunity to honor those who have dedicated their lives to serving Indiana communities."

The award began in 2008 and annually honors senior Hoosiers for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. Since the start of the program, more than 200 Hoosiers have been honored.

To be eligible, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, July 14. Nomination forms can be accessed electronically by visiting in.gov/ig/lt-governor-initiatives/golden-hoosier-award.

A ceremony honoring those selected will be held later this year.

**REDESIGNED DIPLOMAS**

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today presented a proposal to streamline the number of high school diplomas, while maximizing flexibility for students to personalize learning pathways and experiences. This is part of the state's ongoing, collaborative effort to rethink the high school experience, making it more learner-centric and career-relevant, and kicks off four months of public feedback to enhance the proposed plan.

"In talking to stakeholders across the state, one thing I have heard on repeat is that, 'if' high school looked different for students, 'then' we could better connect them to what's next. The reality is, the structure of the American high school experience has not changed for most students in over one-hundred years," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education, "In K-12 education, we have an incredible opportunity to help every student find their

purpose, know their value and understand the possibilities for their life's path. This means allowing students the flexibility to experience work-based learning, increase their educational attainment by earning a credential and personalize their journey to achieve their unique goals."

For the first time ever, Indiana's diplomas would be aligned to the state's current graduation pathways, as well as the five characteristics of an Indiana Graduate Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS), which include: academic mastery; career and postsecondary readiness (credentials and experiences); communication and collaboration; work ethic; and civic, financial and digital literacy. These represent the five characteristics that Hoosier stakeholders consistently agree are essential for graduates, and are part of Indiana's Profile of a Graduate, which was established in 2021 after extensive public input.

In the proposal presented to the State Board of Education (SBOE) on Wednesday, Indiana's future diplomas would include:

\* Indiana GPS Diploma (a more flexible, personalized version of the current Core 40 diploma)

\* Indiana GPS Diploma Plus  
For all students, regardless of the diploma type they earn, learning in ninth and 10th grades would be strategically focused on essential knowledge and skills. This will be achieved through a set of foundational courses, aligned

to the Indiana GPS characteristics, as well as opportunities for students to demonstrate competencies, both within the school and beyond. This structure allows for additional flexibility and personalization in 11th and 12th grades.

In addition to the foundational courses and competencies for all students, students pursuing the proposed Indiana GPS Diploma must also complete a minimum of 20 additional points, earned through a combination of courses and experiences. Students will use the already statutorily-required individual graduation plan, first completed in middle school, to determine initial course sequences.

After completing their foundational coursework and competencies, students pursuing the proposed Indiana GPS Diploma Plus must complete additional coursework necessary to earn their chosen credential of value, as well as complete a high-quality work-based learning experience.

Today's presentation accompanied formal approval by SBOE to initiate the rulemaking process. Prior to the Board's final adoption of new diploma requirements, there will be two public comment periods as the proposal evolves. The first public comment period will officially open later this spring. Indiana's current graduation requirements will sunset October 1, 2028, making final

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**Weekly Specials  
Apr 4 - 10**

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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.

April 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
April 3	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
April 8	10-3:30	ECLIPSE VIEWING EVENTS - Downtown Warren
April 14	11-1	W - Beta Delta Dine-In Luncheon @ KBC
April 15	6:30p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
April 17	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
April 22		EARTH DAY
May 1	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 1	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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 requirements effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029 (Indiana's current seventh graders). Schools may opt-in beginning with the completion of Board rule-making. Indiana will also continue to offer the federally-required alternate diploma, which is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

In order to lift every student to a better life through education, Indiana continues to make strategic investments and enact policies to rethink the four years of high school. Below are examples of this cross-agency work –

- \* Expanded opportunities for students to explore, engage and experience a range of potential careers in elementary, middle and high school through the 3E Grant. In total, \$57 million was awarded to schools and community partners in all 92 counties to incentivize and support early exposure to career options;

- \* Accelerated credential completion through Crossing the Finish Line, which provides high school students, who are just a few credits away from earning a credential, with free tuition, fees, books and other expenses. In 2023 alone over 3,900 participating students and families saved over \$8 million;

