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Thought for the Week: Strive for excellence, not perfection. H. Jackson Brown Jr.



AWARDED SAFETY GRANT & AED

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington County is happy to announce that our Warren location has been selected as a recipient of the Culture of Safety grant.

Awarded by the National Council of Youth Sports, this grant has empowered our Warren location with a life-saving AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device generously provided by Zoll. The recent training session, conducted on Monday, equipped our staff with the essential skills to effectively use the AED, further enhancing safety measures within our facility.

We are honored to be selected for the Culture of Safety grant and grateful for the partnership with the National Council of Youth Sports. This initiative aligns perfectly with FARMLAND WORKSHOP our mission to create a secure environment for our Club The Purdue Extension Land members and community.

Pictured above from left to right: Audra Lahr (BGC Warren Site Coordinator, Desiree Frederick (BGC Education and Career Development Director), Ashley Allen ((BGC to attend the two-session Operations Director), Alison Louthan (BGC Program Director), virtual Steven Schloss (Zoll Channel Partner Manager).

VB DAY IN FLORIDA

private room set up for us there for 11 AM. Feb 16th. children's Golden Corral has changed to a soup, salad, and fruit bar with other food items on the menu. I made numerous calls to try to find a full buffet, but they would have been in Bradenton.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Van Buren Day in Florida will Farrville Community Church be on the 3rd Friday of Feb. We need to restock after a which makes it the 16th at very successful Saturday Golden Corral, 322 US Hwy 27, giveaway! Transform lives Lake Placid, FL. I have a with your kindness! Please used donate clothing, especially girls', and place them in trash bags under the awning at 11044 E 200 N, Farrville Community Church. Together, let's make a difference through our Youngster's Wardrobe ministry.

FROM CITIZENS **TELEPHONE**

We are aware that many of you have been receiving your monthly CTC bills several days later than in the past. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may be causing. The company that prints our bills is located out of state and reports that the February bills were mailed from their postal hub on 1/31. Hopefully, this lengthy travel time through the mail system doesn't continue, but if it does, there is security in knowing that our bill due date is always the 15th of the month and that there is no late fee if your payment is received after that date. We appreciate your understanding.

VIRTUAL INHERITING

Lease Team invites those who have inherited or who might inherit farmland soon workshop, "Navigating Farmland Inheritance.".

The workshop will be offered on Tuesdays, Feb. 27 and March 5 from Noon to 2 p.m. EST. Adapted from a University of Nebraska Extension program, the series will discuss best strategies for managing farmland.

After you inherit farmland, there are many decisions that need to be made. If you are not already farming, what do you plan to do with this land?

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4TH ANNUAL HISTORIC WARREN MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Historic Warren Main Street is bringing a day full of fun to the Warren Community! Cars, Music, Food, Tours, Shopping & Giveaways! Mark your calendars and join us at Heritage Pointe of Warren on their beautiful front lawn Saturday, May 18th from 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Car registration will be from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Food Trucks from D & D Fish and Tenderloin and JB's 'Cuisine Machine" will be providing food at the event and will be set up in the front parking lot. Also set up in the front area will be Merchandise Booths that will provide a shopping experience. Enjoy music through-out the event. Bring your chairs and enjoy the day while viewing more than 80 cars & trucks! Also available will be tours of Heritage Pointe of Warren Villas, Town Houses, Apartments & Assisted Living Apartments. Golf Carts will provide transportation for the tour locations. Historic Warren Main Street will have raffles and drawings through-out the day.

We want to thank our event sponsors, Crain Ford, Hy-Line North America, Glancy Funeral Homes, Mandy Surfus Realtor-Mike Thomas Associates Relators and Heritage Pointe of Warren. If you are interested in a Merchandise Booth, contact Courtney at (740) 398-2543.

For information and questions about the car show contact Jeff at (260) 375-6199. All proceeds will be used for the betterment of the Warren Community. Historic Warren Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and a member of Indiana Main Street.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Well I hope everyone enjoyed a little bit of the spring weather we got. It was simply wonderful walking out of work and having the sun shine hitting your face. The older I get the more I like the warmer weather, even if it is so stinking hot at times. A little sweat is good for the skin. lol.

