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Thought for the Week: Imagination is more important than knowledge... Albert Einstein



AWARD WINNERS

This year's Samuel Jones Pioneer Award winner is Lee Poulson (above).

Some of you know him as the local Fire Chief, some remember him as a Fireman and some as an EMT - and he works for the Town of Warren.

This year's Community Service award was given to Jeff Daugherty (below) of Jeff's Farm Market and Fruit Stand.

Hopefully I'll have the correct write-ups next week to let everyone know all of the great things these two gentlemen have done for the Town of Warren.

Congratulations to both - very well deserved.



COUNCIL NOTES

(Following is a draft of the Council minutes)

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, July 8, 2024 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

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

President Buzzard opened the meeting at 6:00.

Introduced and read were Ordinances 2024-3, An Ordinance in support of a Unified Development Ordinance to consolidate and amend Zoning and Subdivision Control and, Ordinance 2024-7, an Ordinance to place a moratorium on solar energy within the Town of Warren. Kim Hostetler, Department of Community Development and Jeff Souder, member of Warren Planning Commission, summarized actions related to the ordinances. President Buzzard asked for and received public comment.

Ordinance 2024-3, Unified, was submitted to Council for consideration of adoption. Rufener moved to table action on the Ordinance but motion failed for lack of a second. Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to suspend rules to allow for adoption of an Ordinance at same meeting of introduction. Voting yes: Boxell, Schweikhardt, Buzzard. Voting no: Rufener

Buzzard moved, seconded by Boxell, to adopt Ordinance 2024-3. Voting yes: Boxell,

Buzzard Schweikhardt, Voting No: Rufener,

Boxell moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to suspend rules to allow for adoption of an Ordinance at the same meeting of introduction. Voting yes: Boxell, Schweikhardt, Buzzard. Voting No: Rufener.

Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, adoption of Ordinance 2024-7. Voting yes: Boxell Schweikhardt, Buzzard. Voting No: Rufener.

Minutes of June 10, 2024 Minutes were approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted the June Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the June Activity Report and stated that the search for a Fire Truck continues.

No Chamber or HCUED reports.

Historic Warren has scheduled the Holiday Walk, Festival of Trees for November 22.

Ordinance 2024-5, an Ordinance to Amend the Investment Policy for the Town was submitted for

consideration of Adoption. Rufener moved, seconded by Schweikhart to adopt. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-6, an Ordinance to correct an Audit Error, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to adopt. Motion was approved unanimously.

Utility Manager Poulson reported on PFAS chemicals which have been found in water supplies and reported that none had been found in the local supply. However, as the Town Council had approved entry to a pilot program in that regard one year prior, the Indiana Finance Authority has notified the Town that funding for the program has now been approved by EPA and requested notification from the Town as to continuing in the program. Rufener moved, seconded by Buzzard, to remain in the pilot program. Approved unanimously.

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WARREN ROYALTY

In case you were wondering who the lovely ladies with crowns were walking around town this past weekend. Here is a reminder: Miss Warren is Kelsie Ludemann, Junior Miss Warren Ella Rose McDaniel and Little Miss Warren Landyn Haisley. This year's royalty pageant was held back in April.

They will be at many more local events throughout the year.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Treva's
Recipe Box
by Treva Flemming

This year's winner of the Family Heirloom Recipe contest is Eva Whitkamp with her mothers famous carrot cake. It was wonderful and the history was about how it has been across the United States as they were in the Salvation Army. So I will share with you this recipe and hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

MY MOMS FAMOUS CARROT CAKE

By Mary Christine Jones/Eva Whitkamp

Sift together and set aside:

2 ½ c. flour, ½ tsp baking soda, ½ tsp salt, 2 ½ tsp cinnamon, 1 ½ tsp nutmeg

4 eggs separate yokes/whites 2 c. sugar
 1 ½ c. oil 2c. grated carrots
 1 c. chopped pecans

Mix sugar and oil together. Add in egg yolks then gradually add in the dry ingredients, batter will be very stiff. Mix in the carrots and nuts.

Beat egg whites until stiff peaks and fold in the egg whites to the cake batter. Pour batter into a greased and floured angel food cake pan bake at 350 degrees in a preheated oven till cake test done. Let cool and pop out of pan after the edges have been released onto a serving platter.

Cool completely, frost with cream cheese icing

CREAM CHEESE ICING

8 oz cream cheese softened ½ c. butter, softened
 2 tsp vanilla 1 c. sugar
 1c. chopped pecans

Whip together all ingredients and then stir in nuts. Frost entire cake.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

TO all those who helped with the Cleanup Crew & Garbage Gang!