- \* Created a consortia of urban school districts across Indiana identified as future leaders in the Early College model and connected them to experienced mentor schools;

- \* Supported schools in teaching and measuring key skills through the Employability Skills Grant, which awarded \$10 million to 58 schools across 40 counties;
- \* Increased college affordability and going rates for our state's most at-risk students by auto-enrolling eligible students in the state's 21st Century Scholars Program;
- \* Helped more students gain both financial and digital literacy skills by requiring financial literacy and computer science courses for high school graduation. These courses may be taken in middle school, allowing additional course flexibility in high school;
- \* Implemented the first-in-the-nation Career Scholarship Account (CSA) program designed to support the completion of credentials of value and high-quality work-based learning experiences, including modern youth apprenticeships;
- \* Streamlined K-12 Indiana Academic Standards in English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and computer science, reducing standards in each core subject area by 25% or more to ensure students are

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- \* Re-envisioned how school and student performance is measured through the Indiana GPS performance dashboard. This dashboard provides students and stakeholders with learner-centered, future-focused data that displays how Indiana's students are building the necessary knowledge and skills for success; and
- \* Redesigning school accountability in alignment with Indiana GPS and the new diploma requirements. Per statute, IDOE will provide the Indiana General Assembly with future accountability recommendations by December 1, 2024.

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### DONATE LIFE MONTH

April is celebrated nationwide as Donate Life Month, which was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. It features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ and tissue donors ... and to celebrate those who have saved lives through the gift of organ and tissue donation. In addition, the third Sunday each April launches National Volunteer Week (April 21-27, 2024) across the country.

This year, in the midst of Volunteer Week, the Cobb family of Indianapolis will be celebrating the two-year anniversary of their son's life-saving heart transplant and remembering the selfless act of organ donation that made April 26, 2022, possible. They will also be expressing gratitude for the team of

volunteers who came together to make sure this costly surgery and related expenses would not financially cripple their family. On February 4, 2023 ... at the outset of American Heart Month ... Melissa posted, "Exactly one year ago today our journey began. Cayce was admitted to the hospital on February 4th with tons of snow on the ground in Indianapolis. To see him now, enjoying the snow he missed last year, is truly a miracle."

This April, Cayce will be doing all of the things he loves including playing basketball, playing video games, watching sports and going out to eat as a family. He will also be working on college plans and applications. Cayce's goal is to study engineering and math. Melissa and Brian will be excited to see how Cayce's future unfold with his new heart ... and with the knowledge that transplant-related expenses will not be a deterrent as he lives life to the fullest and pursues his dreams.

Also, this April, they will take a moment to remember the family who made the decision at a traumatic time in their lives to donate the heart that is beating in Cayce's chest and allowing him to keep marching and dreaming.

Nationwide, April is the month that is dedicated to raising awareness about the need for registered organ and tissue donors. Many COTA families are waiting for life-

saving transplants like Cayce received. You can visit [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) to indicate your wish to be a life-saving donor. Every day 17 people die waiting for an organ transplant here in the United States. One organ donor can save eight lives.

For more information about the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), or to find a COTA family in your area, please email [kim@cota.org](mailto:kim@cota.org).

### INDIANA'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) announced today it is allocating additional funds to its Community Collaboration Fund (CCF), making up to \$1 million available to support community-led projects focused on entrepreneurial education, connection and acceleration across Indiana. CCF, which awarded an initial \$500,000 in its pilot phase last year, is designed to further accelerate entrepreneurial activity and resources statewide, with a particular focus on underrepresented founders and underserved markets.

"Indiana is leading the nation in cultivating a pro-ideation, pro-growth entrepreneurial ecosystem," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg. "Our team

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### MAYO

James "Rodney" Mayo, 61, passed away in his home on Friday March 22, 2024.

He was born to James and Betty (Dobson) Mayo on October 16, 1962, in Marion, Indiana.

Rod graduated from Eastbrook High School.

He married Sheila Carrico on August 21, 1996.

Rod was full of personality and did not know a stranger. He was very generous and quick to lend a helping hand or offer support. Rod loved to work and was dedicated to his job. He was an avid flat track race fan and a member of the AMA associated after racing from 1977-1980.


