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Thought for the Week: When in doubt, tell the truth. Mark Twain

### HIRING UTILITY

#### MANAGER

An application period for the position of Utility Manager, Warren, Indiana, is now open through September 9, 2024, due to a planned retirement. Departments include water, sewer, electric, streets, and parks. Duties include employee management, project planning, maintenance of positive relationships with the public, with consultants and with other Town Employees and Officers of the Town, representation at workshops and meetings, schedule in regular day to day and long term operations of those departments, regular day to day on site work on projects. Must hold water or sewer license (WT3, DSM) have at least ten years experience in utilities with managerial experience and or electric utility operation a plus. Base pay \$29.00 per hour. Additional pay package based on experience. Benefit package available. For information, contact Utility Manager Lee Poulson at 260-375-2656 or Clerk Treasurer Marilyn Morrison at 260-375-2656. Application forms can be found at warrenindiana.us or at Town Hall, 132 N Wayne St, or requested by email at townofwarrenin@gmail.com or by calling 260-375-2656 for mailing. Please include resume.

### UPCOMING EVENT

Run with us this fall! ⚡  
WHAT: Warren Riverside Run 5k run/walk  
WHO: Anyone wanting to run/walk 3.1 miles from Riverside Park, along the riverside, and back.  
WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 8:30

A.M. (Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.)

WHERE: Riverside Park in Warren, IN.

Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Warren/RiversideRun5K> to register. Registration begins August 10th and the optional t-shirt addition is only available until September 9th, so join us TODAY!

### SOLAR IN HUNTINGTON CO.

Solar first started in 2019, state mandating the Counties figure it out. Huntington passed an ordinance, wrote and paid for by the solar companies. Only 200' setback from a FOUNDATION, not property line. This has been the main issue for many. Home values plummet when surrounded and near solar. Loss of wildlife movement and habitat. Loss of food producing land. Poor use of resources to put solar on farmland. Decommissioning is expensive and there is no real way to recycle a used solar panel. These companies operate in the shadows and know how to play the game better than most county governments. Many politicians in Indiana have major solar donors. Many politicians end up working for the solar industry after they help push solar into their community.

There are three confirmed projects in Huntington County.

#1. Maple Solar LLC - Roughly 300 acres on the outskirts of Warren on both sides of Shafer Road extending to Highway 3. Has a permit, needs approval from drainage board. Engulfs several homes and many surrounded on all 4 sides.

#2. Paddlefish (owned by EDF = Electricite De France = French Government) Salamonie Township - Roughly 3 miles long by 3 miles wide. Mostly in Wells County along Highway 218 with 500 acres in Huntington County owned by absentee landlord. (Claudia Mounsey lives on the East Coast) Paddlefish applied for a permit on August 6th, 2024. They snuck in through the backdoor and went around the current solar moratorium while the County was working on a new ordinance to better serve all of the residents.

#3. Bowfin stage 1 (Also owned by EDF) - Roughly 3000 acres in Union township, Huntington County. Forced to halt during moratorium. Stage 2-4 work their way to and around Roanoke and total 15,000 acres of farmland leases to solar.

#4 Landowners are forced to stay quiet under gag order. We do not know how many other projects and acres are leased to solar, but we know for a fact there are projects West of Warren, near Andrews, Bippus, etc. they are EVERYWHERE. Until the project gets far enough along in the process, we do not know where they are.

So of the 197,000 or so tillable acres in H County, roughly 10%+ confirmed in solar.

Warren also has 7000+ acres of Wind Turbines signed up. The project goal is 10,000 acres. The project has land SE of Warren near the bend in Highway 218 South of Hy-Line, that then runs up around Warren towards Belleville, Majenica, and up to the reservoir. The company is AES and the rep is Reid Sealby from Colorado. He has pestered many Warren area

residents. One elderly gentleman had to hide in his house from Reid.

Please do your research and stay informed. There are two local pages on Facebook - one for Huntington County and one for Wells County.

### FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

2024 SSF T-Shirts are now available at clearance rates of only \$5.

Past SSF T-Shirts are also available at the Warren Pharmacy.

Multiple smaller sizes of the 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023 are also available for only \$5.

T-Shirts are available until Sold Out.

### SWEEPSTAKES

Terry and Melinda Daniels, of the Warren Pharmacy, have grandchildren visiting with them. This week, Jessa, our 8 year old granddaughter is having a Tootsie Roll Sweepstakes at the Warren Pharmacy. Sign up to win 8 Tootsie Rolls at the Warren Pharmacy. Entry forms are on a table (just Name and contact number). Winners will be called and no one will be tracked.

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Huntington County Purdue Extension Office is excited to offer the 2024-2025 Huntington County Community Leadership Program. The Extension Office, along with an advisory group, has been working on the implementation of a new program that will help develop the community leadership skills of area business, non-profit and county leaders.

For those who may have missed the initial application period from May-July, we are briefly extending the application deadline. Applications are now being accepted until August 28 (payment for approved participants will also be due on August 28).

Apply online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington>

Purdue Extension's Community Leadership Program is a leadership development course for adults who want to make a difference in their communities. Through this series of interactive modules, participants develop their own leadership capacity and learn about the people, organizations and institutions that make up their communities and how they can engage in serving their communities more deeply.

