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Thought for the Week: Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Ralph Waldo Emerson

FESTIVAL EVENTS

The Van Buren Popcorn Festival is this weekend Thursday August 1st thru Saturday August 3rd. Below are some of the events planned.

52nd Annual Van Buren Popcorn Festival Parade, Thursday August 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Cook and Belle will perform Thursday at 8pm. They are back again this year and performing after the Parade and Royalty Crowning.

KalitaMagic Friday at 5:30 pm at the Popcorn Stage.

Tyler Poe and the Volunteer Railroad will perform Friday at 6:30pm. Their outlaw country music is a great mix of original and cover music.

Pet Parade on Friday at 5pm sponsored by Mama Duck's Kitchen. Bring your pets big and small to the annual Pet Parade. Dress them up with Hometown Pride and win prizes.

The Rylie Lynn Band will perform on Friday, August 2nd at 8:30 p.m. at the Popcorn Festival Stage. She is local to the area and brings us a mix of original and cover songs. She has a country sound and we can't wait to hear her.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Saturday, August 3rd from 7-11am. This is the Van Buren Fire Departments Annual breakfast. This is a fundraiser for the department and it's all you can eat! They serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, and biscuits and gravy. Adults \$8, 6-12 years old \$4, 5 and under eat free.

Chalk Walk - Saturday, August 5th 9-11am Registration/Check-In. Chalk walk will be in progress from 9am to 3pm.

Bounce Houses will be open Thursday from 7:30 - 10pm, Friday 5-10pm and Saturday noon - 10 p.m.

Mini Golf Saturday, August 3rd 10:30am to 1:30 pm in the Central Christian Church parking lot during the Popcorn Festival. Free popsicles and some shade will be available.

WARREN TOWN NOTES

INDOT has announced that SR 5, just north of Majenica between W300S and W350S, will be closed, with anticipated start date of August 5th lasting through the end of October (weather dependent) for bridge overlay work.

Warren Utility Customers: The August 1st bill will see the advertised water rate going into effect. A user of up to 3333 gallons will see just over a \$9 increase. Users of more than 3333 gallons will see that much of an increase plus additional amount based on usage. The August 1st bill is based on usage from June 15 to July 15 which also saw several days of high temperature and humidity which have resulted in higher than usual electric billing costs in many instances.

Wayne Street Update: Water Main replacement has reached the railroad area. After the main replacement, the next step will be testing of the line and then transfer of customers to the new main with new laterals where necessary. A timetable will be available after a Wednesday meeting with Engineer and Contractor.

Back to School in Huntington County is August 7th. Summer is winding down.

Next Council Meeting is August 12th.

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Public Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale, Saturday, August 3, from 10am-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.

SW OPEN HOUSE

The Southern Wells Elementary staff and PIE are hosting their annual Open House and Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 5 from 5-6:30pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 5-6pm.

Meet your child's teachers, bring in your child's school supplies, then come to the cafeteria for refreshments.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Jerry Caudiil called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Mark Towery motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; council member Katie Freeburn seconded. 3-0. Minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS: Waneta Linton was asking about getting properties cleaned up before the Popcorn Festival. Cayla Duckwall, owner of Mama Ducks, wanted to let the council know that she will be tearing up the asphalt in front of her store. She will be putting in gravel. She was also

asking about a sidewalk in front of her property along St Rd 5.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 3-2024: Mark motioned to approve General Ordinance 3-2024, making part-time employee Andrew Hamilton a full-time employee; Katie seconded. 3-0.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 4-2024: Mark motioned to approve General Ordinance 4-2024, making Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debra Poe a salary position and giving her a raise; Katie seconded. 3-0.

POLICE: Marshal Skyler Beard reported that he would like to amend Ordinance 2-1994, changing it from vacant to all properties, for property maintenance. Katie motioned to approve the amendment; Mark seconded. 3-0.

UTILITIES: Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. The south water tower will begin maintenance Monday, July 22nd.

