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Thought for the Week: Every artist was first an amateur. Ralph Waldo Emerson

WAYNE ST PROJECT

Milling is now underway on the Wayne Street Project in Warren.

For Trash pickup - please put trash on nearest through street to Wayne Street.

For Mail - The Post Office has or will place a line of mailboxes along Seventh Street labeled with addresses. An alternative is to put your mail on vacation hold at the Post Office and pick up every third day.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Be sure to get this marked on your calendars if you have kiddos! The Warren Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00AM sharp at the Knight Bergman Center.

LC EGG HUNT

The Liberty Center Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30th at the Liberty Center Community Park at noon. Rain date (if needed) will be April 6th.

This egg hunt is for ages 1-12 years old. Make sure to bring a basket!

ALUMNI BANQUET

The annual Warren Alumni Banquet is to be held May 11th, 2024 at the Knight Bergman Center.

At 5:00 we will be recognizing classes from 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969 and 1974 and those classes will be listed in the program. In addition, folks attending from those classes will be introduced from the podium and afforded reserved seating.

These brief introductions will be followed by a sit-down meal.

The committee encourages honored classes to meet and reminisce in addition to attending the banquet. If you are a member of any of these classes, please make every effort to reconnect with old classmates!

We hope you'll join us as we get together to share fond memories of growing up in a simpler time in small town America.

Details about the day and reservations will be forthcoming, but please save the date and make your plans to join us in May!

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS MARCH 10-16

In the months of February, March, April and May, Hoosiers know to expect all kinds of weather. From snow and ice to thunderstorms and tornadoes, Indiana experiences a wide range of weather.

That is why Gov. Eric J. Holcomb proclaimed March 10-16 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) collaborates with the National Weather Service during Severe Weather Preparedness Week to educate Hoosiers about the possibility of severe weather and remind them that they are their own first line of defense when protecting their families and communities.

"We experience severe weather frequently, but we cannot overlook how we prepare for these storms. Check in with your family members, make sure they know what to do and when

to do it if a storm approaches," said IDHS Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran.

IDHS encourages all families, schools and workplaces to make tornado safety plans. You can practice these plans during the statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 12. The drill will be broadcasted as an Emergency Alert System (EAS) on television and radio.

Throughout the week, IDHS will share severe weather safety tips on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram. Follow IDHS and use the hashtags #SevereWx and #SWPW.

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ART COMPETITION

Today, Congressman Jim Baird (IN-04) announced the beginning of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition for students grades 7 through 12. The competition is open to all qualifying students in Indiana's 4th Congressional District who are looking to display their artistic passions.

"I'm pleased to announce that my office is currently accepting submissions for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition," said Rep. Baird.

"This is an amazing opportunity for aspiring young artists to showcase their talents and display their original work in our nation's capital. I hope every student in the fourth district with an artistic background will send in a submission, whether they're preparing for art school or just beginning to develop their skills."

The winner of the 2024 competition will have their artwork on display in the U.S. Capitol for an entire year and earn a free trip to Washington, D.C. to see their work on display. The winning artwork is also featured on the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Art Competition Page.

How to Participate:

Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to submit one piece of original art to the district office in Danville, along with their student release form. All entries MUST include the Student Information and Release Form for the competition. The submission deadline is Monday, May 6th, 2024, at 4 PM EST. Please visit <https://baird.house.gov/services/art-competition.htm> for more information and to download the student release form.

Submissions can be mailed or dropped off at the office. As the winner will be displayed in Washington, D.C. for a full year, students should submit a piece that will not be needed for other purposes.

Office of Congressman Jim Baird, 355 S. Washington St, Danville, Indiana 46122

Eligibility Requirements:

All students in Indiana's 4th Congressional District grades 7 through 12, are eligible to submit their work. Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork include:

- * Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.

- * Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed).

- * Collages: must be two dimensional.

- * Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints.

- * Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.

- * Computer-generated art.

- * Photographs.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting, drawing, etc.).

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



How about those Boilermakers!! They have had an awesome season, I just hope they can make a Final 4 appearance. I get pretty excited over a basketball game, it's probably my #1 sport I like to watch and yes I do pay extra to get the Big Ten network and Peacock channel. It keeps me sane in the winter. lol

I remember my dad and mom talking about "Hoosier Hysteria" growing up. That was when basketball was really good. They even made a movie about it called "Hoosiers." Last year at the state fair they had a bus that resembled the one in the movie and when I looked in it those seats were a slab of wood. I can't imagine riding in that bus all the way to Indianapolis, talk about a log wagon. Those boys had to be sore by the time they got there.