The Leadership Program is comprised of nine sessions that meet monthly from September 2024 through May of 2025 at locations in Huntington County. Cost is \$400 per person - a limited number of scholarships will be available through the Community Foundation of Huntington County.

Community Leadership Development Program Sessions

Introduction to CLP/ Personality Strengths - September 11, 2024, 9:30- 4 p.m.

Interpersonal Communication - October 16, 2024, 9-Noon

Team Building - November 13, 2024, 9-Noon

Education and Workforce Development - December 11, 2024, 9-Noon

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**Kudos, Kicks & Karats**

**Life in a Small Town**  
 by Treva Flemming

Well we have a happy married couple. We had beautiful weather. My cousin Mandy's husband Brian did the photography work and he gave me a sneak peek at the photos and they were perfect. The clouds, everything was perfect. It was his first time capturing a wedding but he did a fantastic job. Can't wait to see the finished product.

Kendra had all her girls with her Saturday, her cousin/sister Annette was her matron of honor and Mandy Bitzer, Justine Gates, Buds sister Lena and her best friend since first grade Cassidy Dehaven. She also had Klynn and Bud's two nieces and Olivia, my great niece.

Miss Livie as we call her is a little red head just like her grandma (my sister). Well, she was all about getting her nails done and her dress but when it was time to go down the aisle...forget it she didn't want anything to do with it. So Jake, Livies brother took over and he was one heck of a flower dude. Lol!! Bless his heart he is all boy and quite the handful but he pulled it off in a pinch and got it done.

I had so many people to thank for helping out to pull this thing off. Tara Bowman, good Lord girl what would I do without you, decorating, food, holding down the fort, kept me from killing the bride, you name it, couldn't got it done without you. Ryan Bowman for marrying them, you did great, you went right with them and pulled it off like a charm. Jarod Rakoczy, parking cars, holding down the fort till we got there, trying to fix my phone, you the handy man, your awesome. John for all my venting and keeping me calm, I know we would do it all over again if we had to but remind me, I can't do it all even though I know I can. And last but definitely not least, my momma, this woman will turn 90 in two weeks and she literally rocked it!! She altered table covers, cleaned and ironed them, hemmed a wedding gown, made a veil, hemmed Ky's dress, made corsages and boutineers, hemmed my pants, made the flower girl dress, listen when I blew steam, spent the whole entire day partying like a rock star, now I didn't see her on the dance floor, but given the chance, I bet she would have shook a leg. We love you and thanks for everything that you did when you didn't have to.

So now we move on to more things to get done before summer ends and I believe I have a few long weekend coming that I can finally call me time and so excited to be with my Jeeper and truck buddies  
 Have a great week.

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| <p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>                 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier<br/>                 Nick Miller, Pastor<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>                 8924S 900W 35<br/>                 Harold Smith, Pastor<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>                 Steve Nevius, Pastor<br/>                 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.<br/>                 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>                 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199<br/>                 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp<br/>                 Handicap Accessible<br/>                 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b><br/> <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b><br/>                 Pastor Wayne Couch<br/>                 260/515-2517<br/>                 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>                 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>                 Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b><br/>                 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779<br/>                 Matt Kennedy, Pastor<br/>                 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>                 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726<br/>                 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor<br/>                 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b><br/>                 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto<br/>                 Steve Sutton, Pastor<br/>                 765/728-2065 for more info<br/>                 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.<br/>                 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b><br/>                 Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &amp; Cindy Osgood<br/>                 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Mon-Fri Chapel Services ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday Catholic Mass ..... 1:00p.m.<br/>                 Thurs. Catholic Mass ..... 10:30a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>                 727 N Wayne St, Warren<br/>                 260-375-2811<br/>                 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net<br/>                 Pator Rusty Strickler<br/>                 Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild<br/>                 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.<br/>                 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30<br/>                 Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>                 375-2510<br/>                 Pastor Steven Spencer<br/>                 Bus Service 375-2510<br/>                 www.warrennaz.org<br/>                 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>                 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN<br/>                 375-3873<br/>                 John Boyanowski, Pastor<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.<br/>                 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b><br/>                 3147 W 543 S, Huntington<br/>                 765.251.2322<br/>                 Ron Forsythe, Pastor<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Wednesdays:<br/>                 Bible Study &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>                 694-6622<br/>                 Aaron Westfall, Pastor<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>                 Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.<br/>                 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.<br/>                 Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>                 Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.<br/>                 Monthly Meetings<br/>                 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>                 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am<br/>                 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>                 Pastor Diane Samuels<br/>                 Fellowship Time .....9:00a.m.<br/>                 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b><br/>                 375-4359<br/>                 Bill VanHaften, Pastor<br/>                 Lois Slusher, Supt.<br/>                 Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; Family Dir.<br/>                 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.<br/>                 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>                 260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124<br/>                 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"<br/>                 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 - 9:45<br/>                 Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00<br/>                 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b><br/>                 468-2412<br/>                 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor<br/>                 Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> | <p><b>1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>                 375-2102<br/>                 www.firstccw.net<br/>                 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor<br/>                 Takarra Myers, Youth Director<br/>                 office@firstccw.net<br/>                 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>                 Youth Sunday School during<br/>                 Worship Service<br/>                 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>                 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>                 765/934-3321 Parsonage<br/>                 Jeff Slater, Pastor<br/>                 Jim Knight, Superintendent<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.<br/>                 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.<br/>                 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE</b><br/>                 765-934-1431<br/>                 Pastor Brad Hensley<br/>                 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com<br/>                 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am<br/>                 Sunday School ..... 10:45am<br/>                 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm<br/>                 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm<br/>                 Men Serving God Group ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9am<br/>                 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am<br/>                 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>                 375-3022<br/>                 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister<br/>                 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister<br/>                 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.<br/>                 Tara Bower - Secretary<br/>                 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org<br/>                 Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.<br/>                 Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.<br/>                 Youth:<br/>                 K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm<br/>                 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>                 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN<br/>                 765-618-0027<br/>                 Pastor Al Soultz<br/>                 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am<br/>                 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am<br/>                 Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 pm</p> |
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Please Attend The Church of Your Choice