ENGINEER: The town's engineer, Eric Woodmansee reported that he is finishing the easements for the stormwater project on Washington St. Once finished, he will send out for bids.

CLASS OF 89

Well, it's been 35 years since we said goodbye, not only to each other, but to Southern Wells High School. We have gone down our separate paths in our lives and created careers, families and more.

The Southern Wells Class of 1989 would like for you to join us in coming together to catch up with each other and share the stories of our lives since high school. Please join us at the former Gearheart Dairy farm (8808 South 500 West,

Poneto) for a night of food, drinks and memories.

Catch up and rekindle with old friendships and classmates. We hope to see you on September 14th starting at 5:00 pm. A main dish will be served, please bring your favorite beverage and a side dish for the meal.

Can't wait to see each and every one of you! Please spread the word to other classmates.

Contact Jennifer Vogely Riddle, 260-229-9293 if you need more information.

CLASS OF 74

The HNHS Class of 1974 is planning their 50th Class Reunion. If you have not received your invite yet, please contact Rebecca Larr Lance on Facebook.

LILLY ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP OPEN

The 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is now available in Huntington County through the Community Foundation of Huntington County. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (LECS) will provide 147 scholarships statewide and one scholarship in Huntington County. LECS scholarships may be used for otherwise unreimbursed full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year. The special allocation may cover the costs for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

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

Ask Rusty – I was Self-Employed and Don't Have Enough Credits for Social Security.

Dear Rusty: For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer. I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.


I recently discovered through the SSA that I do not have enough "points" to apply for Social Security benefits. What would be the method to obtain those required points in order to receive benefits? Signed: Needing Points

Dear Needing: Social Security is an earned benefit, and eligibility is attained by contributing to SS through FICA payroll taxes, or Self-Employment (SECA) tax on your net earnings from self-employment, over your lifetime. You must have at least 40 "quarters of credit" to be eligible for Social Security benefits – essentially you must work one quarter of each year earning at least a specified amount during that quarter to earn one credit, and you can earn a maximum of 4 credits for each year you work. The amount of earnings per credit varies each year, but for 2024, work earnings of \$1,730 give you one credit (annual work earnings of \$6,920 earn 4 credits). Usually, you must contribute to Social Security for about 10 years to be eligible for benefits. You must have earned at least 40 quarter credits to collect Social Security retirement benefits/ If you have less than 40 you are not eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return - you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax). If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your NET earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).


If you are just a few credits short of the 40 necessary to be eligible for benefits, you can still earn those extra credits needed by working and paying SS FICA or SECA taxes on your work earnings. For each \$1,730 earned this year, you will earn one SS credit, up to a maximum of 4 per year. But you must contribute to Social Security from those earnings – if you work as a company employee you will have FICA taxes withheld from your earnings, and if you are still self-employed you would need to pay SECA taxes on net earnings over \$6,920 when you file your self-employment income tax return. You would need to do that for as long as it takes for you to attain the minimum

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 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Nick Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 765.251.2322
 Ron Forsythe, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>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</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45
 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.</p> | <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> |
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private nonprofit college or university.

The program, administered statewide by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and locally in Huntington County through the Community Foundation of Huntington County, is open to all Indiana residents who:

- * graduate from an accredited Indiana high school by 2025 and receive their diploma no later than June 30, 2025;

- * intend to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an eligible college or university in Indiana; and

- * meet the criteria specific to their local community foundation.

Complete information about Huntington County's application criteria can be found at <https://www.huntingtonccf.org/lilly/>

Students can learn more about the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Huntington County and apply for this scholarship at <https://www.huntingtonccf.org/lilly/>. A Letter of Intent (LOI) is the first step in the application process. LOIs must be completed and submitted by Thursday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm to be considered.

Applications will be evaluated on, but not limited to, the following criteria: display of achievements in academics and extra-curricular activities, good character, maturity and leadership abilities. A finalist will be nominated by the Community Foundation scholarship committee, and their names will be submitted to ICI for final selection of the recipients. Scholarship recipients will be notified in December.