Growing up we really never watched basketball or really any sports for that matter other than wrestling. But about the time us girls left they started watching baseball and basketball, and yes we had a house divided, Dad would root for the Hoosiers and Mom since she was a Purdue graduate was for the Boilermakers. She claims she would root for both teams, I told her it was one or the other and she better just stick with Purdue. Hmmm I bet she's glad she took my advice in the last couple years.

I used to shoot around a lot when I was younger, play pig, cow, horse or whatever word we choose to use. I was pretty good at it too, I very seldom lost, I would always get them with the hook shot. One time I pulled the hook shot and someone yelled dang Magic Johnson, I just smiled and said I prefer Kareem Abdul Jabbar. lol

So this weekend the Big Ten tourney is on and I plan on just doing a basketball weekend, popcorn, coke on ice and have a great time. I have never done it so that's my plan. Hopefully someone else doesn't have plans for me. So if you go by my house and you hear a bunch of yelling and hootin' and hollerin', you'll know I am having fun. It doesn't hurt to have some fun in your life. Maybe just maybe when I fill my bracket out for the NCAA tourney, I just might get somewhere this year, lets hope!!

Have a great week.

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 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
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AREA NEWS

T-SHIRT SALES

Lightening 5 and Historic Warren Main Street T-Shirts, sweatshirts and hoodie can be ordered online through the Bad-Apple Graphics store.

Find links on the Historic Warren Main Street Facebook page at [bad-apple-graphics-483da1f4-cde6-4fec-ae2b-d45f529d7304.printavo.com/merch/historicwarren/](https://www.facebook.com/bad-apple-graphics-483da1f4-cde6-4fec-ae2b-d45f529d7304.printavo.com/merch/historicwarren/)

You may also stop by the Warren Pharmacy and look through the catalog which has been printed out for your viewing!

The Warren Pharmacy also has Salomonie Summer Festival T-Shirts for available for \$5. Multiple size of the 2023 shirts are available, along with some from 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Festival T-Shirts are available until sold out.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS

Youth younger than age 18 on the day of their hunt may apply March 18-28 for reserved youth turkey hunts on DNR properties during this year's youth turkey hunting season, which runs April 20-21.

Interested youth hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during regular office hours for the property they wish to hunt.

More information about the participating properties and youth turkey hunt regulations is at bit.ly/3Zquj5y.

Hunters are allowed to register for only one property. Limits are placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property each day. A drawing will be held on Monday, April 1, at properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of the drawing results by mail.

To register a youth for a hunt, the following information is needed:

- * Hunter's name
- * Type of license and license number
- * Hunt date(s)
- * Mailing address
- * Phone number
- * Parent or guardian's name, address, and phone number

To purchase a hunting or hunting apprentice license, visit on [IN.gov/inhuntfish](https://www.in.gov/inhuntfish).

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Dine-In Luncheon – Sunday April 14th from 11am to 1pm at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center Warren IN Free Will Donation

Now for news: Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Business Meeting Tuesday March 5, 2024 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. President Claudia Boxell called the meeting to order with 13 members present: Sandy Booher, Lorie Fiock, Sharon Gebhart, Kelly Jones, Shelly Melchi, Victoria Thompson, Sondra Zabel, Dawn Fowler, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer and Carol Fair. Those excused were: Pam Rudy, Jamie Straley and Betty Yoder.

Tara, Recording Secretary, asked for Roll-Call and read the minutes from our February Meeting. Vice President, Kelly had nothing to report this month. Victoria, Organizer, had nothing to report, but wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support while

recuperating at home. March Birthdays are: Pam Rudy, Sharon Gebhart, Beth Ostermeyer and Jamie Straley. Editor, Beth passed sheet for Alpha Bits News. Pam did let us know that we have 2 applicants for our scholarship. Historian Shelly had nothing to report this month. We will be having a social on Tuesday March 19th. Chairman will be Kelly. Lorie, Finance Chairman, reported about our Luncheon, Sunday April 14th. Corresponding Secretary Sandy will send out cards. Claudia had no correspondence this month. Claudia also brought up to see if we wanted to help out the Food Pantry with the Summer Lunch Program, we voted to help out by donating some money. Claudia also chose a Nominating Committee of: Carol, Kelly, Tara and Sharon to select Officers for the next year.