# AREA NEWS

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Economic Development and Quality of Place - January 8, 2025, 9-Noon

Cultural Awareness/ Conflict Management - February 12, 2025, 9-3:30 p.m.

Non-profit Boards - March 12, 2025 9-Noon

Effective Meetings - April 9, 2025, 9-Noon

Local Government/ Community Health - May 14, 2024 9-3:30 p.m.

Program and Lunch Sponsorships are available. Please contact Matt Ditzler, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Huntington County for details. If you have any other questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Director, at 260-358-4826 or emfarris@purdue.edu

**HCCOA EVENTS**

Wednesday, August 21st: Wild Wednesday Movie, "Thelma", movie starts at 9:30am Huntington 7 Theater. Admission \$4.00. All seniors welcome.

Wednesday, September 4th: Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 am. "National Preparedness Month: Are you ready for an Emergency?" Presented by Purdue Extension at the Senior Center, 500 MacGahan St. Limited to first 40 people. Free to attend.

Wednesday, September 18th: Wild Wednesday Movie, "Summer Camp", movie starts at 9:30 am. Huntington 7 Theater. Admission is \$4.00. All seniors welcome.

Wednesday, October 2nd: Lunch & Learn starts at 11:30 am. Come join Ben Hudson, Training Director from Indiana SHIP Program (SHIP is State Health Insurance Assistance Program), a division of the Indiana Department of Insurance, to learn the basics of Medicare. This will include discussions on when to join and what coverage choices you have, as well as changes to Medicare coming in 2025. Limited to the first 40 seniors. Free to attend.

**CHECK-UP DAYS AT PARKVIEW HUNTINGTON**

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

Check-Up Day makes it convenient to obtain common lab tests at a reduced cost. The event will take place in the Wellness Classrooms from 7 to 9:30 a.m. on two Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25.

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

The Green Package includes a lipid profile and glycohemoglobin A1C for \$50.

Also, any of these tests can be added for an extra charge:

- Comprehensive metabolic profile (CMP), \$25
- Complete blood count (CBC), \$15
- Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), \$30
- Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for men, \$30

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

Individuals who choose either wellness package can also add any of these

additional tests: Iron, \$15; Vitamin B12, \$25; Vitamin D, \$40

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

Single tests Apart from the wellness packages, three single tests are available. Fasting is not required for these tests:

- Glycohemoglobin A1C, \$30
- TSH, \$35
- PSA, \$35

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

For questions about which lab test options may be appropriate for you, please talk with your medical provider. Information about this event can also be found at parkview.com/checkupdays.

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

Rehab and Wellness Center, and enter the first door in the hallway connecting the hospital to the Medical Office Building.

**NEW ENTREPRENEURS**

A local couple has realized their dream of being business owners as they recently launched their mobile detailing business based in Huntington. The road to open Detail Nerd was anything but easy for Noah and Katelyn Vogleman, owners. "We were basically homeless. We lost our apartment and most of our belongings. We also had just found out we were expecting," says Katelyn Vogleman. But, with hard work and dedication to each other, they pulled themselves out of homelessness and are now parents of two and entrepreneurs.

The Voglemans set a high goal for their business. Detail Nerd is the area's first fully self-sufficient mobile auto detailing service. The company goes to the client and uses its own power and water sources to clean and restore vehicles, making it easier for the customer no matter the vehicle's location. The customers don't have to provide any electricity or water source; they are all provided by Detail Nerd. Its modified SUV provides the resources needed to get the job done.

It offers interior and exterior cleaning and detailing for cars, trucks, boats, campers, and motorcycles and headlight

restoration. It serves clients within a 40 minute drive of Huntington, IN, and offers very competitive pricing.

"It's been our dream to open a detailing business," says Noah Vogleman. "I can't tell you how amazing it feels to be at this point in our life after what we've gone through. We couldn't have done it without the support from our family and the community," he adds.

For more information on Detail Nerd, go to its Facebook page, message them on Messenger, or call 260-265-0801.

Detail Nerd is a client of the Northeast Indiana Small Business Development Center and received business start-up assistance and marketing-related support.

**ARTS EDUCATION TO EAST CENTRAL INDIANA**

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) joined local and regional leaders today in Gas City to celebrate the grand opening of the community's new Gas City Performing Arts Center – one of the first Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) projects to get underway in 2022 – that will bring new arts and music education, programming and performances to the region.