George & Cheryl DeWeese, Terry & Melinda Daniels are so grateful for the dedication to help with the Table Cleanup and Trash Barrel duties by Bill & Marilyn, Mike & Rita, Paul & Olivia, Bobby & Kate, John, Allison, Malcolm, Alex, Amadeo, the Deal family, Taylor & friends, Neil Laymon, the Trickle family and MANY others who simply helped wash tables, load & unload & set-up tables, pick up trash or pull a trash bag and throw it in the dumpster! It takes a willingness to help with all of the responsibilities of this Festival that makes this Small Town with a Big Heart, a Small Hidden Treasure in Warren, Indiana.

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
- BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
- BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
- HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship
- DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
- HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
- THE NEW BEGINNING**
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- HERITAGE POINTE**
 Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
 Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.
- WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 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 CHURCH OF WARREN**
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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 Ron Forsythe, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm
- LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
- THE CHURCH AT MCNATT**
 375-4359
 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 COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH**
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
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 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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- SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

- 1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN**
 375-2102
 www.firstccw.net
 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Takarra Myers, Youth Director
 office@firstccw.net
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
- VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
- VB CHURCH OF THE VINE**
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
 Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
- WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
- FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-618-0027
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Submitted was a report from Wolverine Power, Company through which the Town purchases power, in regard to the future of power costs in the next few years. Clarified was a statement made by Town Consultant Greg Guerrettaz that power rates could increase by four times the current rate which was then misreported that local rates would increase by that amount. The town implemented a Rate Stabilization Fund several years ago to offset any sudden impact on local user's rates.

Notified was that the Indiana Finance Authority, State Revolving Loan Fund, had approved a loan in the amount of \$1,040,000 on June 28th for the emergency water main replacement on Wayne Street at the rate of 2.1 percent.

Morrison reported she had filed a request for an advance on the December Tax Draw on the TIF District for the property formerly owned by Golfo, now Ever Fresh, now Ever Fresh, as back taxes had been paid in the sale transfer to late to be included in the June distribution. That request was approved and on this date, distribution of \$128,552.93, 95% of the amount paid, was deposited in the TIF Fund by the County. Morrison updated that Ever Fresh anticipated opening would be in early 2025.

Submitted for consideration was a contract from Local Government Services at the proposed cost of \$150 an hour to clear problems within the Keystone Software Program. As the consultant has been given access to the software by Keystone, the work will be done off site. Problems relate to install of a program in 2020. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve the contract. Approved unanimously.

Rufener moved, seconded by Buzzard, to appoint Greg Witkamp to open position on the Warren Planning Commission. Approved unanimously.

The second report of the 2024 State Board of Accounts audit has been submitted.

Utility Manager Poulson reported that work on the four projects underway is continuing with meeting scheduled on July 9 to discuss a change necessary in the water main replacement that would not cause any delay in the project. Required water loss audit is being completed this week.

The flag poles and flags of the Veteran's Memorial have been installed at the corner of First and Main. A citizen committee will be completing planning for the area.

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for August 12 and will include a Special Order of Business with Huntington County Emergency Management presenting the Huntington County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Schweikhardt expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council to the Salamonie Summer Festival Committee for a very successful Festival.

Citizens raised concerns regarding Saturn Wheel Truck traffic on Town Streets. A solution will be determined. Also raised was that the LED lights are dim in the downtown area. That will also be addressed.

DEAKYNE AT LADD

Dr. Kevin DeaKyne DDS will be the primary dentist at the newly acquired Ladd Dental

Group, 320 North Pointe Avenue, Huntington. Dr DeaKyne is excited to be working in Huntington County again.

The office phone number is 260-356-7520 and the website is www.Huntington-Dentist.com.

VIRTUAL CLINICS

Jeanie Schug, a retired Parkview Huntington Hospital (PHH) nurse and long-time resident of Andrews, Indiana, has navigated a healthcare journey that has included multiple knee and back surgeries. In 2006, she was also diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

She initially received diabetes management guidance from her family doctor in Huntington, but when he retired in 2016, she transitioned to Parkview Endocrinology in Fort Wayne. Schug says she loves her providers in the Fort Wayne office, but the hour-long journey and the rising fuel prices were taking a toll.

In recent months, Schug has benefitted from a new, hybrid healthcare model that has enabled her to keep seeing the providers she trusts while cutting her travel time considerably: in-office, virtual visits.

The solution to a persistent problem

Many rural residents, like Schug, face the frustrating realities of accessing

healthcare from a distance. Specialists tend to practice in more urbanized areas with larger populations, resulting in fewer providers in non-metro areas.