Rod is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughter, Marlee; father, James Mayo; siblings, Debbie (Eric) Jensen, Brad Mayo, Lori (Matt) Shuttleworth and Brian (April) Mayo; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Mayo.

Arrangements have been entrusted to College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, where visitation will be on Monday, April 1, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home to help defray the cost of funeral expenses.

### TUCKER

 Charles "Chuck" E. Tucker, 87, of Marion, formerly of Tucson, Ariz., passed away at Parkview Regional Hospital, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

He was born on December 12, 1936, in Detroit, Mich., to Carl and Anne Tucker.

Chuck graduated from Holy Redeemer High School.

He worked for Asarco Mines, Arizona, for many years.

Chuck served in the United States Air Force.

Many days you could find him with a drink in his hand and Treasa by his side. Chuck liked to bowl. He was often behind the wheel of his golf

cart, riding around the neighborhood.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Anne Tucker, son, Steve Tucker, and daughter, Terry Cox.

Loving survivors include his daughter, Kathy (Don) Arnold; girlfriend, Treasa Ray; step-children, Elizabeth Riddle, Treasa (Junior) Stone, Eddie (Trish) Riddle and Terri (Marty) Fincannon; his dog, Butter Ball; several grandkids and great-grandkids; sister, Mary Marshall.

Services will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren.

### CASSIDAY

Phyllis I. Cassiday, 92, a longtime resident of Liberty Center, passed away early Tuesday morning, March 26, 2024, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Phyllis was born Sept. 26, 1931 in Wells County to J. Kelly and Cleora (Russell) Moore. She graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1949. She was the director of Medical Records for Wells Community Hospital for 23 years, retiring in 1989. She also worked on the EMS for 13 years. Phyllis was a member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church and American Legion Post 111 Auxiliary.

On Sept. 5, 1951, Phyllis and Dean A. Cassiday were married at the Liberty Center Baptist Church. Together they were world travelers and devout followers of the Lord. They shared 70 years of marriage before Dean's passing in 2022.

Survivors include their children, Becky (David) Foster of Casper, Wyo., Deana Price of Bluffton and Brian (Julie) Cassiday of Winter Garden, Fla.; along with 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean; a son, Timothy Cassiday; and a daughter, Beverly Cassiday.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Mossburg Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Center Baptist Church or American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton.

### RADER

Clayton Wayne Rader, 71, of Huntington, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

Clayton was born on July 11, 1952, in Huntington, IN. He was the son of Albert "AC" Rader and Ruby Mae (Kindley) Rader. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1970. As a child, Wayne grew up working at the family business, Rader's Market, on Etna Avenue, with his siblings and parents. He continued in his parents' footsteps when he, with the help of family, built and launched his own market, Riverbend Produce (now the Forks of the Wabash building).

Wayne began his international business career at Homier's Huntington Headquarters before moving on to be the Vice President of China Business Entities at Maple Leaf Farms. He loved his work as well as his time traveling all over Asia with his son Wes while leading his dedicated team. He spent many hours traveling, dining out, and going to see theatre with his son, Alex. He provided support and guidance for his daughter and son-in-law, Katelyn and Ryan Shuttleworth, as they grew the third generation of locally grown produce in Huntington County. In helping build Loon Creek Farm Market, he kept the family tradition and his dream alive. Wayne was passionate about farming and family. He loved to spend his free time with his children and grandchildren. He was the Dad and papaw who was always there...even if he

needed to plant corn on your birthday. Survivors include his Two Sons, Clayton Wesley (Rebecca) Rader of Fort Wayne, IN, Alex Rader of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Katelyn (Ryan) Shuttleworth of LaFontaine, IN, Stacia (Rocky) Rader-Murray of Huntington, IN; Brother, Larry G. (Damaris) Rader of Huntington, IN; Four Sisters, Delight Rader of Germantown, MD, Patty (John) Shoemaker of Huntington, IN, Sue Lassiter of Huntington, IN, Nancy (Art) Chenoweth of Huntington, IN; Nine Grandchildren, Ethan, Logan, Sullivan, Carson, Ruby Mae, Cash, Kinlee, Dayton, Cameron. He is preceded in death by his Father, Albert Clayton Rader, Mother, Ruby Mae Rader, and Brother, Dewight Rader.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials to the Mowat-Wilson Syndrome Foundation, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

### ANSON

Juanita J. Anson, 91, of Warren, entered her eternal rest on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 2:07 p.m. surrounded by her loved ones.