Governor Eric J. Holcomb established the now \$1.25 billion READI program in 2021, and it has since been nationally recognized for its success. READI 1.0 was

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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 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
Sep 4	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Sep 9	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Sep 10	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Sep 11		PATRIOT'S DAY
Sep 16	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](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)

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 established with an initial \$500 million in partnership with the Indiana General Assembly and is bringing vibrancy to regions across the state to accelerate shovel-ready projects and programs that will transform Hoosier communities, attract talent and improve quality of life.

“Through Indiana’s READI program, communities statewide are improving their quality of place for current and future generations,” said Gov. Holcomb. “The Gas City Performing Arts Center will not only elevate the region’s assets and identity, but it will create an avenue to cultivate Indiana’s growing creative economy and accelerate arts and culture education for students and residents alike.”

In east central Indiana, the \$19.2 million Gas City Performing Arts Center (\$2.75 million READI 1.0 allocation) is now open to the public. The nearly 40,000-square-foot, 1,830-seat music venue will fill a critical void of entertainment spaces in Gas City and the surrounding areas, serving as the main venue for the local school district’s fine arts programming and a hub for music, comedy and theater performances.

The venue, which is strategically located just off Interstate-69 between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, is designed to attract and host national and regional artists and performances, nurture the next generation of artists, and foster a community culture of artistic expression. The Gas City Performing Arts Center already has performances scheduled throughout the fall, with its first event – The Classic Rock Experience – scheduled for Oct. 4.

“I am extremely grateful for everyone involved in the success of this monumental project, not only for Gas City and Grant County, but the East Central Indiana Region and the entire state,” said Gas City Mayor Bill Rock. “This project is the result of the dedication of our team and the support of the community. The city of Gas City is excited to be able to serve as a destination for arts and entertainment and looks forward to the positive change this project will have on our region.”

READI 1.0 has awarded \$487 million to 353 unique projects and programs across the state, yielding \$12.6 billion invested (26:1 investment leverage ratio) in quality of life, quality of place and quality of opportunity initiatives. READI 2.0, which was part of Gov. Holcomb’s 2023 Next Level Agenda and secured additional funding awarded by the Lilly Endowment, is allocating another \$750 million to accelerate community development investments statewide. This funding is expected to attract a minimum 4:1 match of local public and private funding, yielding at least \$3 billion invested to increase the vibrancy and prosperity of Hoosier communities.

Gas City is part of the READI East Central Indiana region – led by the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership – that was awarded \$50 million in READI 1.0 and READI 2.0 matching funds to support quality of life, quality of place and quality of opportunity projects across Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Grant, Henry, Jay, Randolph and Wayne counties. The region’s READI investments, including the Gas City Performing Arts Center, are designed to

accelerate economic growth, regional prosperity and population growth through investments in quality of life, housing and infrastructure, childcare and family support, and education and opportunity.

### VICKSBURG & NATCHEZ TRIP DAY # 1

by Larry Ryan  
 It was 8:30 on May 4, 2024 when the bus stopped at the intersection of I-69 and SR # 5 to load our suitcases for a seven day journey to Mississippi. The temperature was 62 degrees and sun beams filtered through the windows as we passed unplowed fields with corn stubbles lined up like soldiers.

Some areas had water standing, but to my sudden surprise, a tractor with treads was discing a field and a planter was standing by at the ready! Also eye-catching was a flock of wild turkeys relaxing on a stone parking lot. They had no worry. Thanksgiving is several months away. A carnival set up was spotted at the Anderson exit. It became hazy so sunglasses were not required anymore.

The driver maneuvered the bus through construction at the junction with I-465 and rolled south along this corridor which is also named the USS Indianapolis Memorial Highway. We bypassed the multilayered exit to I-74 and chose I-65 towards Louisville. After motoring past a huge American Flag at Camping World, a wild fire was consuming a building north of Columbus. After that hot situation, the bus raced a

“Sunstate” semi that was apparently headed to Florida.

After passing Memphis (Indiana, Tennessee later) Road exit, our 11:50 lunch stop was near New Albany at a Culver’s Restaurant. We were not real hungry so ordered from the Kid’s Menu which included ice cream. A children’s fun park with blown-up items was spotted prior to crossing the Ohio River at 1 pm. We passed the Boundary Oak Distillery before running into more rough road and construction. This feeling was not caused by the distillery! We did not stop there. Nashville, TN was 147 miles ahead.

Our driver sped past Hidden River Cave exit and Lover’s Lane Park near Bowling Green, KY. A green-clad golf course was busy with unemployed players. I was amazed at the high number of storage units that we had observed since leaving home. The movie, “Rudy” was shown on the bus as we skirted around Nashville. Two songs that I had written were sent to Music City and Goodletsville, TN months ago for evaluation. I still have not heard from anybody. They were probably placed in a circular file.

While traveling west of Nashville on I-40, it started raining hard. Our bus passed an auto carrier with a backward Ford truck on top front whose tailpipe was collecting rainwater. I wondered how much

moisture can an engine absorb and still start?

We passed a Loretta Lynn Ranch and Kitchen billboard prior to the Bucksport, TN exit where the rain immediately stopped. The bus bridged the Duck and Tennessee Rivers before traversing past the Natchez Trace State Park and the Shiloh Military Park. It was 4:30 and 80 degrees.