Lilly Endowment created LECSF for the 1997-98 school year and has supported the program every year since with tuition grants totaling more than \$490 million. More than 5,300 Indiana students have received Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships since the program's inception.

The primary purposes of LECSF are: 1) to help raise the

level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

About Community Foundation of Huntington County – Organized in 1991, the Community Foundation of Huntington County exists to connect people and resources with opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all. In 2023, the Community Foundation distributed \$1 million in grants and nearly \$200,000 in scholarships. John Nelson serves as Board Chair and Matt Ditzler is the Executive Director. For more information, go to [huntingtonccf.org](https://www.huntingtonccf.org).

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate

entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds significant programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion. However, it maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

Since 1997, Independent Colleges of Indiana has administered the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program statewide with funding provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. Founded in 1948, ICI serves as the collective voice for the state's 29 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. ICI institutions employ over 22,000 Hoosiers and generate a total local economic impact of over \$5 billion annually. Students at ICI colleges have Indiana's highest four-year, on-time graduation rates, and ICI institutions produce 30 percent of Indiana's bachelor's degrees while enrolling 20 percent of its undergraduates.

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NEW SCHOOL YEAR CALLS FOR HEALTHY HABITS TO GET BACK ON TRACK

(INDIANAPOLIS, July 30, 2024) - School bells are ringing for many children in Indiana. The new school year is an exciting time for students and educators and perfect for refocusing and reprioritizing healthy habits. Celebrating its 100th year of lifesaving work, the American Heart Association says it is important to develop healthy habits at a young age given that the early years play a vital role in the development of health-related behaviors that carry into adolescence and adulthood.

"It's important for our communities to work together to cultivate a culture of health among our children," said Dr. Saura Fortin, a member of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "That includes families, schools and organizations like the American Heart Association coming together to provide opportunities for students to learn about eating a healthy diet, moving more and avoiding tobacco products."

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' latest Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans[1] only 20% of kids get enough activity to meet physical activity recommendations. In addition to improved physical health, the benefits of physical activity for children include better grades, school attendance and classroom

behavior. Physical activity can also help kids feel better, improve mental health, build self-esteem, and decrease and prevent conditions such as anxiety and depression[2].

Kids should be active throughout the day and replace sedentary behaviors whenever possible. Getting active as a family can be fun and be a path to keep everyone healthy. Find activities after-school and on the weekends that cut down on screen and sofa time. Try riding bikes, playing soccer, cranking up music for a dance party or taking a walk as a family after dinner. There are so many fun and engaging ways that families can marry together moving more and bonding over the experience.

School-age kids and teens should try to get at least 60 minutes per day of moderate-to vigorous-intensity activity. It can be broken up into shorter sessions throughout the day. Check with your child's school to see how much physical education and recess time they are getting in the school day. Schools are a critical link in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country by helping students develop healthy habits at an early age. Another way to help get kids excited is through school programs dedicated to the mental and physical health of students. The American Heart Association offers school programs designed to bring expanded curriculum resources to classrooms;

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Weekly Specials
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FARM FRESH PRODUCE TIME

- Indiana Melons are in peak season!
- Local Sweet Corn is great!
- Tender Jade Green Beans!

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Open Daily

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Monday	4pm-7pm	Friday	11am-6pm
Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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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.

Aug 1-3	VB - Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 7	Noon W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 7	7:00p VB - 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
Aug 21	7:00p VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 30	6:30p W - Whoa Man @ Riverside Park
Sep 4	Noon W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ 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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 rooted in proven science which has shown that kids who are regularly active have a better chance of a healthy adulthood[3]. The Kids Heart Challenge for elementary schools offers four physical activations to get students' hearts pumping: jumping rope, practicing basketball skills, dancing or completing an obstacle course. The curriculum prepares kids for success by supporting their physical and emotional well-being, offers new learning resources and physical activities to meet the needs of today's youth and educators. The American Heart Challenge is a complementary program tailored to middle and high school students.