As the Association of American Medical Colleges underlines, this disparity correlates to higher mortality rates and lower life expectancies for rural residents living with chronic conditions.

The recent surge in telemedicine has offered many benefits, such as more convenient access to healthcare, yet unreliable broadband presents a significant hurdle for people in many smaller communities.

"If I had to do a virtual visit using my service here at home, I can't be guaranteed a connection," said Schug.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 22.3% of Americans in rural areas lack high-speed internet, compared to just 1.5% in urban areas, exacerbating the divide in healthcare access. Addressing this issue, Parkview Huntington introduced in-office, virtual visits for endocrinology last fall, leveraging reliable, in-clinic broadband. During these in-person appointments, patients connect with their providers virtually using a tablet and a stable internet connection at a Parkview medical office.

This spring, Parkview Wabash Hospital also began offering in-office, virtual visits for rheumatology patients.

More options are on the way, according to Brad Tieszen, vice

president, Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) Physician Practices, Parkview Health.

"We are excited to expand our specialty virtual care, uniting medical expertise and the latest technology to create an excellent patient experience," Tieszen said. "By offering a different way to bridge the gap for rural patients of specialty providers, we're working to improve the overall health of the rural communities we serve and enable people to receive quality care closer to home. We're currently identifying needs and plan to add in-office, virtual care clinics across the region for multiple specialties over the next year."

The support and care of an office visit

Aware of the distance Schug traveled for her appointments, her endocrinology provider, Kayleigh Land, NP, suggested she try an in-office, virtual visit. Schug did and has continued seeing Land virtually ever since then.

"I have found there are many patients who can benefit from in-office telehealth visits," said Land. "For example, some may pay for transportation services, but this option isn't always affordable or convenient. Others may drive but don't feel comfortable driving longer distances to come to our Parkview Regional Medical Center clinic. Some people may want to try telehealth but do not have the capability to use a smart phone or computer for the visits. Increasing access to

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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.

Jul 15	6:30p	W	KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jul 17	7:00p	VB	Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jul 26	7:00p	W	Sweetwater All Stars @ Riverside Park
Aug 1-3		V	Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 7	Noon	W	Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 7	7:00p	V	Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 12	6:00p	W	Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 13	6:30p	W	SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 19	6:30p	W	KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

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healthcare is one of the best ways we can advocate for our patients, and these in-office, virtual visits enable them to receive the same level of medical care as they would from a traditional visit."

At the virtual clinic, each patient is greeted by a nurse who will then obtain vitals, review the patient's medical history and medications, and discuss any current concerns for the visit. The nurse will set up the video connection with the provider via tablet and then either stay to assist with the exam or leave the room, depending on the needs of the visit. This setup allows patients to both see and hear their provider clearly, ensuring an uninterrupted consultation.

"There's a good connection, and it's worked out," said Schug. "The girls at the clinic are just fantastic and enjoyable people to work with. I lucked out with being able to have that opportunity."

Land said she can engage with patients regardless of whether virtually or in person: "As a provider, I thoroughly enjoy getting to meet new patients or see recurring patients through our telehealth service. Regardless of their transportation issues, lack of technology resources, or financial restraints, we're still able to provide excellent care for our rural patients."

For her part, Schug appreciates the major cut in travel time – from a two-hour round trip to just 30 minutes – but she emphasizes that the biggest advantage of the in-office virtual visits is maintaining continuity with her providers.

"When you build a relationship with your doctor, they get to know you, your history and how best to work

with you," Schug said. "I really appreciate being able to work with that office with Kayleigh."

Find out more In-office virtual visits are an option for individuals who do not need in-person care at the moment, prefer not to travel far for routine care, or lack access to a strong internet connection. If this hybrid model of care interests you, speak with your provider. Information is also available on the in-office virtual visits page at parkview.com.

Endocrinology care is available at PHH and multiple Parkview locations. To establish care with an endocrinology provider, call 260-266-8840.

In-office virtual visits for rheumatology care are available at Parkview Wabash and other Parkview locations. To establish care with a rheumatology provider, call 260-266-8820.

In Huntington, the virtual clinic is located at 2003 Stults Road, Suite 200, in the medical office building adjoining Parkview Huntington Hospital. In Wabash, the virtual clinic is located at 8 John Kissinger Drive, in the medical office building adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital.

Virtual visits through MyChart and in-person visits are also available options. Patients should discuss with their provider the appointment type that works best for them and the type of care they need. Prior to an in-office, virtual appointment, any labs, imaging or tests should be completed so results can be factored into treatment decisions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPO

Sprout by 5, an early childhood coalition in Huntington County, is excited to announce The Early Childhood Expo on Saturday July 13 from 9 am to 1pm at HNHS Door 6 & 7.