This part of I-40 was tree-lined. Billboards featured Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum and Chickasaw State Park. After crossing the Hatchie River, Memphis was ahead as was our overnight lodging at a Holiday Inn. It was 5:15 Tennessee time and the sun was shining brightly. More tomorrow.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### HIGGINS

On Sunday, July 28, 2024, Tamara "Tami" Jane VanWinkle Higgins, 73, of Anna Maria, Fla., went to be with her Lord and Savior.



She was born on January 6, 1951, to Roger Marion VanWinkle and Freda Jane Lynn.

Tami was loved by many. She enjoyed doing genealogy and conversing with friends and family.

Tami was a great source for information relating to Warren and Van Buren.


She also was a great resource for many of her Facebook friends.

Tami was a loving mother to her son and "Grammy" to her four grandchildren.

Left to mourn her passing are her mother, Freda VanWinkle; her son, Jeff Higgins; four grandchildren, Collyn, Gavin, Isabella and Louie; brother, Brent; sister, Taha.

Tami was preceded in death by her father, Roger VanWinkle. There will be no services.

### CURTIS

 Robert "Bob" E. Curtis, 76, of Van Buren, peacefully passed away with his family by his side at 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

He was born in Marion on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1947, to Robert and Margaret (Smith) Curtis.

On June 10, 1966, Bob married Jo A. Smith, who survives.

He graduated from Jefferson High School, Upland.

Bob proudly served in the United States Army.

Following his military service, he was a truck driver for 25 years with Red Gold.

Bob enjoyed camping, fishing, cruising and spending time with family.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jo A. Curtis; daughters, Christina D. Seavers, Cynthia D. Giger, of Wabash, Chriscinda D. Curtis,

of Marion, and Cherilee D. (Michael) Liatos; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Marge Strausbaugh and Linda Day.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Judy Scott.

The family will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.

### GORDON

William "Bill" Gordon Jr., 82, of Huntington, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

He was born on June 23, 1942, the son of William Stout and Laura Catherine-Kenner Gordon.

Bill graduated from Huntington High School in 1960, then went on to Ball State University, Muncie, earning a bachelor's degree in history and education.

He further completed his education as a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Bill married Carole Holmes Capozza on April 3, 1976, at First Presbyterian Church, Huntington.

Prior to continuing his education at the I. U. School of Law, he taught middle school in California followed by a tenure within Huntington County Community School Corporation.

After receiving his JD, Bill entered practice with his father at Gordon, Glenn, Miller, Bendall and Branham, Huntington.

During this time, he also served as a deputy prosecutor and then retired from practice in 2010.

In addition to his father's distinguished legal career, Bill's maternal grandfather, Sumner Kenner (b.1881) received his JD in 1904 from Indiana University and was appointed Indiana Assistant Attorney General in 1923 and, subsequently, appointed judge in the 56th Judicial Circuit in 1925. He held this historical significance close, including the use of Sumner's judgeship chair in his home office.

Post retirement from law practice, Bill was able to focus

on his love of nature, animals and ancestry, and continued to be an avid reader of history and related fields.

His most recent civic involvement included volunteering his time and expertise as a board member of Pulse Opera House, Warren.


A brother, James K. Gordon, passed away in Florida on August 4, 2024.

Remaining to cherish Bill's memory are his spouse, Carole Holmes Gordon, of Huntington; his son, Taylor J. Gordon, of Huntington; his stepson, Matthew F. (Tami L.) Capozza, of Huntington; a grandchild, Kerri L. Gordon, of Fort Collins, Colo.; step-grandchildren, Heather R. (Erinn Tribble) Doyle, Blake A. (Abby T.) Bitzer, Chase (Jessica) Bitzer, Anthony F. (Emily G.) Capozza and Courtney A. (Tyler S. Carroll) Capozza; along with five 3/4 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside ceremony will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Huntington County Humane Society, Inc., in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### SHADLE

 Gary Lynn Shadle, 80, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on October 29, 1943, in Bluffton to Philip Eugene and Helen (Dillon) Shadle.

On June 11, 1965, Gary married Barbara Ann (McCoy) in Warren. She survives.

He leaves behind a son, Eric (Amanda) Shadle, of Ethiopia; granddaughter, Kayla Michelle Shadle, of Ethiopia; grandson, Aaron Daniel Shadle, of Ethiopia.

Gary was most proud of his son and family serving in Ethiopia as missionaries.

He is survived by two brothers, Steve (Jeannette) Shadle, of Ossian, and Randy (Rhonda) Rardin, of Southport, N. C.; a sister, Janet Rardin, of Urbana, Ill.

Gary served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1967.

For 26 years he worked for Sheller-Globe, Montpelier, and then transitioned and retired from Wells County Sheriff's Department, Bluffton, after 13 years.

Gary was preceded in death by his father and mother and brother, William.

Visitation was on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. State Road 124, Bluffton.

A service to honor the sovereignty of the Lord was conducted following visitation at the funeral home.

Pastor Lenny Stringer and Eric Shadle officiated.

Burial followed at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Military rites were conducted by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111, Bluffton.