CHAUTAUQUA

Fourteen members attended the March 1, 2024, Chautauqua meeting at the First Christian Church answering the Roll Call question "What is a Scientific Achievement by a woman that impacted your life?" Many interesting and thoughtful answers were given.

Linda Howell then introduced her program guest, Ginny Soultz, a

Minister at Heritage Pointe, to tell us about her Growing-Up years while her parents were on a Mission serving in Burundi, Africa in the 1960's.

At the age of 4, she accompanied her parents to Switzerland to learn French, the language of Burundi, Africa, a Republic smaller than the State of Indiana, a primitive, remote, tropical zone just below the Equator. She lived in the mountains at an altitude of 7000 ft. Their big, modern home was stone with cement floors. Every room had a fireplace because of the quite cold nights. They also had intermittent power supplied by water. That meant no power in the dry season. Laundry was done in a wringer washer with running water and hot water provided because of a fire built under the water tanks. At night family entertainment was reading and singing, making early possessions and trinkets of stone, and playing with her cat and a monkey. They were also 25 miles over rough dirt roads to anywhere.

The Natives lived in mud huts with bamboo shoots on the roofs, no furniture, poor primitive agriculture having no machinery of any kind whatsoever! The women did all the work and did everything with their hands even though the young boys herded the cattle. Because of the temperate weather conditions all year long, much of the time was spent outdoors. Also gardens were kept for food etc.

In Burundi only 2% of the

population is literate, no one speaking English or French because of the remoteness. It was a difficult transition for her as they did not have personal space. She experienced for the first time what it was like to be in the minority. American Missionaries had 2nd through 8th grade schooling at a Mission Boarding school 24 hours away. Ginny went for 1 month and then came home for a long weekend. The family returned home after 7 years when she was in 8th grade.

A thought as to why they still stayed primitive was because the climate is so temperate all year long they don't need to prepare for winter cold, seasonal changes, etc. It's when you have adversity---when you need to do something different or in a different way that you build character, get stronger, etc. This is found in Peter 5: 7-12. This will encourage and assure you that what you are going through, you will learn to understand God's Grace for your eternity. Adversity makes you stronger! Always remember—God has a plan for each of us!!

The business meeting followed our program. Members present were Carmen Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Sharon Gebhart, Jean Grasmik, Linda Howell, Suellen Jones, Bonnie Meyers, Peggy Schweikhardt, Mary Sell, Ann Spahr, Sandy Thompson, Eva Witkamp, Betty Yoder, Carolyn Sparks.

The next meeting is April 5.



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Mar 17		ST PATRICK'S DAY - Wear your Green!
Mar 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Mar 20		FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!!
Mar 20	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 31		EASTER
April 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
April 3	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
April 8		ECLIPSE VIEWING - TBA
April 14	11-1	W - Beta Delta Dine-In Luncheon @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

NASHVILLE, TN TRIP DAY 1

by Larry Ryan
On December 12, 2023, the bus left Warren at 7:10 am. It was still dark. Cattle were already enjoying their outside pasture meal alongside I-69 as the driver drove south towards Marion. He passed an Artic Wolf 5th wheeler that was headed to a warmer winter climate. By 7:50 the orange-toned, eastern sky gave way to sunshine. Two, tiny white dots above us quickly expanded into jet streams.

Somewhere between picking up additional passengers at the Marion and Daleville exits, our black bus passed a semi with an inscription, "Right Service Right Choice," and billboards advertising, "Bourbon Coffee" and "Don't try this at Home." The latter was an upside-down ice cream cup. Not thirsty or hungry yet.

After passing Indianapolis and "Camping World" at Greenwood and a very large horse farm adjacent to I-65 near Crothersville, we made a rest stop at Memphis---Indiana. In the midst of traveling, my wife, who was in the aisle seat, somehow spotted a bald eagle circling in the sky. She has excellent eyesight and the ability to spot small cracker crumbs underneath my side of the kitchen table too.

While passing Ebenezer Road, the name brought thoughts of the approaching Christmas season. Glad to have my shopping completed. At 11:45, the Ohio River was beneath us as Louisville, road work, and Tennessee lay ahead of us. More jet streams were noted. Apparently it was a good day

for flying in the bright blue sky. One instructional road sign stated: "Buckle Up, Phone Down."