This event is a family friendly event to help showcase some of the wonderful organizations that support early childhood. There will be state agencies for emerging and current childcare providers to ask questions and learn more about the regulations on childcare. The Childcare Resource and Referral Network will be providing free background checks for providers! There will be food trucks, games, and resources for our community to explore all in one stop. Science Central will be there with a table top active for children to explore the world of science at a young age. A firetruck, DARE, school bus will all be present for families and children to explore.

Make sure to mark your calendars and swing by to see all the amazing work being done to help early childhood in Huntington County.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY & JUNE

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, May 13, 2024 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

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

Reviewed were proposals from Mike Haggerty for projects at Tower Park. Following discussion and review, Council determined

that additional planning and information would be needed to move forward but expressed initial support for both projects. Approved was a request to schedule a Volunteer Day at Tower Park.

Marshal Spitler submitted the April Activity Report and requested permission to serve as a counselor during the annual Camp Hero week. Granted by consensus.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted April Activity Report.

Water Main Replacement Project – Wayne Street

Proposed Time Table related to steps necessary to finalize loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) was reviewed. To meet requirements, the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of June 10th was moved to June 18th so the Financial Consultant and Engineer could be present. Due to the project being declared an emergency, SRF has scheduled preclosing of the Loan for June 19th.

Reviewed and discussed was a Rate Report prepared by Financial Solutions Group to support the loan from SRF with recommended water rate increase of 25%.

Ordinance 2024-1, An Ordinance to Amend the Schedule of rates and charges within the Warren Municipal Water Utility was introduced and discussed.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th, at 6:00 pm for discussion of Ordinance 2024-1.

Ordinance 2024-2, Issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds, was introduced and discussed. The ordinance relates to the SRF loan for the Water Main Replacement Project.

The Nancy Street project to replace a Lift Station and sewer mains is underway with

trees being trimmed in the project area. The main replacement portion of the project runs parallel to First Street from Main Street to the East along the Salamonie River with the Lift Station to be constructed in the area of the current lift station.

Poulson updated the projects within the Tax Increment Area (I-69) noting that extension of water/sewer lines along Wall Road is nearing completion. The second phase is scheduled to start when weather permits and includes the removal of a lift station at I-69 and extension of sewer main from that area to the Lift Station at the former Golfo site. Projects funded through funds generated within that District.

Morrison submitted the quote from Collins Flags had been amended due to delay in purchase by the Town and increased costs for each of the six flag poles in the total amount of \$450. Council concurred.

Purchase Agreement between Town and Huntington County Community Schools on hold as no information has been received from the school system.

Summarized was a Local Option Tax Grant form in

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GENEALOGY REPORT

RICE

Cindy Lou (Rumple) Rice, 65, passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in Muncie.

She was born on January 26, 1959, in Marion to the late E. Gene and Gladys Joan (Spencer) Rumple.

Cindy graduated from Eastbrook High School in 1976.

She was an HR specialist at the VA Medical Center, Marion, for 19 years.

Cindy was a member of Hanfield Global Methodist Church, Marion.

She was a beloved member of the community and a devoted sister, aunt and friend.

Cindy was known for her kind heart, love for animals, patriotism and passion for cooking.

She cherished moments spent with her family, and had a particular fondness for dogs, enjoying their company immensely.

Cindy's straightforward nature endeared her to many, and her love for mushroom hunting and supporting the Eastbrook Panthers Football team brought joy to those around her.

Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Cindy is survived by her siblings, Kandi (Jeff) Adamson, of Upland, Tina Rumple, of Upland, Dan Rumple, of Van Buren, and Dave (Lou Rae) Rumple, of Jonesboro; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents E. Gene and Gladys Joan (Spencer) Rumple, brother, Jon Anthony Rumple, grandparents, Ruth and Grif Morgan; and Harry and Desi Spencer, sister-in-law, Sherry Rumple, two nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements for Cindy have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, where on Sunday, July 7, 2024, the family will have a visitation for family and friends from 2 to 5 p.m.

On Monday, July 8, 2024, there will be a funeral beginning at 10 a.m. with Pastor Curtis Banker officiating.

Burial will immediately follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Cindy to Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

GULDICE

Shirley Ann Guldice, 70, of Bluffton passed away Thursday morning, July 4, 2024, in Muncie.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1954, in Wells County to James and Betty (Booher) Marshall.