Parents and schools in Indiana who are interested in bringing the American Heart Association's in-school programs to their children should visit www.heart.org/getstarted.

SPRING INTERNSHIPS

The Indiana Senate Republican Caucus is offering paid spring-semester internships in its communications, information technology, legal, legislative, page and policy offices during the 2025 session of the Indiana General Assembly, said State Sen. Andy Zay (R-Huntington).

Qualified candidates may be of any major and must be at least a college sophomore. Recent college graduates, as

well as graduate and law school students, are also encouraged to apply.

Interns earn a \$900 biweekly stipend and benefit from scholarship and academic credit opportunities, professional development, community involvement and networking.

Senate internships are full-time positions at the Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis that typically begin with a mandatory orientation in late December or early January and conclude at the end of the legislative session in April 2025.

"The Senate internship is a paid internship opportunity that allows students to expand on their skills in a professional environment," Zay said. "These students will be able to work closely with legislators and meet former interns who now work in public service full time. This internship is a great opportunity to grow as a young professional and I encourage all those who are interested to apply."

For more information and to apply, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublican.com/Intern. More information can also be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram at @InternSenGOP.

S'MORES CONTEST

To celebrate summer, camping, and memories made naturally, Indiana State Parks invite you to create your best s'more at any state park property, snap a photo, and share it by emailing SPcontests@dnr.IN.gov by Aug. 31.

S'more entries can be of the traditional delicious roasted variety or a unique work of s'more art. Winners will be selected by a panel of DNR staff and shared in an album on Indiana State Parks' Facebook page after the contest. Winning prizes include a 2025 annual entrance pass, a \$50 camping gift card, a \$50 inns gift card, and an Outdoor Indiana magazine subscription.

To enter, please include the following information in the email:

- * Photo of the s'more
- * S'more creator's name
- * Phone number and address
- * Date the s'more was created (and likely eaten)
- * The Indiana State Park property where the s'more was made

Please read all the contest rules at events.IN.gov/event/the-2024-great-smore-contest.

To find a state park property near you visit stateparks.IN.gov.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

Indiana's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has opened the final public comment periods for proposed changes to Indiana's deer hunting and river otter trapping rules before members vote on final adoption.

Public comments can be submitted at IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket via the "Submit Comments Here" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the Deer Hunting Amendment Proposal and River Otter

Trapping Rule. Comments can also be mailed to:

Natural Resources Commission
 Indiana Government Center North
 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for public comments via either method is Aug. 23. The public hearing for the river otter trapping proposals is Aug. 26, from 4:30–6 p.m. ET. The public hearing for the deer hunting rule proposal is also Aug. 26, from 6–7:30 p.m. ET. Both hearings will be at Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area, 7970 S. Rowe St. in Edinburgh. You can attend in person or online anytime during the timeframes.

To attend online for the river otter trapping rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 222 103 323 673 and Passcode 6Uubce.

To attend online for the deer hunting rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 270 300 510 234 and Passcode v8ArCJ.

Indiana DNR is proposing to open regulated otter trapping statewide but retain all other otter trapping regulations, such as the statewide quota, bag limits, reporting, and tagging for the regulated otter season. Indiana DNR values river otters and recognizes their value to the state, said DNR furbearer biologist Geriann Albers.

"We take the responsibility of balancing differing views around wildlife management seriously and are thoughtful about making small incremental changes for river otters," she said.

Indiana DNR is confident the changes will not negatively

impact river otter populations, which staff will continue to monitor.

Proposed deer hunting rule changes include:

* A statewide bag limit of six antlerless deer as well as a newly created county antlerless bag limit instead of season antlerless bag limits. Because of this change, the bonus antlerless license would be the multiple-season antlerless license that could be used in the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons.

* Hunters would not be able to harvest antlerless deer on Division of Fish & Wildlife properties with a firearm.