The bus crossed into the "Volunteer State" of Tennessee at 12:55(time change) and stopped at 2 pm. for the planned meal of the day at Paula Deen's Restaurant. The menu consisted of catfish, fried chicken, beef/rice, mashed potatoes, mac/cheese, green beans (which melted in mouth), and dessert. No more food was required the rest of the day. I bought a bottle of her Peach Pecan salad dressing to try at home.

We arrived at the Gaylord Opryland Resort at 4:30. It is a huge complex of attached buildings. Our room was on the 5th floor of the Cascades section and included a small balcony that overlooked an expansive atrium. This vast area consisted of various plants, walkways, two waterfalls, and eateries.

The passenger bus left the hotel at 6 pm for the short drive to the Grand Ole Opry building. Our mezzanine seats were ideal for viewing the famous stage and the circle of honor in which the performers stood. Well, some ventured out of that area while singing. Additional large TV screens gave close up pictures of the talented individuals and backup musicians.

Some of the performers were Brothers of the Heart, The Isaacs, and Shaun Cassidy who was making his first appearance. Others were Matthew West who wrote, "Because of Bethlehem" and Don Schlitz, the author of "The Gambler."

Our bus driver ushered us back to the resort by 10:45. More tomorrow.

FEELING OVERWHELMED

by Bryan Golden

Although life has its ups and downs, at times of prolonged or intense down periods there is the potential of feeling overwhelmed. When this happens, it can create a cascading effect. Your attitude turns negative, you feel distressed, your patience is worn thin, you become frustrated, your energy level drops, and you become discouraged.

When you get into this mode, you feel powerless to extricate yourself. It seems that whatever you try is ineffectual. Nothing you do makes any difference.

Although you desperately need a break, problems keep piling up. You feel like a victim with no ability to make any positive changes.

You are perplexed as to why these things are happening to you. Being a good person, you don't deserve what is happening and it's just not fair.

Why do bad things happen?

Why are we faced with unfortunate situations? People have pondered these questions since the beginning of time without discovering any meaningful answers. We have little or no control over some of the circumstances that we face.

There are many circumstances that are potentially overwhelming.

They include natural disasters, economic misfortune, crime, loss of a loved one, failed or troubled relationships, family problems, and physical ailments.

Whereas you can't control what happens to you, you do have control over how you respond. Getting through an overwhelming period is challenging but it is doable. The bottom line is that you have no choice but to persevere. It will be a struggle, but giving up will only exacerbate your predicament.

The way to make it through tough times is one day at a time. When even that seems overwhelming, take it one hour at a time. Give yourself a mental reprieve by changing your focus to what is OK in your life. You want to develop an attitude of gratitude. When you go through a list of what you have to be grateful for it helps break the negative thought cycle.

The trap is that a negative attitude and bitterness repels what you want while attracting what you don't want. When you are overwhelmed, it is very hard to alter your attitude. You don't see any light and everything appears tainted.

You become caught in a downward spiral.

Developing your attitude of gratitude will break the negative cycle. At first, you may not think there is anything to be grateful for.

However, you will find things. No positive aspect is too small or insignificant. The more you think about what is good in your life, the

more of a positive impact it will have.

Next, give yourself credit for any successes you have had, regardless of how small or insignificant you consider them. Even the things you tried that didn't work as planned are accomplishments. It indicates you are being proactive. Unfortunately, many people take a passive role, just waiting for circumstances to improve.

Since you never know how close you are to discovering solutions that work, you must persist. Take inspiration from those people throughout history who have overcome situations far more extreme that what you are facing. If they can do it, so can you.

Your thoughts control your feelings. Even in dire circumstances, your thoughts are under your command.

Your mind works nonstop to bring your thoughts to reality. When you believe that you will make it through, this is what your mind will work toward. Conversely, if you don't feel there is any way out, you mind will actually work to keep you where you are.

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SHOOK

Jeffrey L. Shook, 66 of rural Van Buren, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at his home.



Jeff was born on September 5, 1957 in Marion, Indiana, to Xen Shook and Barbara Jean Small. He graduated from Eastbrook High School in 1975 and was a member of Teamsters. The Teamsters is America's largest, most diverse union made up of champion freight drivers. Jeff was a driver for many years at UPS, where he retired from. He enjoyed arrow-head hunting, fishing, and hunting.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Xen Shook, and stepfather, Richard Spencer.