I've been thinking of the projects that need to be done this year and I think since Kylynn thinks she needs to get a job, I just might hire her. She's 14 so she thinks she needs money to blow but I'm thinking that she is still just under the age of being able to get a job. So, this Mamaw has plenty of work for her to do, I hope she likes to paint!! I have a fence that needs a new coat and a couple benches and two rooms that need painted. So it sounds like I got plenty of things for her to do this summer.

4-H has started so we will have to work this in to with projects. She has been taking Photography so I see lots of Jeep rides in store for this spring and of course I take a photo to for open class so I'm going to have to figure out a plan for that. I bought me a new camera that I'm dying to try out, just haven't had the time here lately to do. I also have to help with a foods project, so it sounds like we have plenty of things to do.

Papaw got stuck with a project this year, Bud, Kendra's fiancé, talked her into taking shotgun, so after great discussion she decided to try rifle instead. Ky's opinion on this was "Well I would like to save my shoulder" yep, it's going to get interesting. lol She is already in Bow and Arrow so; she has some idea of the process. I just hope they don't injure that shoulder, or I'll be doing my own painting. lol!!

This week is pig out week, Fat Tuesday then Valentines day. I think they got them backwards cause you can eat anything on Tuesday but come Valentine's day on Wednesday, so much for the steak dinner with your honey. We don't participate in lent but I have often thought about trying to do it, but I just don't think I can. I mean I can do Fishy Friday but, when you're a meat and potato eater, I just don't think I can do it. I am sure it would do me some good, but...

I've been getting lots of things bought for this wedding in August. I have invites to make and bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres to make, centerpieces to do and whatever else comes. Her colors are really a challenge which are burnt orange, teal and ivory and her flowers are sunflowers and roses. At first I thought those colors were very odd but they do look good together. So, I have been buying flowers since fall when those burnt orange sunflowers were in the stores. She is going with a country flare to things so it will be pretty

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ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

8013W 1100S - 90. Montpelier Nick Miller, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. **BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

8924S 900W 35 Harold Smith, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. **BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**

> Steve Nevius, Pastor Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m. **CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199

Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp Handicap Accessible

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA

Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517

Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90. Warren 375-2779

Matt Kennedy, Pastor Worship Service 9:00a.m.

Sunday School 10:00a.m. HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726

Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor Worship...... 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 21/8 mile west of Poneto

Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship...... 10:30a.m.

Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. **HERITAGE POINTE** Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny

Soultz & John Moyer Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Monday thru Friday

Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH 727 N Wayne St, Warren 260-375-2811

office@warrenfirsbaptist.net Pator Rusty Strickler

Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ... Sun 11:30 EkklesiaSun 6:30pm

HILLCREST **CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

375-2510

Pastor Steven Spencer Bus Service 375-2510 www.warrennaz.org

Worship 10:30 a.m. Wed. Midweek Service...... 6:30 p.m. SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873

John Boyanowski, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

3147 W 543 S, Huntington 765.524.3390 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.

Monthly Meetings 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am

4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm LIBERTY CENTER **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Pastor Diane Samuels Fellowship Time9:00a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT

375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt.

Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir. $Coffee\ Fellowship......8:30\ a.m.$ Worship 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m. MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00

Everyone is Welcome

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN

375-2102

www.firstccw.net

Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor Takarra Myers, Youth Director

office@firstccw.net Sunday Worship...... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday School during Worship Service

Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage

Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.

Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m. **VB CHURCH OF THE VINE**

765-934-1431

Pastor Brad Hensley

vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School10:45am Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm Men Serving God Grp 2nd & 4th Sat . 9am

Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am

Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022

Mickey Strong, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.

Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth:

 $K\text{-}6th\ grade,\ Mon\\ 6:15\text{-}7pm$ Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm **FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

> 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609

Pastor Al Soultz

Sunday Worship...... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Sunday Adult Bible Study...... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm



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and discuss several topic areas:

- and rental rates,
- Family and landowner/tenant communications
- * Types of farm leases
- * What to include in a lease (legal aspects)
- Resources for new landowners and / or tenants The registration fee is \$25 per person, household or farm. Register at https://cvent.me/EPBQ0D by Feb. 26.

For reasonable accommodation or more information, contact Bill Horan at horan@purdue.edu or 260-824-6412.