Because of Gary's love for the work his son and family are doing in Ethiopia, a preferred memorial is to the building of a church for the Ethiopian people. Donations can be sent to Fellowship Baptist Church, 210 W. Townley St., Bluffton, IN 46714, marked Ethiopian Church.

### HESS

David Dwight "D'Moe" "Whitey" Hess, 67, of Hartford City, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024.

He was born on April 21, 1957, to parents David and Barbara Hess in Matthews. He later moved to Upland.

Dwight graduated from Eastbrook High School.

He studied at Lincoln Tech to become a mechanic, specializing in German vehicles, and spent most of his career at Mercedes Benz, Fort Wayne.

Dwight married his former wife, Kim (Huston) Hess, in 1986, and moved to Andrews.

He is survived by their two children, Alyson (Jeremy Weiks) Hess, of Fort Wayne, and Zen (Jessica) Hess, of Waco, Texas; three grandchildren, Emmalyn, Dietrich and Penelope.

Dwight also is survived by his parents; seven siblings, Dan, Kirsten, Kerri, Kelly, Kathryn,

Darrin and Doug; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Karen.

Dwight also leaves behind his beloved dog, Rufus "Roofy."

He was a fan of classic rock and roll, the supernatural and the great outdoors. You could often spot him out and about exploring by way of his giant orange tractor, four-wheeler, an assortment of old Mercedes Benz, his tiny red truck or his trusty tricycle (almost always accompanied by Roofy).

Dwight was as supportive as they come, often helping family and friends with their cars, house projects or other troubles.

Those who knew him learned many lessons from him. Hardly anything is trash; just about everything has a future use, if you think outside the box enough.

Music can never be too loud. Blew your car speaker? You can always replace it. Who cares if you know the right words? Make 'em up!

Question and dissect everything. A curious mind keeps you sharp and means you're able to toss out fun facts during almost any thread of conversation.

If you want to remember something, piece something together, or pause and revisit a deep thought later, it must be scribbled down on the nearest scrap of paper (and preferably taped on or near whatever object it relates to), else the thought may evade you forever.

And, most importantly, live as fully as you can, while you can.

The family had a private service in Dwight's memory, and ask that, in lieu of gifts, donations be made to Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (indianaNRF.org), which supports the preservation of the state parks and public lands that Dwight loved and would wish to see maintained for future generations.

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**FULK**

Gary Lee Fulk, 72, of Warren, passed away on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.



He was born on March 13, 1952, in Brazil to the late Basil and Carol Ruth (Wasnidge) Fulk.

Gary was a 1970 graduate of Huntington North High School.

He married Nancy E. Tarr on March 2, 1974, in Montpelier. The two just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Gary worked for Pulley-Kellam Company (now Samson Metal & Powder Coating), Huntington, for 50 years and retired in the summer of 2021.

He enjoyed going fishing, mowing the lawn, taking care of the garden and sitting outside on the swing with his cat.

Gary watched IU basketball and football games and played games on the computer.

He loved being outdoors.

Loving survivors include his wife, Nancy Fulk; sons, Jay Fulk and Ryan Fulk.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating.

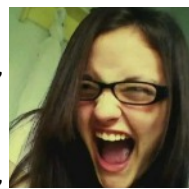
Viewing will be one hour before the service, starting at 10 a.m.

Burial will take place in Mossburg Cemetery, rural Wells County.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Foundation of Huntington County, in the memo line please write Cancer Services in memory of Gary Fulk, and mail to 356 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

**RUMPLE**

Rikki Anne Rumble, 31, of Hartford City, formerly of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away on Friday, August 9, 2024, in Hartford City.



Rikki was born on March 16, 1993, to Sherry (Taylor) and Dan Rumble. She graduated from Eastbrook High School in 2011. Rikki played the alto saxophone in school. She enjoyed reading, being outside and collecting rocks. Rikki loved her family and many friends, and spending time with her cat, Mazaking. Rikki was passionate about mental health and had even started an online blog called, "Because Everyone Cares".

Rikki will be deeply missed by her father, Dan Rumble of Van Buren, siblings, Karrie Jo Anderson of Coldwater, MI, Daniel (Shelby) Rumble of Van Buren, IN, Matthew Rumble of Van Buren, IN, Joah (Jessica) Rumble of Marion, IN, and Rayne Rumble of Van Buren, IN, grandmother, Susie Taylor of Marion, IN, partner, William Shaw of Hartford City, IN, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Rikki was preceded in death by her mother, Sherry Rumble, siblings, Noah Gene Rumble and Julie Anne Willhide, niece, Daneka Jayne Harwood Rumble, uncle, Terry Taylor, uncle, Jon Rumble, aunt, Cindy Rice, and paternal grandparents, Gene and Joan Rumble.

Friends and family may gather to celebrate Rikki's life at a date and time to be announced later.

**TURNOCK**

Vicki L. Turnock, 78 of Marion, Indiana, passed away on Monday, August 12, 2024, at Marion Hospital.