Loving survivors include his mother, Barbara (Bill) Small, children, Heather (Aaron Dixon) Shook of Van Buren, IN, Daniel (Jasmine) Shook of Mississippi, and Chelsie (Aaron) Carter of Roanoke, VA, grandchildren, Kobe Davis, Lola Shook, Logan Shook, and Jayde Carter, bonus grandchildren, Aaron Dixon Jr., and Aiden Dixon, great grandson, Krue Davis, siblings, James Shook, John Shook, and Jody Heintz, all of Marion, IN, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at the Van Buren Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall located at 108 S 2nd St. Van Buren, IN 46991, on Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 2pm to 6pm for visiting time with the family.

ODEN

Colleen Oden, 95, longtime resident of Warren and Huntington, IN, passed away peacefully at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.



She was born on November 30, 1928, in Berne, IN, the youngest of three sisters of Ray and Mable Duff. Older

sisters Glenna and Jeanne preceded her in death. She married fellow Manchester College coed Lawrence E. Gibboney (Gibb) in 1949. They raised their two children, Ann and Ted, together until Gibb's untimely death in 1978. Colleen found happiness once again in marriage with George Oden in 1980. George was a widower with three children from his marriage to his first wife Wanda: Gary Oden, Jana Beck, and Judy Lewis. Lovingly known in the family as the "Starting Five," they brought together a happily functioning family long before the term "blended family" was popular. Starting in 1984, Colleen and George had a long and active retirement with residences in Huntington County, IN, and Bradenton, FL, as well as having traveled widely on both sides of the Atlantic.

Colleen held academic degrees from Jefferson Township School (Adams County, IN), Manchester College, and Ball State University. During a twenty-three-year career as a teacher, she taught in Lancaster and Salamonie Township Schools, and later chaired the English department at Huntington North High. She belonged to the honorary teachers' association Delta Kappa Gamma, the Indiana Retired Teachers' Association, and the Chautauqua Club. A beloved and respected mentor and friend to colleagues and students alike, in her free time she was a voracious reader, an avid sports enthusiast, and a dogged competitor at bridge and euchre tables. During a fifteen-year interim (1950-65), she and her first husband owned and operated a busy family business in Warren, Gibb's Jewelry.

Loving survivors include Daughters Jana Sue (Dennis) Beck, Ft. Wayne, Judy (Paul) Lewis, Warren, Ann (Wayne) Wall, Indianapolis, Sons Gary Oden, North Manchester, Ted (Robyn) Gibboney, Indianapolis, 14

Grandchildren and 31 Great grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Colleen's life will be held at 11am on April 20 in the chapel at Heritage Pointe Retirement Community, 801 N Huntington Rd, Warren IN 46792. The worship service will be preceded by a visitation time between 9:30 and 10:45. Family and friends will gather to share in a luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor beneath the chapel.

Preferred memorials: Heritage Pointe, 801 N Huntington Ave. Warren, IN 46792

NEWCOMER

Connie Sue Newcomer, 62, of Portland, passed away on Wednesday March 6, 2024, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was born in Goshen on April 17, 1961, the daughter of Edward Earl and Geneva Jenny (Lindzy) Newcomer Sr. Connie was a homemaker.

She enjoyed being around her family.

Surviving is two sons, Andrew Ryan Busz (wife, Cassandra Batten), of Warren, and Brandon Scot Busz, of Winchester; two daughters, Jennifer Bentz (husband, Donavon), of Portland, and Jessica Busz of Nappanee; two brothers, Donald Newcomer, of Goshen, and Terry Newcomer, of Columbia City; two sisters, Patsy Summerlot, of Florida, and Laura Coquillard, of Syracuse; 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Nicole Crago, and four siblings.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland, is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

STUPPLES

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John Leslie Stupples, a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, on Wednesday,

March 6, 2024, at the age of 79.

Born on June 17, 1944, in Los Angeles, Calif., he was the beloved son of the late Leslie and Josephine Stupples.

A man of unwavering commitment, John married the love of his life, Rogeana Martin, on January 21, 1968, and together they shared a beautiful life.

An alumnus of Anderson Sr. High School, he ventured into various professions, including farming and driving an oil truck for Marathon, before finding his true calling as a dedicated bus driver for Eastbrook Community Schools, where he proudly served countless students over the years.