She passed away at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

Juanita was born in Jefferson Township on May 7, 1932, to Noble and Hattie (Arnold) Wesco.

She graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1950.

Juanita married the love of her life, Mark, on December 31, 1950, and they enjoyed 74 years together.

She was a homemaker, fine milker, wonderful mother and wife.

A devout Methodist, Juanita followed her servant's heart by working in various

capacities in our community: Huntington County 4H's first female tenure award winner and leader for 20 years, Farm Bureau member, first woman Huntington County Community School Board member for 12 years, Andrews Lions Club member and a longtime Sunday school teacher.

Along with her husband, Mark, she is survived by two sons, Arden Anson, of Roanoke, and Aaron (Joleen) Anson, of Andrews.

Juanita also leaves two brothers, Wilbur (Roxie) Wesco, of Warren, and Dwight (Conchita) Wesco, of Warren; two sisters, Barbara (Jim) Mills, of Fort Wayne, and Wilma (Kennard) Hensel, of Huntington. She leaves behind ten grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

Juanita was predeceased by a daughter, Debra Gardner, in February 2024, daughter-in-law, Karen Anson, as well as her sister, Patricia Johnson.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Applegate Chapel, Heritage Pointe, 801 N. Huntington Ave., Warren, with funeral services to follow at 1 p.m. Chaplain Ginny Soultz will preside.

Burial will then take place at Union Cemetery, 3688 E. 400 N., Huntington, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Huntington County 4-H or Andrews Lions Club in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### PENCE

Charles Alan "Squeek" Pence, 70 of Warren,

passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

He was born on October 6, 1953, in Huntington County to Charles Fred Pence and Helen (Davis) Pence.

Squeek graduated from Huntington North High School in 1974. He worked for



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Enyeart Construction. Squeek was someone you could always count on to lend a helping hand. From chopping wood to fixing things, he always had something to work on. Squeek played bass in the local band "Jam'N." He enjoyed hunting with his father in his younger years.

Squeek was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Helen Pence, brother-in-law, Gene Towns, and his beloved dog, Sally Sue.

Loving survivors include his sons, Charles "Wayne" (Mica) Pence, of Glasgow, Ky., and Charles "Ben" (Sarah) Williams, of Warren; grandson, Chandler Wallace Pence; sisters, Diana (Jim) Stucker and Jackie Towns; several nieces and nephews; several people who he was honored to call "friend;" his loving dog, Bri.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 1 to 6 p.m. and again on Sunday, April 7, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m.

A funeral service will be on Sunday at 1 p.m. with burial following at Union Cemetery, Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Glioblastomafoundation.org, Helping Paws Pet Haven, Huntington County Humane Society or Marion-Grant County Humane Society.

### RICHWINE

Joe K. Richwine Jr., 76 of Marion, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Markle Health & Rehabilitation.



Joe was born on April 29, 1947, to Joe Sr. and Kathleen (Vaught) Richwine. He graduated from Van Buren High School in 1965 and married Nancy (Clay) Richwine on April 28, 1968, at the Chesterfield Christian Church.

Joe worked as a general electrician, mostly for

Moorhead Electric and was a member of IBEW 873 Union. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping when he wasn't flying. Joe wanted to learn to fly from early in his life and started with RC planes. In Christmas of 1980, Nancy's gift to him was flying lessons. He became licensed in 1981 and spent a lot of time flying and restoring his Stinson 108 plane. Joe was a member of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge and attended Farrville Church. Joe adored his family, always making sure to call his wife beautiful and tell her he loved her, and spending time with his kids, sons-in-law, grandkids, great grandkids and of course, Molly (Joe & Nancy's beloved dog). Joe's family was truly the love of his life.