* The use of crossbow equipment would be allowed under the archery license.

* The minimum caliber for a muzzleloader would be reduced from 0.44 inches to 0.40 inches.

* Removing the special antlerless firearms season.

For more information on the proposed rule changes, visit wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes.

Questions about the proposed deer regulation changes should be directed to 812-334-3795 or indeerhotline@dnr.IN.gov.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

MILLER

John Russell Miller, 79, of Marion, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024, at Marion VA Medical Center and into the presence of his Lord and Savior.

He was born in Marion on April 27, 1945, to Max T. and Faye Lucinda (Wolfe) Miller.

After graduation from Marion High School in 1963, John entered the United States Air Force from 1963-1967.

He was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Following his military service, John worked at Anaconda Wire and Cable, Marion, retiring in 2008 after 44 years of employment.

He is survived by his daughter, Dawn Miller, of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Alyssa Miller and Logan (Skyla) Myers, of Warren; great-grandchildren, Vincent Jones and Holden Myers; special friends, Rick and Donna Kramer, of Marion; Cherie Calobrace, of Marion, and Bonnie Robinson, of Marion; goddaughter and caregiver, Terri Couse.

John was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Cheryl A. Karnes Miller, a brother, Dennis A. Miller, and his beloved dog, JJ.

A service with military honors will be on Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery, where his remains will be laid to rest. Arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Indiana Funeral Care.

You may honor John's life by donating to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

HELMS

Sharon K. Helms, 71, of Roanoke, passed away at 7:07 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice Home.

She was born on May 18, 1953, in Huntington, the daughter of Richard Wilkerson and Pauline (Walters) Wilkerson.

Sharon attended Huntington North High School and earned an associate's degree in

accounting from Indiana Business College, Fort Wayne.

She retired from PHD, Fort Wayne, after 13 years of loyal employment.

Sharon enjoyed cooking, playing card games and spending time with her grandchildren.

Her memory will be forever cherished by her family.

Survivors include her loving sons, Allen Helms, of Angola, and Roger (Andrea) Helms, of Warren; grandchildren, Jessica, Brittany, Alyssa, Tara, Jesse, Caleb and Ian; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Steve Wilkerson, of Huntington, Richard Wilkerson Jr., of Minnesota, Kevin Wilkerson, of Colorado, and Tony Wilkerson, of Maryland; sisters, Connie Nigri, of Delaware, Nadine Wilkerson, of Maryland, and Diane Myer, of Indiana.

Sharon is preceded in death by her father, Richard Wilkerson, mother, Pauline Wilkerson, brothers, Kenny Wilkerson, Patrick Wilkerson, Alan Wilkerson and Eldo Wilkerson, and great-granddaughter, Faithlyn Hilliary Grace Helms.

Visitation will be from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington.

A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Jason Fields officiating.

Preferred memorials may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

DAILEY

Phillip A. Dailey, 86, of Van Buren, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

He was born on January 1, 1938, in Marion to Alvin C. Dailey and Martha (Guy) Dailey.

Phillip graduated from Converse High School in 1956.

He then served in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1958.

Phillip married Lelia Baxter on Sunday, June 26, 1960, at First Church of God, Marion. She preceded him in death on December 28, 2015.

He worked for Fisher Body, Marion, where he would retire after 30 years.

Phillip also mowed for Arbor Trace Golf Course, Marion, for several years.

He enjoyed spending his winters in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Phillip was a member of Van Buren Legion Post #368 and Masonic Lodge #711, Van Buren.

He attended Van Buren Church of the Vine and Grace Community Church.

Phillip also played softball for Rosies in the U.A.W. and had even attended umpire school.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lelia Dailey, parents, Alvin and Martha Dailey, grandson, Nathan Wine, granddaughter, Morgan Dailey, and sister, Donna Hughes.