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ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The state of Indiana is now accepting nominations for the Governor's Century and Half Century **Business** Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated commitment to serving the community.

Qualifying criteria are as follows:

- * The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2023.
- * The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If different, explanation of the evolution into the current business must be provided on the nomination form.

- * The business must have This program will explain had its base in Indiana since it was founded.
- * The business must Determining land value recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State.
 - * The business must not have previously received a Century or Half Century award from the state of Previous Half Indiana. Century award recipients may qualify for a Century award.

Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the online application by April 12, 2024. Please visit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation https://www.iedc.in.gov/pr ogram/century-and-halfcentury-awards/apply additional details.

EDUCATION DASHBOARD

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today presented the latest round of enhancements to Indiana Graduates Prepared Succeed (Indiana GPS) - a performance dashboard educators, empowering families, communities and employers with a robust view of how Indiana

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students are building the necessary knowledge and skills—in all grades and in all schools.

"When we first launched Indiana GPS in December 2022, we shared that one of the guiding principles of this platform is that it will be nimble and constantly improving based on feedback," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Since the initial launch, we have received feedback from educators about the desire to be able to dig into and learn from other schools' data about what's working and where, and also, how their own students might benefit from similar implementing strategies. From parents and families, we heard a similar desire to be able to easily see multiple schools and the assets of each school. The enhancements we releasing today are reflection of that feedback." Enhancements include:

* An additional filter for third grade reading data.

Users may select "tested location" or "majority enrolled" on the 3rd grade literacy indicator.

"Tested location" is where students were attending when they took the test. This is how Indiana has historically displayed IREAD data.

"Majority enrolled" refers the school where

students spent the majority of the school year.

* A new map feature aimed at helping educators and families locate schools in a defined geographical area and/or a particular area of interest.

Users may search for schools by zip code, address, or city, and filter by additional categories such as grade levels served, school type, etc. By clicking on the star to the right of each school name, users can also "favorite" a school.

* A new comparison tool to learn more about the strengths of each school.

Once a user has selected two or more schools as "favorites," they will be able to view and compare those schools' performance on each of the indicators currently available on the dashboard.

In addition to the enhancements listed above. all indicators have also been refreshed to reflect the most recent data available. Similar to the process during the initial launch of Indiana GPS and subsequent 2023, in enhancements school leaders had access to an embargoed pre-release of these enhancements, as well as the new data. This provided an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback prior to the public launch. As a result of ongoing feedback from schools, updates continue to be made to the dashboard to ensure it is comprehensive and as easy to use as possible.

The development of Indiana GPS follows the enactment of House Enrolled Act 1514 in 2021, which directed IDOE and the Indiana State Board of Education to develop a school performance dashboard that promotes transparency and multiple student measures, including longitudinal measures. The dashboard officially launched in December 2022, one and a half years in advance of the statutorilyrequired July 1, 2024 date.

The development of this dashboard is an iterative process and will continue to be improved over time, with new data and features added. To explore the dashboard, visit indianagps.doe.in.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Int'l Sorority held their February Business Meeting Tuesday February 6th at 7pm at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. Claudia Boxell, President, called the meeting to order with 11 members present; Sondra Zabel, Pam Rudy, Beth Ostermeyer, Shelly Melchi, Tara Korporal, Carol Irick, Sharon Gebhart, Dawn Fowler, Lorie Flock and Sandy Booher, with Kelly Jones, Jamie Straley, Victoria Thompson and Betty Yoder being excused.

Recording Secretary Tara did roll call and read the minutes from our December

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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.

Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 19		PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Feb 21	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Mar 6	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 11	6:00p	W Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Mar 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Mar 17		ST PATRICK'S DAY - Wear your Green!

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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meeting. Treasurer, Dawn reported our expenses and balance for the month. Pam passed the worksheet for service hours. Editor, Beth passed sheet for Alpha Bits News, read 2 thank you cards and correspondence from International Susan Nell Editor. Social Secretary, Sandy sent Christmas Cards and there will be a social Tuesday February 20. Pam is the hostess.