Shirley graduated from New Haven High School with the class of 1972. Shirley worked as a respiratory therapist before attending and graduating from Ivy Tech in the Nursing Program. She worked as an LPN at Christian Care for many years and retired from Woodcrest in Decatur in 2015. She was very talented and enjoyed cooking and baking.

On May 28, 2008, Shirley and Winfred "Wimp" Guldice were married. They enjoyed seven years together before Wimp preceded her in death on July 30, 2015.

Survivors include two sisters, Donna K. (Paul) Morgan of Liberty Center and Kathy S. (Gary) McDonald of Montpelier. She is also survived by a niece, Melissa (Brady) Johnson of Liberty Center; a nephew, James Hess of Fort Wayne; and her aunt, Beverly DeArmond of Bluffton; along with great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Shirley's memory to Stillwater Hospice and can be sent to the funeral home.

RUBLE

Carol Jean Ruble, 85, of Warren, passed away at 8:08 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Parkview Huntington Hospital, Huntington.

She was born on Wednesday, November 23, 1938, in Indianapolis to Roscoe and Ruth Cravens.

Carol married Ronald Leon Ruble in 1960 in Bean Blossom, Jackson Township, Brown County. He passed away on April 13, 2022.

She had fond memories of staying at home raising her children and taking care of her home.

Carol loved crafting and, in her later years, golf cart rides around town.

She and Ron were members of St. James Lutheran Church, Marion.

Carol was an animal lover, and especially loved her dog, Auggie.

Loving survivors include sons, Trent (Tami) Ruble, of Fort Wayne, and Stacy (Isora) Ruble, of Atlantic, Va.; stepdaughter, Rhonda (James) Scott, of Cleburne, Texas; brother, Doug (Carol) Cravens, of Maumee, Ohio; sister, Diana (Russ) Wagner, of Big Lake; 11 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.


Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe and Ruth (Walker) Cravens, brothers, Wallace Cravens and Ronald Cravens, and husband, Ronald Ruble.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 2 to 3 p.m.

A service to celebrate Carol's life will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Gary Dilley officiating.

Interment will follow beside her husband in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren.

BENNETT

 Clifford Lee Bennett, 87, of Marion, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Marion.

He was born to Walter and Juanita Bennett in Gas City on February 12, 1937.

On November 1, 1969, Clifford married the love of his life, Ona Plank.

He graduated from Mississinewa High School, Gas City.

Clifford proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from June 1955 to June 1963. He was very proud of his service in the military.

He worked at General Tire/Gen Corporation for over 30 years.

Clifford was a faithful member of First Pentecostal Church. He loved attending and volunteering at the church.

More than anything, Clifford loved his family.

He was known for his love of picking on people.

Anything Clifford did, he did with his whole heart. He always gave it his all.

His famous line was, "My name is Cliff, drop over some time."

Survivors include his son, Kevin (Dawn) Bennett, of Warren; grandchildren, Ashley (Justin) Miller, of Huntington, Allie Bennett, of Fort Wayne, Rebekah Weaver, of Muncie, and Rachel Johnson, of Anderson; great-grandchildren, Harrison Campbell, Jayden Bennett and Jaysha Johnson.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Juanita Bennett, wife of over 50 years, Ona Bennett, and daughter, Renea A. Villarreal.


The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the visitation, a service to celebrate Clifford's life will begin at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Clarence Hand officiating.

Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Folds of Honor at www.foldsofhonor.org

WIMPLEBERG

 David "Dave" Wimpleberg, 85, of Converse, passed away at 7:28 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024, at his residence from a heart attack while working in the yard.

He was born in Marion on October 8, 1938, the son of John and Blanche Clayton Wimpleberg.

Dave married Diana Cunningham of Converse on October 13, 1968, after working with her at the post office. She survives.

He went to elementary school at Evans School on East 38th Street, Marion, then attended Van Buren High School. He was in the Class of 1956 but quit in his senior year and joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, earning his GED in the Navy.

Dave was with the VR7 – VR8 Military Air Transport Squadron and stationed at Moffit Field, Hawaii, as a flight crewman on a USS Constellation military plane.

He and his crew helped evacuate our wounded from Vietnam as well as other military and their dependents from other Far East countries.

Dave was especially proud of walking the perimeter of President Eisenhower's plane, guarding it against any threat, while Eisenhower was in Hawaii on official business. The President's plane was a "Super Connie", the same type of plane Dave served on as a crewman.

He was a jack of all trades.

After completing his Navy tour, Dave began working as a Marion scheme clerk at the United States Postal Service, ultimately retiring from there with 25 years.