The family would like to thank Markle Health and Rehabilitation for taking loving care of Joe and also to Heart to Heart Hospice for their wonderful and compassionate care.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Kathleen Richwine Sr., and son, Jeffery Clay Richwine.

Loving survivors include his wife of 55 years, Nancy Richwine of Marion, IN, daughters, Lisa (Lee) Clapp of Cincinnati, OH, and Amy (Brad King) Richwine of Pendleton, IN, grandchildren, Morgan Richwine, Jared Richwine, Dylan Clapp, and Avery Clapp, and siblings, Rock (Astrid) Richwine of Van Buren, IN, Beth (Steve) Foy of Upland, IN, and Lynne (Mark) Hummel of Marion, IN, sister-in-law Cindy (Dean) Franklin of Anderson, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Farrville Community Church located at 11044 E200 N Marion, IN 46952, from 1pm to 3:30pm. A funeral service will begin at 3:30pm with Pastor Al Soultz officiating. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Farrville Community Church or Grant County Humane Society.

### LEAMING

Patricia "Patty" L. Leaming passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

She was born on March 1, 1957, in Marion to George and Eva Maggard.

Patty was a graduate of Eastbrook High School. She continued her studies at Eastern (Richmond) Kentucky University and finished her bachelor's degree at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Patty married Kris Leaming on January 6, 1978.

She had a variety of careers. She worked for Oak Hill Community Schools, Indiana State Prison, Transportation Security Administration, Ivy Tech Community College and retired from the Veteran's Administration.

Patty enjoyed acting and/or directing several Marion Civic Theater plays, such as Cheaper by the Dozen, Lark, Angel on My Shoulder and Godspell. She also was in the movies, Hoosiers and Eight Men Out. In addition to acting, Patty enjoyed traveling and camping. She was able to visit every state except Hawaii. She also joked that she was an official member of the "unfinished craft club."

Patty was a loving wife, mother, grand-mommy, daughter and sister.

Her true passion was her family. Spending time with her family was the most important thing to her.

Patty is survived by her husband of nearly 46 years, Kris Leaming; grandson, Greyson Fischer; son-in-law, Ryan Fischer; mother, Eva Maggard; sisters, Penny (Gary) Partin and Pam (Darrell) Ingram; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Morgan Leaming Fischer, father, George Maggard, and sister, Cindy Maggard.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to

celebrate Patty's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

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

### MCNANY

Marguerite V. McNany, 98 of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Marguerite, lovingly nicknamed

"Mick", was born on March 17, 1926, to Bert W. and Cynthia (Farnsworth) McBride in De Land, Illinois. She was the only daughter of Bert and Cynthia's 12 children and is the last of her siblings to pass. Mick's sister-in-law, Margaret "Pugget" McBride is the last of her generation living.

She graduated from Bryan High School in Bryan Ohio and married William R. McNany on September 25, 1946. She shared 69 wonderful years with Bill before he passed in December of 2015. Mick and Bill ran the Gamble store in Warren, Indiana until 1984 and owned the WilMar Variety Store in Warren. Upon retirement, they sold the stores in Warren and headed to Missouri where they ran a church campground throughout the 80s and 90s. She was very active in church and her community. She had a servant's heart and thoroughly enjoyed helping others. Mick was a former member of Solid Rock Church and a current member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Huntington, IN. She worked at PJ's Flowers and Gift Shop for many years and also volunteered at the gift shop at Heritage Pointe. Mick was a wonderful gardener. She would attend the Salamonie Summer Festival and enter her African Violets into the flower show. African Violets and her grandchildren were her joys in life.

Mick was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Cynthia McBride, her husband, Bill McNany, and 11 brothers.

Loving survivors include her children, Ray (Tanya) McNany of Wichita, KS, Kathie (Harold) Jones of Fort Wayne, IN, Jim (Tammy) McNany of Warren, IN, and Gene (Candice) McNany of Colorado Springs, CO, 11 grandchildren, 12 great

grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 2pm to 5pm at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792 and also 6pm to 8pm on Thursday at Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave. Warren, IN 46792. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024, starting at 10:30am at Applegate Chapel with visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Rev. Cindy Osgood and Rev. Chris Lantz will be officiating. Burial will be held at 4pm at Shiffler Cemetery in Bryan, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Wounded Warrior Project by visiting woundedwarriorproject.org or to Bread of Life Food Pantry, Warren.