Loving survivors include his children, Chip (Patty) Dailey, of Van Buren, and Patty (Marty) Wine, of North Webster; grandchildren, Bradley Wine, Alisha (Dave) Hoffman, Phillip Dailey and Joseph Dailey; sister, Anita Small, of Marion.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St. Van Buren, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, Huntington County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Heartland Hospice, 3001 S. Valley Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

ALEXANDER

Roberta Kay Alexander, 81, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, died at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

She was born on March 2, 1943, in Wabash to Robert O. and Virginia (Kendall) Harrell.

Roberta retired from United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, after 27 years.

She enjoyed going to flea markets, yard sales and shopping.

Roberta also enjoyed reading books and traveling around Florida.

She especially loved her family and was very proud of them.

Roberta is survived by her daughter, Shelly Steiner, of Chino Valley, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; sister, Linda (Charles) Mollett, Wabash; brother, Steve (Shirley) Harrell, of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Jerry B. Capes and Jeffrey Capes, granddaughter, Angeline Rochelle Capes, and her brother, Robert V. Harrell.

Funeral services will be at 2 pm on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Larry Hall officiating.

Burial will be in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

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SHIPSHEWANA AND THE OAK RIDGE BOYS TRIP PART 2

by Larry Ryan

Earlier, before entering the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, I noticed that the group of buildings on the premises had their own large water tower. It filled an extravagant number of tea and water glasses that day.

After lunch we followed the crowd of other fun-seekers through a variety of hallways to the theater. Our middle aisle seats were well-positioned for the show. The "Boys" appeared at 1 pm. Four lead singers were accompanied by a steel guitar player, a keyboardist, a drummer, an electric guitarist, and a regular guitar musician. I did not need hearing aids for this performance!

The sounds of the instrumentalists vibrating off the walls and the singers mouthing words into the microphones produced a world of entertainment. Many people in the audience sang and gyrated along with each song. Me, a Neil Diamond fan, only knew a few of this group's songs. Their rhythmic notes created dozing symptoms. However, I certainly joined in song with the others during the playing of "Elvira." Well, solely on the chorus! You may ask, why did I attend? The answer is: to delay my job list at home. Another answer that I sometimes use is: bus trips reduce the consumption of toilet paper at home. Remember that there was a toilet paper shortage a while back. It could happen again!

The concert ended at 2:30. I located my cell phone which had slipped out of my pocket while briefly dozing. Next, the car keys were in my right pocket, but no billfold was present! I did not panic as my wife checked the floor. I quietly informed her that I

distinctly remember not removing it from its usual night deposit spot! Still confident with my memory we exited the building and luckily located bus # 579 from the multitude of others.

At 3 pm the bus stopped at the E&S Food Store in town. It appeared to be a farmers market with inside and outside vendors hawking their edible products. A few passengers departed at this location. My wife and I settled on Option # 2 which took us to the Davis Mercantile building with its 21 stores on four levels. We did not ride the 2nd floor merry-go-round, but browsed most of the other businesses.

Before the 5 pm closing time at Jojo's Pretzels café, which was on the first floor of the mercantile, we stopped for some nourishment prior to leaving town and the ride home. I had not planned this action, but apparently giving my wife some spending money for this trip was overlooked. She had enough green backs for chicken salad croissants, but not enough for additional sodas, so spotting her credit card, I attached my fingers to it and ordered dinner. I paid her back later! Honestly! Since my billfold also contained my medical cards, I was very careful to avoid being injured during the rest of the trip.

Upon leaving Shippshewana at 5:30, the bus drove past Yoder's Homestyle Cooking restaurant, the Das Dutchman Essenhaus Restaurant, the Farmstead Inn, and several Amish farms with numerous horses. After deporting four women in Fort Wayne, we arrived home at 7:45.

It was an enjoyable and entertaining day.

A history of The Oak Ridge Boys will follow soon.

ANTIQUÉ STEAM & GAS ENGINE SHOW

The 47th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Engine Show will be held August 15 - 18, 2024 at Jefferson Township Park, 1720 S. Webster Road, New Haven, IN at the corner of Webster and

Dawkins Roads. The admission charge of \$5.00 a day or \$10.00 for all four days includes entertainment and parking. Children 12 and under are free. Memberships are available at the office. Golf carts are permitted with proof of insurance for \$10.00.