A man of faith, John found solace and community at Center Chapel Church, where he was a devoted member.

In his leisure time, he found joy in casting a line while fishing, appreciating the serenity of nature and the thrill of the catch, as well as enjoying boating with his family at their lake house in Tennessee.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Rogeana; his children, Michelle (Ken) Rowland, of Midland, Texas, Greg (Melissa) Stupples, of Marion, and Chuck (Mindy) Stupples, of Marion; his adored grandchildren, Emily Rowland, Rachel Rowland, Landon Rowland, Brooklyn Stupples, Emmett Stupples, Devin Stupples and Kayla Stupples; his sister, Jane (Dave) Gradison; amongst other extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Josephine, and his beloved grandchildren, twins Kenneth Charles and Rebekah Nicole Rowland.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland.

Funeral services and celebrations of John's life will be at Center Chapel Church, 8733 E. 200 S., Marion,

on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 1 p.m.

A visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will follow the funeral at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Center Chapel Church in John's memory.

HELMS

Joshua Linn Helms, 42, passed away at 12:18 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Philadelphia, Penn., on July 31, 1981, to Elizabeth "Liz" Ann (Comer) and George Linn Helms.

Joshua graduated from Eastbrook High School, Marion, in 2000 and he attended IVY Tech.

He worked as a security officer for Allied Universal Security.

Joshua had a heart of gold and helped take care of his mom when she needed it. He also enjoyed teasing her whenever he got the chance.

He loved playing video games and trains.

Joshua will be sadly missed by his mom, Elizabeth "Liz" Amentt, of Hartford City; dad and step-mom, George Linn and Timi E. Helms, of Hartford City; brother, Aaron D. (wife, Susan) Helms, of Hartford City; step-brothers, Zachariah (wife, Kendra) Matney, Andrew Matney and Noah Matney (companion, Allie Sills); step-sister, Mahala (husband, Josh) Charnley; nieces and nephew, Anabelle Helms, Toby Matney and Callie McIntire; uncles, Douglas (wife, Chris) Comer, of West Lafayette, Larry Helms, of Landess, and Gordon (wife, Julie) Helms, of Indianapolis; aunts, Theodore Carmack, of Denver, Colo., and Mary Jones, of Crosby, Texas; several cousins.

He also is preceded in death by his aunt, Marlene Stein, and his grandparents.

Joshua will be cremated.

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Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, will be in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

DAVIS

John Barry Davis, 73, of Fort Wayne, passed away March 8, 2024, in Indianapolis.

He was born on April 4, 1950, to the late Paul and Patricia (Dehne) Davis.

John graduated from Huntington North HS. After college, he became a manager with 84 Lumber in several different states. He later became manager for the Wickes Lumber in Fort Wayne where for almost 30 years he earned many annual awards and trips as a top manager in the company.

John's greatest joy was his family - first his sons and then their families and his six grandchildren. He coached his sons in several sports and then later enjoyed watching his grandchildren participating in their events. John also had a passion for farming and farmed about 1500 acres for over 25 years. His place of relaxation was at Lake Wawasee. He made wonderful memories there with his family and friends for many years and especially on the holidays.

John was a member of Fellowship of Wesley Chapel and was also a member of the Fort Wayne Corvette Club for several years.

John is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Phyllis; two sons, Kent (Jennifer) Davis, of Westfield and Chris (Laurel) Davis, of Warsaw; his siblings, Gloria (Dave) McKuras, of Bourbonnais, IL, Jane (John) Vickrey, of Warren, Carol Davis, of Huntington, Reed Davis, of Warren and Sharon (Mark) Green, of Huntington; 6 grandchildren, Carly Davis, Hudson Davis, Emerson Davis, Avery Davis, Carter Davis and Kate Davis.

A visitation will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home- Pine Valley,

1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, from 3:30 PM-7:30 PM.

A funeral service will be on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Fellowship of Wesley Chapel, 13733 Wesley Chapel Road Churubusco, IN 46723 at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior.

Preferred memorials may be made to Fellowship of Wesley Chapel 13733 Wesley Chapel Road Churubusco, IN 46723 or Cystic Fibrosis, 8445 Keystone Crossing Suite # 135 Indianapolis, IN 46240.