Finance Chair Lorie announced that our Luncheon for April 14 is a go. Reported our balance for the month. Claudia read correspondence from Misty Clugh, Alpha Province President. Our International Sponsorship will be 4 Paws 4 Ability this year. Delegates for Province this year will be Lorie and Carol. Province will be held in Peru IN this year with the theme being "Be A Clown" held March 15-17.

Dawn, Shelly and Beth will be the committee for the Alpha Province Picnic on Saturday August 17. Beta Delta Chapter will hostesses for the event. Chaplain Sondra dismissed us with prayer until we meet Tuesday March 5, 2024

MACKINAC ISLAND & AGAWA CANYON TRIP Day 5, Part 2

by Larry Ryan By 11:35 am, our bus load of passengers cleared customs and re-entered the USA via Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; the oldest (1668) city in the state. Our next stop was the Museum Ship Valley Camp. It was not a recreational camp site! A huge, 1917 freighter, SS Valley Camp, housed this museum. The ship roamed the Great Lakes for 50 years. We learned that it was powered by a 1,800 hp, triple expansion steam engine and hauled iron ore, coal, and limestone until 1955.

The ship's tour guide presented information about each section of the vessel, but one primary section had a large display focusing on the S. S. Edmund

Fitzgerald. This waterworthy monster was launched in 1958 and set hauling records with 30,000 tons of iron pellets. However, it sank in Lake Superior on Nov. 10, 1975 unexpected, during an violent storm. There were no survivors! The last words of Captain McSorley were, "We're holding our own, going along like an old shoe."

Before leaving this venue, we learned that in 1622, Brule and Grenoble were the first Europeans to look upon Lake Superior. It was named gichi-gami by the Ojibwe Indians, meaning "great sea." In the poem, "The Song of Hiawatha," Henry Wadsworth Longfellow used the word, "Gitche Gumee." Also, Gordon Lightfoot used it in "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" song. This largest lake's surface is 602 feet above sea level, 1.332 feet deep, contains 3,000 cubic miles of water! I did not physically check these facts. Water was too cold! In comparison, Lake Huron's elevation is downhill at 578 feet. Soo Locks required.

After leaving the museum at 12:50, my wife and I preferred an outdoor, Main Street bench to reside and enjoy lunch. The small grocery/quick mart in Sault Ste. Marie once again served our needs, pickled carrots included. At 2:20 the bus departed from the parking space next to the Ojibway Hotel and quickly located I-75 South.

The roadside, evergreen trees and various bushes were paramount again. The standard fencing that accompanies interstate hardly roads distinguishable due to the thick foliage. Passed "Castle Rock," an isolated, vertical rocky, limestone projection designated as a scenic lookout. Only \$ 1 admission.

The 5-mile long, Mackinac Bridge, or "Mighty Mac" was traversed at 3:20 pm. Toll fee was paid by our tour director, but I helped by signing for the trip. Below us was the

Straits of Mackinac. The bridge separates Lakes Huron and Michigan. The day was a sunny 69 degrees. With Michigan having so much shoreline, the state has 139 lighthouses. museum tour guide factitiously told us that those people living in Upper Michigan are known as "Yoopers" and those residing under the bridge/Lower Michigan are the "Trolls."

After confusing me and motoring past exits Vanderbilt and Atlanta, the bus driver left I-75 at Frankenmuth, Michigan. The Bavarian Inn Lodge, which opened in 1986, was our overnight destination. The inn also served us a buffet dinner. A single, entrée selection was unusual, but

However, I had difficulty falling to sleep. The Bavarian beer at dinner did not help either. Too many tour highlights kept bouncing around in my brain?

Will be home tomorrow.

FLEXIBLE BSN PROGRAM

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) is excited to announce the reconstructed online Bachelor of Science in (BSN) Nursing program tailored for working Registered Nurses (RNs). innovative program aims to provide flexibility convenience individuals who are already licensed as RNs, allowing them to elevate their nursing career in as little as 12 months while balancing work and life commitments.

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The 12-month program is divided into 4 terms, including breaks with 8 core classes (30 credits) and additional general education requirements. The estimated time commitment is about 10 hours per week, depending on the student. Classes are delivered with diverse learning including opportunities discussions, quizzes, interactive activities, videos, and learning games.