The show opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at dusk. We are featuring John Deere, J. I. Case, Ford, Ford Ferguson tractors, gas engines and garden tractors. All makes of tractors, gas engines and garden tractors are also welcome. Classic cars and trucks are invited to a cruise-in from 9:00 a.m. to dusk Friday and Saturday and until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All exhibitors are free but must register at the office to receive a button and plaque.

See the 125 HP, 15-ton Buckeye Oil Engine that came from Grabill, IN, one of two in existence that are still running. A stationary Chuse steam engine will also be in operation. Visit the trading post, flea market (260) 341-6152, a quilt show and blacksmith shop. Plowing, sawing lumber and threshing wheat with tractors and steam engines will be demonstrated. Children will enjoy a sand box, train rides and tractor driving lessons. On Saturday, there is face painting, a Kiddie Tractor Pull at 2:00 p.m., an Exotic Animal Show at 3:00 p.m. and a Magic Show at 3:30 p.m. Parades will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

A show favorite, steamed sweet corn, will be sold daily. Fish and Chicken dinners will be served Friday and Chicken dinners on Saturday. Other food vendors and homemade ice cream are available.

Dekalb County Horsemen will give free hayrides on Friday and Saturday with horses and mules. Tractor pulls will be held Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Friday evening entertainment will be country music at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday a square dance begins at 6:00 p.m. A spark show (Steam engine fireworks) will be after the entertainment at dusk. Sunday admission is a free will donation at the gate. On Sunday, a church service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and a new event, a Garden Tractor Pull, will be at 11:00 a.m.

More information is on the website at maumeevalley.org or call President, Tony Herman 260-414-9489.

FINDING HUMAN CONNECTION IN SUPPORT OF U.S.

SERVICE MEMBERS

(StatePoint) In order to honor the sacrifices and contributions of the people who serve in the U.S. military, it's important to recognize the human aspect of military service, and that includes acknowledging the importance of the support networks and camaraderie that boost morale throughout their journey.

The USO is continuing its long history of bridging understanding between service members and civilians with its "Human to Human" campaign, which is intended to build empathy for the sacrifices made by service members and their families, and to highlight the human aspect of military service.

As part of the campaign, the USO brought together seven pairs of strangers at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Each pair consisted of one service member and one civilian, asking each other questions printed on cards the USO provided. As they sat across from one another with both excitement and nervousness,

neither knew what role the other played. These facts would later be discovered — not with the "big reveal" of a reality show, but through the natural connections they made.

The conversations were surprising, powerful and unifying, with moments of realization, connection and even a few tears. Civilians who participated say they walked away from the experience with a new understanding of how service members find strength in the support of others.

Here are a few ways you can join the USO in supporting U.S. military members:

- Send a message of gratitude and support to those who serve.

- Watch the "Human to Human" video to experience the connection between service members and civilians when they discover they are more alike than they expected.

- Spread awareness and show appreciation for the people who serve in America's military in person and online.

- Make a donation to the USO to help support programming that benefits members of the military, and to receive a USO T-shirt, so you can showcase that you're a military supporter.

- Learn more and take action at [USO.org/humantohuman](https://www.uso.org/humantohuman).

To honor past and present military members and their families, be sure to take the time to learn about the human aspect of their service.

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40 quarter credits needed to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. (FYI: you cannot "buy" the extra points needed; you need to earn them by working and contributing to Social Security from your earnings).

One final point: whenever SS benefits are claimed before one's full retirement age (FRA) Social Security's "earnings test" applies. The earnings test limits how much you can earn from working before some of your SS benefits are taken away. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA and, if you turned 64 this year, your FRA is 67. Self-employed individuals are also subject to an hourly limit of 15 to 45 working hours per month in their first year of early retirement.

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