Vicki was born on June 19, 1946, in Winslow, Indiana to Edward and Edith (Hayes) Woolsey. She graduated from Van Buren High School and

continued her education at Indiana Business College. Later in life, she received her certificate in Medical Transcription. She worked for Marion Municipal Utilities for several years before she retired from there and then worked for Marion General Hospital as a medical transcriptionist before retiring from there. Vicki's biggest hobby was smoking, but she also enjoyed puzzles, crafts, reading, watching the birds, dancing, and traveling to Myrtle Beach and Las Vegas. Vicki adored her family and shared so many laughs and memories over the years. An ornery and wonderful prankster, she convinced her grandchildren for a lengthy time that their grandfather was Elvis Presley. Vicki's faith and dignity was strong. She will be deeply and sorely missed.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Edith Woolsey, grandson, Nicholas Hertlein, nephew, Richard A. Woolsey, sister, Peggy Richardson, and brother, David Woolsey.

Loving survivors include her daughters, Tammy (John) Brookshire of Marion, IN, and Ginger (Raymond Wilkins) Turnock of Anderson, IN, grandchildren, Whitney Turnock-Carter, Joshua Turnock, Matthew Hertlein, and Andrea Gorham, great grandchildren, Landon Turnock, Juliana "Chloe" Turnock, Lexie Carter, Carter Turnock, Emma Gorham, Ava Gorham, Olivia Gorham, and Harper Gorham, and brother, Richard C. Woolsey of Marion, IN, and 4 grandcats, Myrt, Willow, Gracie, and Oreo.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Thursday, August at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home located at 201 W. Main St. Van Buren, IN 46991, from 3pm to 4pm. A funeral service will begin at 4pm. Burial will follow at the Van Buren Cemetery.

**INDIANA TO EXPAND PROGRAM FOR EXPECTANT NEW MOTHERS WITH SUBSTANCE-USE DISORDERS**

Indiana will expand its Pregnancy Promise Program to support more expectant and new mothers with substance use disorders. The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) received a three-year, up to \$2.7 million federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which will allow it to support an additional 300 pregnant Hoosiers over the next three years, with a focus on those living in rural and under-resourced communities.

"The program's multigeneration approach supports pregnant women and infants from the prenatal period through 12 months postpartum," FSSA Secretary Dr. Dan Rusyniak said. "Not only are we helping mothers find treatment and sustain recovery, but we also ensure

infants have an established pediatrician, appropriate referrals to pediatric specialists as needed, and developmental support services."

The Pregnancy Promise Program has supported more than 900 mothers since it launched in 2021. While maternal and infant mortality rates are decreasing slightly across Indiana, data from the most recent Indiana Maternal Morality Review Committee's annual report shows substance use disorder and overdose continues to be a leading cause of maternal death in the state.

The program has resulted in high rates of sustained recovery for mothers, continuity of medications prescribed to treat opioid use disorder, prevention of preterm births, healthy infant birth weights, and access to resources to address unmet health related and social needs including stable housing, transportation, food

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security and child care, leading to family preservation and reunification.

The Pregnancy Promise Program partners with Indiana Medicaid managed care health plans to provide case management and care coordination services to participants who receive highly skilled support from an experienced nurse or social worker through the Medicaid health plan, ensuring pregnant individuals are receiving treatment and health care in their local community.

“We are excited about this grant, which will bolster and expand FSSA’s existing program for pregnant individuals suffering from substance-use,” Pregnancy Promise program manager Elizabeth Wahl said. “The program’s goals are clear — to save infant and maternal lives, preserve family units by securing needed resources, ensure reliable access to appropriate care and put an end to generational cycles of substance use and trauma. This program has witnessed families persevere, transform their lives and find hope for the future.”

The grant will expand services for pregnant and postpartum individuals with a primary diagnosis of a substance use disorder; remove barriers and expand outpatient treatment and recovery support services for pregnant and postpartum individuals with a substance use disorder; and promote a coordinated system of care across health care and family support providers.

The FSSA will partner with Centerstone, a community mental health center, and VOA Fresh Start, a residential treatment program, to enhance services. This funding will allow uninsured and under-insured pregnant individuals access to additional support.

Anyone can make a confidential referral to the Pregnancy Promise Program <https://www.in.gov/fssa/promise/>.

The program has been funded with a five-year award from the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Innovation, which ends Dec. 31. This grant is scheduled to begin Sept. 30.

### SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

Losing a loved one or another important person in your life can be an overwhelmingly tough experience. If the loss is due to suicide, the grief can be even more difficult and complex. Connecting with others who have endured similar experiences — and uniting to encourage people contemplating suicide to reach out for help — can aid survivors and those left behind in their healing journey.

It can also save lives. That’s why the team of mental health professionals with Parkview Behavioral Health Institute (PBHI) — Park Center is sponsoring a Suicide Awareness Walk in Decatur on Saturday, Sept. 28, during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The event’s message: No one is alone because help is available 24/7.

“Suicide rates continue to climb in Indiana, especially among adolescents,” says Laura Murphy, LMHC, MHA, director of clinical services for PBHI — Park Center. “Given the rise in suicides, our team wants people to know that compassionate, nonjudgmental help is here. PBHI offers a range of support options for those who are thinking about or have been affected by suicide. This walk aims to inspire others to seek the help that is available in their community.”

“Reaching out for help can be difficult for many,” adds Jinny Broderick, LCSW, clinical program manager for PBHI’s Bluffton and Decatur offices and organizer of the walk. “They might fear the stigma of seeking help, believe they should manage challenges alone, or simply not know where to turn. We hope this walk helps connect those in need with the support they deserve.”