### COX

Douglas M. Cox, 52, of Marion, passed away at 2:06 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, at Marion Health.

He was born in Marion on Wednesday, April 21, 1971, to Michael E. Cox and Kay (Jones) Stoffer.

Douglas graduated from Sheridan High School.

While living at Aperion, he enjoyed taking walks, playing BINGO and participating in various activities.

Survivors include his father, Michael E. (Mary) Cox, of Marion; mother, Kay (Gary) Stoffer, of Van Buren; sisters, Terri (Jeff) Richardson, of St. Thomas, Angela K. Cox, of Portland, Michelle (Pierre) Wilson, of Marion, and Kim Bishop, of Marion; brother, Troy Cox, of Gas City.

The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 5, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Douglas' life will begin at noon with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cerebral Palsy Foundation, 3 Columbus Circle, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10019.

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continues to invest in this ecosystem, creating new resources and bolstering support services for current and aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. The Community Collaboration Fund is yet another example of how Indiana is leading boldly and inspiring even more growth and success across the state."

Through CCF, entrepreneur support organizations (ESOs) may apply for matching grants between \$5,000-\$40,000 to support new community collaborations, services and programming that will benefit Indiana's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Applications should be designed to fill unique gaps in the organizations' communities in one of the following areas:

\* Education: Projects designed to educate entrepreneurs or the general public in some entrepreneurial capacity;

\* Connection: Projects that increase connectivity between entrepreneurs or the entrepreneurial ecosystem more broadly;

\* Acceleration: Projects designed to accelerate an entrepreneur's journey in a given area.

"Our Capital Coaching program has allowed us to help businesses with specifically focused technical assistance in a comprehensive way through one-on-one coaching," said Sam Centellas, executive director of CDFI Friendly South Bend. "Because of the support and funding we received through CCF, entrepreneurs across the region are now able to get hands-on support and guidance on financing options for their business from our industry expert coaches."

CCF, launched in October 2023, has awarded \$500,000 in grants to support 16 community-led projects statewide. In just the past six months, projects supported by CCF have served more than 1,100 entrepreneurs, engaged more than 250 ESOs, and hosted 60 events to fuel entrepreneurial education, connection and acceleration.

2024 CCF Grant Applications:

Applications for 2024 CCF funding may be submitted online and must be received by Friday, May 3 at 8 a.m. Eastern. Additional qualifications are outlined below. Community and

entrepreneur support organizations interested in learning more or asking questions may sign up here to join office hours with an IEDC representative on Thursday, April 4, or Thursday, April 11.

To be eligible, projects must:

\* address entrepreneur education, connection or acceleration;

\* be completed within one year of funds being awarded (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025);

\* provide at least a 25% match (cash or in-kind);

\* be between two or more Indiana-based Entrepreneur Support Organizations (ESOs) with one lead ESO;

\* provide direct entrepreneur support;

\* and be a new initiative or expansion in the ecosystem.

The IEDC expects to make grant decisions by July 1, 2024, allocating up to \$1 million in total awards depending on the number and quality of submissions received. Projects will be selected based on their abilities to fill gaps in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, work across community boundaries, and support traditionally underserved populations, such as rural, women, minority and veteran entrepreneurs. Ineligible applications include but are not limited to: projects that are duplicative of existing ecosystem offerings, offsetting the budget of an existing project, event sponsorship, applications that are part of a larger funding request or project, or planning projects.

For more questions, organizations may reach out to [entrepreneurship@iedc.in.gov](mailto:entrepreneurship@iedc.in.gov) or a regional Ecosystem Navigator through <https://connectind.com/about>.

### NASHVILLE, TN TRIP

#### DAY 4

by Larry Ryan

The 8 am breakfast time was once again helpful to our sleeping benefit. The meal and entertainment were the same to which we were accustomed. On the long walk back to our hotel room, I was encouraged to purchase a long-sleeved T-shirt with "Papa Elf" printed on the front. It was worn two weeks later at the family, Christmas

gathering. Two of my granddaughters call me Papa.