But, he pursued other job opportunities along the way. His dream of being his own boss became a reality when

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he used his automotive degree in automobile mechanics as the manager and operator of the Sweetser Marathon station.

Dave worked for town of Van Buren as a deputy town marshal and operator of the Waterworks and Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as other duties, such as firefighting runs, assisting with the annual Popcorn Festival, morgue duty, digging cemetery graves and overseeing work crews of troubled youth teaching them responsibility.

He and Diana packed up the four children and moved to Orange Heights, Fla., to live near close family and have year-round warm weather.

Dave worked as a correctional officer at the Florida State Prison and then advanced as a vocational instructor to inmates helping them learn the trade of becoming waste water treatment operators.

After five years, he and family missed other family in Indiana and moved back where he was immediately rehired at the Marion Post Office.

After retiring from the Post Office, Dave was not pleased with staying at home and became a driver for Southworth Ford, where he worked for another 29 years before finally settling into a proper retirement at the age of 83.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Diana, are his children; Nancy Firestone, of Madisonville, Ky., Daniel Wimpelberg, of London, England, Debbie (Ned) Walker, of Richmond, Va., and Thom (Cara) Wimpelberg, of Port-de-Paix, Haiti; grandchildren, Brad (Taylor) Firestone, Madison Burd, Samantha (Victor) Rodriguez, Hannah Walker, Jesse Walker, Riley Angel, Chase Wimpelberg, Evelyn Wimpelberg and Paige Wimpelberg; great-grandchildren, Jason Burd, Ellie Firestone, Eleanor Rodriguez and Cora Burd; sisters Dody (Jerry) Herrmann, of Fairmount, and Patsy

(Tobey) Goodpaster, of Marion; many nieces and nephews; in-laws, Jerry (Susan) Cunningham, of Haines City, Fla., Billie (Jim) Bowman, of Amboy, and Buck (Cherry) Cunningham, of Amboy.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, Lewis and Gladys (Burke) Cunningham, of Converse, a sister, Barbara Haag, of Evansville, in 2022, a granddaughter, Mary Ptak, of Wisconsin, in 2014, and brothers-in-law, Gene Cunningham, of Amboy, in 2015, and Charles Cunningham, of Amboy, in 1958.

A service celebrating the life of David Wimpelberg will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Solomon David officiating.

Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sonlight Ministries, P.O. Box 8031, Evansville, IN 47716.

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which the Town pledged \$10,000 from County Economic Development Income Tax toward EverFresh, the anticipated purchaser of the Golfo site. Rufener moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the agreement. Unanimous.

Morrison reported that on site auditing by the Indiana State Board of Accounts has been completed and is currently in an approximately two week review period. Morrison outlined the next steps in the procedure noting that SBoA representatives had assured the final report would be submitted to SRF – Indiana Finance Authority by the June 6th deadline as necessary for closing of the Water Department loan.

Utility Manager Poulson reported that Robert Wade would start employment with the Town on May 20th. Requested was permission to sell a 2009 Pick-up and a trailer. Granted by consensus.

June 2024
The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

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

President Buzzard opened a Public Hearing related to Ordinance 2024-1, an ordinance amending rates and charges within the Municipal Water Utility to support a funding request to Indiana Finance Authority for Wayne Street Water Main replacement. Following review of the Rate Study Report by Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group and explanation of funding through SRF, public input was requested and public comment was heard.

President Buzzard announced the closing of the Public Hearing and moved the meeting to Special Orders of Business on the Regular Agenda.

Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering, reviewed the status of all projects underway with particular attention to the Water Main Replacement project. Task Order 2024-1 in the amount of \$5,000 for the required two year Water Audit Report was approved by consensus. Task Order 2024-2 in the amount of \$110,000 for the Water Main Replacement Engineering was approved by consensus.

Greg Guerrettaz gave financial updates to the Town's Financial Ten Year Planning and further reviewed the SRF/Loan process further.

Minutes of the May 13 Regular Meeting were approved by consensus.

Marshal Spitler submitted the Department's May Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the Department's May Activity Report. A request to add Robert Sliger III to the Warren Volunteer Fire Department roster was approved by consensus.

Ordinance 2024-5, Water Rate Amendment, as needed to support the Water Replacement Project funding through Indiana Finance Authority, State Revolving

Loan Fund WaterWorks Bond, was submitted for consideration of Adoption. Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Boxell voted in the affirmative. Rufener voted against

Ordinance 2024-2, Waterworks Bond, to support SRF Loan Request in the amount of \$1,040,000 from Indiana Finance Authority, State Revolving Loan Fund, at the rate of 2.17% interest was submitted for consideration of Adoption. Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Boxell, Rufener voted in the affirmative. Unanimous.