The Suicide Awareness Walk will be held at Belmont High School, 1000 E. North Adams Drive in Decatur, from 4 to 6 p.m. Check-in begins at 4 p.m., followed by opening remarks at

4:30 p.m. from Broderick. The one-mile walk (four laps) around the track will take place from 4:45 to 6 p.m.

Ready to provide helpful information, representatives from Parkview and other local organizations will be onsite, including those from:

- Tri Recovery
- Firefly Children and Family Alliance
- Renovate Counseling
- Family Centered Services
- PBHI
- Bowen Center
- Adams Medical Group Behavioral Health

Attendees who have lost a loved one and wish to honor their memory, or who want to uplift someone dealing with suicidal thoughts, can honor them with their walk. Walkers will have the opportunity to decorate a paper cut-out of a balloon with the person’s name; the balloons will be displayed on a sky-themed banner during the event as a symbolic “balloon launch” (an environmentally friendly alternative to releasing latex or mylar balloons into the air). Balloon decoration will take place at check-in.

Each participant who registers by Aug. 31 will receive a free event T-shirt at check-in. Sizes run from small to 3X. The back of the teal shirt says “You are not alone” with familiar suicide prevention symbols: the semicolon and awareness ribbon, along with 988 national lifeline information.

Several community organizations and individuals have supported the walk by underwriting costs or providing supplies and equipment. Premier Signs has donated information signs and banners. Suicide awareness ribbons, pins and bracelets have also been donated.

During the event, restroom facilities will be available onsite, and strollers and service animals will be permitted at the track.

To register, visit [Parkview.com/SuicideAwarenessWalk](https://www.parkview.com/SuicideAwarenessWalk). Participants must register by Aug. 31 to receive a T-shirt. For questions or more information, call 260-273-2646.

Help is always available Parkview Behavioral Health Institute — Park Center, based in Fort Wayne, has additional offices at 809 High St. in

Decatur, 1115 S. Main St. in Bluffton, and 26 Victory Noll Dr in Huntington, Indiana. The PBHI HelpLine, 260-471-9440 (or 800-284-8439 toll-free), is open 24/7 for individuals who are experiencing a crisis or need information on behavioral health services. Experienced HelpLine specialists provide confidential assessments, information and referrals for services, or admission assistance for inpatient or outpatient services, if needed.

Anyone in crisis or experiencing mental distress and in need of support can also call or text 988 to reach mental health professionals via the nationwide 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. 988 provides confidential, 24/7 help through a network of more than 200 crisis centers supported by state and federal resources.

### HELPING YOUR CHILD OVERCOME TRAUMA AND THRIVE

(StatePoint) Life can be complicated and unpredictable. And while there is no such thing as a “perfect parent,” there are strategies that can help your child become better able to deal with difficult circumstances as they arise.

Known in the pediatric community as Adverse Childhood Experiences, traumatic circumstances like death, divorce and poverty cause children stress, which over time, can become toxic, impacting a child’s health now, and potentially in the future. In fact, adults who’ve experienced one or more adverse experiences as a child or who are exposed to ongoing chronic social inequities over time are at higher risk of depression, cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other health conditions during their lifetime.

On the other hand, safe, stable, and nurturing relationships can act as a powerful, protective buffer against the biological harms of toxic stress on children and are key to building resilience, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). When children feel connected and supported in the early years, they are more likely to become healthy, competent and educated citizens later in life.

“One of the most important ways to strengthen a child’s resilience is to spark moments of connection. This may be through

shared book reading, for example, or participating in family routines and community traditions. Relational health is key to combating adversity, and promoting skills like collaboration, connection and communication that are essential to help children develop resilience and thrive,” said Dr. Nerissa Bauer, a pediatrician who specializes in behavioral health.

After troubling events, the AAP says to remember the 3 Rs: reassure, return to routine and regulate:

1. Reassure. Remind your child that they are safe and loved, using words and touch and by creating safe spaces in the home.

2. Return to routine. Try to maintain regular daily routines and be sure to explain any changes in the schedule ahead of time. This can promote a sense of safety and normalcy for your child and let them know what to expect.

3. Regulate. Help your child learn “self-regulation” skills to calm themselves and manage their emotions and behaviors. This may include belly breathing, stretching or taking breaks.

Dr. Bauer also recommends turning to your pediatrician when parenthood gets challenging. Pediatricians are trained to not only monitor your child’s physical growth, but also their social-emotional health. They can help your family build a support system—whether a child is relatively healthy, has ongoing developmental or behavioral concerns, or if your family is going through hard times.

Pediatricians also want to know how parents and household members are doing and if they feel supported. At appointments, your pediatrician may invite you to share stories about your family life and the daily stresses and struggles of parenting, as well as ask about your own childhood experiences and current living circumstances. So, bring your questions and concerns.

The American Academy of Pediatrics provides tips and guidance on improving relational health, and helping children build resilience and cope with trauma. To learn more, visit [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org).

“We want to ensure all children and their families have the resources and skills needed to thrive,” Dr. Bauer said. “Pediatricians will always be ready to listen, without judgment and with compassion.”