The bus was loaded and the somewhat weary travelers were on their way back to Indiana at 11:08 am. Drove past the Tennessee Memorial Cemetery, a Dressel College branch, and crossed the Cumberland River before entering I-65 North.

Before leaving Nashville, our local tour guide yesterday left us with much information about the city and state. Tennessee received its nickname, the "Volunteer State" because General Andrew Jackson recruited a remarkable number of volunteers in this area during the Civil War. During that period of US history, there were more battles fought in the Nashville area than in Virginia.

The applied name, Music City was attributed to the impressed Queen Victoria who said that the visiting Fisk College Jubilee Singers must be from the 'City of Music.' The city houses the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Grand Ole Opry, and many recording studios. Its main industries include health care, music & tourism, publishing & printing- especially bibles, and banking. The population is 750,000 with 85-100 new residents arriving daily. Spotted a U-Haul leaving; population reduced! There are 900 churches and 17 colleges. On our tour yesterday, the bus stopped briefly at an identical replica of the Greek Parthenon in Centennial Park.

Yesterday, we also passed Garth Brook's house and a church that he converted into a recording studio due to its excellent acoustics. In 1977, a California music producer, Jimmy Bowen came to town and revolutionized country music with a new electronic sound. Taylor Swift owns the top floor of a prominent building in the city. Our tour took us past the Columbia Records building.

While heading back north, the bus made a lunch stop at Mammoth Cave exit, slowed down for an accident, missed rush hour in Louisville, & home at 9 pm.

### LET GO OF THE ANCHOR

by Bryan Golden

Imagine you are swimming while holding a heavy anchor which is pulling you under water. What would you do? Of course you would let go of the anchor to keep from drowning. Maintaining your grip on the anchor would lead to certain disaster.

With your survival at stake, you wouldn't hesitate to drop the anchor. Yet, in life there are issues you are hanging onto which are drowning you. Anger, hate, bitterness, resentment, and grudges are all anchors pulling you to the bottom. Trying to change circumstances outside of your control also drags you to the bottom.

The problem is that from a young age you have become accustomed to holding on to anchors. The potential damage is not readily recognized because there doesn't appear to be any immediate threat. Furthermore, there is a tendency to pick up and hold onto additional anchors. Then in response to the weight increasing to unmanageable levels, you tend to tighten your grip rather than letting go.

There are several reasons for this self-destructive behavior. First of all, you don't realize you are actually carrying an anchor. Instead, you have become conditioned to believing that your feelings are the result of what others are doing to you, not what you are doing to yourself. Since you are not aware of the anchor you're carrying, letting go of it is never even considered an option.

Another reason for not letting go is the false belief that your negative feelings are somehow detrimental to the person you blame. This thinking implies that when you are angry, bitter or upset, the person responsible for your feelings is in some way harmed by your anchor. This logic makes as much sense as believing the weight you are carrying is making someone else tired.

Trying to change someone else is another anchor to let

go of. This endeavor leads to never ending frustration. A person can change if they want to, but you cannot make them do it. Although you don't have any control over the actions of others, you do have control over your response.

When you persist in attempting to get others to change, your anchor grows in weight, pulling you down deeper and deeper. Your grip tightens as you get even more determined to force changes. This is a doomed scenario which typically tears relationships apart.

Let go of this anchor by recognizing people for who they are. Deal with them on this level. Put your energy into your response to their actions. Just because someone acts doesn't mean you have to react.

Continually being offended and taking things personally is yet another anchor. Becoming upset never improves a situation. True freedom is attained through the realization that it really doesn't matter what other people think, say, or do.

In order to let go of the anchor, you must be aware of the fact that you are holding onto one. Accomplishing this requires you to constantly monitor your emotional state. Your goal is an awareness of how you are feeling and why.

Understanding this cause and effect relationship enables you to recognize when you are holding onto an anchor. Through this approach, you will find you are holding onto anchors more frequently than you realized. Just let go each time you grab onto an anchor.

You are now in the process of changing a lifelong habit. Don't make any excuses for holding onto the anchor. Never say to yourself "I can't let this go." Letting it go is essential for your mental and physical well-being.

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