Ordinance 2024-5, Amendment to the Town of Warren Investment Policy, was introduced.

Ordinance 2024-6, Ordinance to Correct Error in State Board of Accounts Audit, was introduced.

Morrison requested approval for the hiring Kleinpeter Consulting, the same consultant that had done the same for the just completed Water System upgrade, in the amount of \$1500 to facilitate State Revolving Loan Payments of the Water Bond. Consensus.

By consensus, approved was the closing of Second Street from Matilda to Nancy and Main Street from alley to alley for the Salamonie Summer Festival. Morrison reported the INDOT permit for closing of SR 5 and SR 218 for Festival Events had been approved and was on file.

State Board of Accounts Audit has been completed and the Financial part of the Audit has been released.

Morrison submitted the Budget Calendar for 2025 Municipal Budget with preparation underway. First meeting with Department of Local Government Finance set for July 30.

Utility Manager Poulson submitted the May Activity Report. Also reported was that the picnic tables for the newly constructed pavilion at Tower Park have been received. Installation of the Flag Pole portion of the Veterans Memorial is scheduled for this

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week within the Town Property at the corner of First and Main next to Riverside Park. A committee will be working to complete the design of the area and submit to Council for consideration.

BINGO WINNERS

Winners of the Sigma Phi Gamma Bingo games held during the festival are: Chris Bunner, Judy Raab, Shelly Yoder, Jeanette Sumwalt, Kelsi Shaw, Teresa Kriegbaum, Cindy Boxell, Brandon Hensley, Jennifer Ayers, Julie Wittone, Carol Taylor, Louise Applegate, Bonnie Zeller, Laura Stafford, Deb Baker, Chris Conner, Renee' Eltzroth, Staci Ford, Dawn Shafer, Sue Clodfelter, and Victoria Lane.

Thanks to all who came out and played. Proceeds will go back into the community.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Business Meeting Tuesday July 2nd at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. Claudia Boxell, President, called the meeting to order with 11 members present: Sandy Booher, Lorie Flock, Dawn Fowler, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick, Kelly Jones, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Pam Rudy and Victoria Thompson, with members Shelly Melchi, Jamie Straley, Betty Yoder and Sondra Zabel being excused.

Recording Secretary Tara asked for roll call and read the minutes from our June Business Meeting. Dawn read the Treasurer's report. Editor Beth passed the sheet for Alpha Bits news and will write an article for Buddie. Corresponding Secretary Sandy will send a card of encouragement to Jan Scher on her recent rehab. We will have a social on Tuesday July 16th at 6:30pm for Installation of Officers.

Finance Chairman, Lorie gave the low down on our Bingo over the Salamonie Summer Festival, prizes, jobs and such. We also discussed the Alpha Province Picnic that we are hosting Saturday August 17th

in Hartford City IN at Founder's Park. Claudia closed the meeting with prayer until we meet Tuesday September 3, 2024

JACKSONVILLE & TREASURE ISLAND TRIP LAST DAY

by Larry Ryan
As the bus left the Fairfield Hotel in Chattanooga at 8 am, bright sunrays pierced the sparsely, clouded sky. I-75 highway started its incline immediately as we headed towards Knoxville. As the bus approached Cherokee National Forest, it motored past familiar exits to Sweetwater, Vonore, and Lenoir City. I had a seasonal home in this area for several years. Boating and golfing were a part of this Tellico Village residential development.

After passing the western suburb of Farragut, the Mayfield Dairy and Rocky Top Truck Repair Shop signs were eye-catching. Soon the driver turned the vehicle north in the direction of Lexington. We were in Rusty Wallace country as the bus started climbing again. His auto dealership was adjacent to I-75.

We crossed the Cumberland River and passed Stinking Creek Road where my wife reported making a necessary stop in the past. I now have a better idea of how it received its name. After motoring beyond the Jellico, TN exit, the bus made a rest stop at the Kentucky Visitor Center. It was 10:15.

The tour director invited us to play Bus BINGO between London and Berea, KY. We did not win any sugary prizes! Some farm fields were being disked and the rolling pastures contained grazing cattle. Grass was acutely green there already. Somehow that view reminded me that I was getting hungry. Soon though, lunch was enjoyed at the Golden Corral in Richmond, KY. Soft serve ice cream was the topper. Headed north at 1:20.