FARLOW

Allan L. Farlow, 87, of Geneva, IN, passed away at 9:20 PM on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Swiss



Village Inc. in Berne, IN.

He was born on Tuesday, September 1, 1936, in Midland, MI. He married Rosalie "Rosie" (Webb) Farlow on Saturday, August 15, 1959 in Geneva, IN. Allan was a 1955 high school graduate of Geneva High School. He attended Bryant Wesleyan Church in Bryant, IN. Allan worked for Franklin Electric for 40 years. After he retired, he went to work for his son as a contractor and had helped do many roofing jobs. He was a Geneva Volunteer Fireman for many years and was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association. He enjoyed watching the Indians play baseball and he enjoyed watching high school basketball and football.

Allan will be forever missed by his Wife - Rosalie "Rosie" (Webb) Farlow, Geneva, IN, Sons - Rock (Jessica) Farlow, Bay View, OH, Rik (Meg) Farlow, Bryant, IN, Rod (Tara) Farlow, Berne, IN, Grandchildren- Taylor (Kory) Crump, Liberty center, IN, Jade (Chase) Roop, St. Mary's, OH, Xavier Farlow, Geneva, IN, Izabella Farlow, Geneva, IN, Cole (Addy) Farlow, Pendleton, SC, Cady (Grant) Wilson, Ossian, IN, Caralie (Evan) Ferguson, Kenosha,

WI, Topanga Farlow, Bay View, OH, Mariska Farlow, Bay View, OH, and Sister - Deanna Miller, Keystone, IN.

He was preceded in death by his Parents- Sam & Hulda (Parr) Farlow, Brothers - Bruce & Gordon, Sisters - Ellen, Nedra, Rose, Sharon, Sandra, and Carolyn.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home located at 100 N. Washington St. Geneva, IN. on Friday, March 15, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and one hour prior to service on Saturday at Swiss Village Chapel.

A service to celebrate Allan's life will be at Swiss Village Chapel located at 1350 W. Main St. Berne at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 16, 2024 with Pastor Paul VanCise and Cole Farlow officiating. Interment will follow in the Backesto Cemetery in Berne.

Preferred memorials: Geneva Volunteer Fire Department 200 E. Line St. Geneva IN 46740.

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gratitude, take one day at a time, and don't give up. Others have succeeded and so will you.

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FUN EASTER GIFTS KIDS

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(StatePoint) While bunny- and egg-shaped candies are always crowd-pleasing favorites during Easter, you can make the holiday extra special for kids with some less sugary treats that can be enjoyed year-round. For a joy-filled celebration, get inspired with these fun and egg-cellent ideas for Easter baskets:

Great Books

Books unlock new worlds and ideas, making them great gifts on any occasion. Easter is no exception. Use the opportunity to stock children's shelves with fiction by favorite and new-to-them authors, as well as non-fiction books on subjects of interest to them. With the thoughtful gift of brand-new titles to discover, they'll be well-prepared to stay engaged and entertained during the downtime of spring and summer vacation ahead. A few thematic ideas

include, "The Good Egg: An Easter and Springtime Book for Kids" and "The Velveteen Rabbit."

Cool Toys

Make children's days tweet-tastic with VTech Gabbers, fluffy bird buddies that can be brought along on adventures by sliding a fabric-covered magnetic egg under one's shoulder sleeve and perching the bird on top. Three different colored Gabbers: Jay Blue, Finch Pink and Owl White, all sing, make funny sounds and will repeat and tweet the things kids say in a funny voice! Whether you gift one bird, or all three, this will be a beloved and adorable addition to any Easter basket. Another cool idea that puts a spin on Easter eggs? Switch & Go Hatch & Roaaar Eggs. They open up to include all the pieces needed to build 2-in-1 dinosaur vehicles. The line-up includes a t-rex racer, pterodactyl chopper and more. For more toys that make great Easter gifts, visit amazon.com/vtechtoys.

Inspiration and Gear

Another fun addition to Easter baskets is gear and tools that support kids' hobbies, passions and talents. For example, if you're shopping for a young artist, consider gifting them a watercolor set, crafting kit or kid-friendly knitting needles. For a child interested in the performing arts, you can get them started on their journey with a gift certificate for music, acting or dance lessons. Or, help get a budding athlete prepared for the spring and summer sports seasons ahead with a light-up baseball or softball, which will allow them to extend their game of catch into the evening, giving them a competitive edge.

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