After crossing the Kentucky River, we sped past Man-O-War Boulevard and soon were

in the horse farm areas with their miles of fences which border and harbor their prized animals. Cincinnati lay 75 miles ahead. The Boone County Distillery building and Thomas More Stadium in Florence, KY preceded the I-275, southwest bypass around Cincy. The Ohio River was forded before landing back in Indiana by 3 pm.

The bus journeyed past a John Deere mowing business displaying its shining new, green lawn equipment. Yes, that season is coming. Our driver overtook an U-Haul trailer with the inscription, "Mom's Attic." The next sightings that Spring is approaching, were four Palomino horses munching on fresh grass in a field and buckets attached to maple trees.

Following a rest stop at Greensburg, I was handed the bus microphone and invited to tell two stories and sing my version of "My Un-Favorite Things." This was an offshoot of the familiar song from the musical, "Sound of Music." The song is age appropriate for the older generation. The bus driver navigated through Greenfield on SR # 9, located I-69, and deposited passengers at the Daleville and Marion exits. We arrived home at 7 pm.

BASS STOCKED

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) East Fork State Fish Hatchery recently completed annual striped bass and hybrid striped bass stockings. More than 78,000 striped bass fingerlings and 146,000 hybrid striped bass fingerlings were added to 12 lakes around the state. The stocked fish averaged 1-2 inches in length.

The breakdown of stockings of striped and hybrid striped bass by lake, with the respective counties listed in parentheses, was as follows:

- * Worster Lake (St. Joseph) – 3,270 hybrids
- * Cedar Lake (Lake) – 7,810 hybrids
- * Lake Shafer (White) – 12,910 hybrids

* Nyona Lake (Fulton) – 1,040 hybrids

* Lake Freeman (Carroll and White) – 15,470 hybrids

* Clare Lake (Huntington) – 420 hybrids

* Shadyside Park Lake (Madison) – 1,000 hybrids

* Cecil M. Harden Lake (Parke) – 20,600 striped bass

* Brookville Lake (Union and Franklin) – 46,667 striped bass

* Monroe Lake (Monroe and Brown) – 53,750 hybrids

* Hardy Lake (Scott) – 1,000 striped bass and 7,000 hybrids

* Patoka Lake (Dubois, Crawford, and Orange) – 10,000 striped bass and 44,000 hybrids

Indiana anglers can look forward to continued quality striped and hybrid striped bass fishing opportunities in the coming years as a result of these stockings. To learn more about striped and hybrid striped bass fishing, visit bit.ly/striped-hybrid-bass-fishing.

Learn about purchasing a fishing license at on.IN.gov/fishinglicense.

BLAIZING ACADEMY

Eleven Fifty Academy, originally created as a coding and cyber education bootcamp, is rebranding as Blaizing Academy to position itself ahead of the rapidly evolving AI landscape and to create a comprehensive training platform to foster an inclusive tech community and ignite a new era in tech and business education.

As Blaizing Academy, Qualls and his team will provide world-class AI training that equips students with the skills necessary to excel in the rapidly evolving tech landscape. The new name embodies the Academy's mission to blaze a trail in AI education while ensuring that everyone, regardless of background, can thrive in tech.

"The new name reflects our renewed commitment to innovation and excellence, symbolizing our position at the forefront of tech education," Blaizing Academy Executive Director John Qualls said during the Academy's recent inaugural Fusion AI

event. "Eleven Fifty Academy accomplished so much in bringing coding education to the masses. In a rapidly changing environment, our new Blaizing Academy must meet the challenges of building a tech workforce by providing them with new skills."

Inclusivity is at the heart of Blaizing Academy's vision. Believing that diversity drives innovation, Academy leaders are dedicated to creating a supportive and accessible learning environment for all. From foundational courses to advanced specializations, Blaizing Academy offers a range of programs that caters to beginners and seasoned professionals alike. Their hands-on approach ensures that students gain practical experience and are job-ready upon graduation. By providing unparalleled support, mentorship, and resources, Blaizing Academy aims to cultivate a network of professionals ready to make a meaningful impact in the tech industry.

An important part of this initiative includes launching a new series of conferences and events, like the Fusion AI Conference held on June 28th, to foster community engagement and knowledge sharing. They plan to expand these events into new communities and begin offering new short-form AI workshops designed to close the skill gap and make advanced technology accessible to all. They will also re-imagine their cybersecurity program to integrate AI, ensuring that their graduates are at the cutting edge of technology and security.

Blaizing Academy is an Indiana Wesleyan University enterprise, which previously acquired the assets of predecessor organization Eleven Fifty Academy in 2022.

For more information about Blaizing Academy programs and how to enroll, please visit their new website at www.blaizing.org.