The only admission requirement for the program is an unencumbered RN license. Completion of the program offers advancement in a nursing career through positions like shift leader, charge nurse, staff nurse, or further education like MSN or DNP program tracks.

Career projections for It was a long and tiring day. nurses holding a BSN is robust with more than five million unique job postings and over 60,000 employers actively recruiting median nationwide. The national salary for an RN with a BSN is \$81,300.

> The RNBSN program offered through IWU is unique in its faith-based approach for academic and personal growth with professors who are highly qualified with practical healthcare experience. Our professors become mentors who support student success. For more information on completing a BSN in as little

months. 12 visit www.indwes.edu/nursing.

WE THE KINGDOM TOUR

On Jan. 26th, 2x GRAMMYnominated band We The Kingdom introduced its new era with the release of its hopeful song "The Plans." On April 4th, the group will perform at **Emens** Auditorium in Muncie, IN. Tickets go on sale Friday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a presale on Ticketmaster Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m. through Thursday, February 15 at 10:00 p.m. Presale code: CHURCH.

Katy Nichole, winner of the 2023 Gospel Music Association New Artist Of The Year Award, will serve as direct support for the run.

We The Kingdom has become synonymous with "joyful, anthemic" (GRAMMY.com) live performances and is known for their genre-bending ability to blend rock, country, soul and gospel music into their sonic landscape. The Church Music Tour follows their previous We The Kingdom LIVE headline tour, which included a sold out show at Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium.

For more information on We The Kingdom and tickets to the Church Music Tour, visit wethekingdom.com.





GENEALOGY REPORT

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WAGNER

Steven A. Wagner, 70, of Poneto, passed away at his home on Feb. 5, 2024.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1953, to Victor and MaryAnn Wagner in Ft. Wayne. After Steve graduated from Brebeuf Jesuit High School in 1972, he went on to study Biology at Wabash College. In 1973, Steve met Nancy Carroll and they were married in Ft. Wayne in 1975. They went on to have four sons, who benefitted from his intentional mentorship, coaching, soft-spoken advice, and dry sense of humor.

After an illustrious academic and athletic college career, Steve moved to Wells County in 1976 to begin his teaching career at the new Bluffton During Jr./Sr. H.S. teaching tenure, he was selected as a Fulbright Scholar and instructed for a vear at The Hundred of the Who school in Rochester, Kent, England. Steve taught biology at Bluffton until 1995 until he accepted a position as director of guidance at Southern Wells Jr./Sr. High School. He also held three Master's degrees from Ball State and IPFW. Steve's influence on colleagues and students was unmatched, and he was greatly missed following his retirement in 2020.

Steve was a devout parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church, a constant

friend, an avid reader, an indifferent sports fan, and a Joseph Catholic Cemetery in generous community member. will be He remembered for prioritizing requests that donations be his family, students, athletes, made in Steve's name to friends, and faith.

death by his parents, Victor Centered Services and can be and MaryAnn; parents-in-law, sent to the funeral home. James and Ann Carroll; sister, Vickie Oslos; and sister-in- KING law Marilyn Wagner.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy; his sons, Joshua (Megan), Benjamin (Jennifer), Peter (Laura), and Samuel; grandchildren, Justin, Abigail, Gabriel, Adrienne, King. Scarlett, Ainsley, Oscar, August, and Owen; his siblings, Richard (Liz) Wagner, (Wendell) Walls, Daniel (Joyce) Wagner, and Donald Wagner; sister-in-law Dunlap; Susan (Thomas) brothers-in-law David (Julie) Carroll and Jimmy Carroll; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father David Violi celebrating mass. Visitation will be held Monday for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will follow mass at St. Bluffton, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family Bluffton-Southern Wells Steve was preceded in Dollars for Scholars or Family

Robert A. King, 54, of Marion, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.

He was born on June 7, 1969, in Marion, the son of the late Robert and Mildred (Kirk)

Robert worked at Barry Bunker, Marion, as an auto

He also loved racing. Robert was a pit crew member for Tyler Hewitt.

He was an amazing dad who raised his daughters as a single dad.

Robert is survived by two (Gavi) daughters, Robin Ortega, of Marion, and Jessica (Christopher Marshall) King, of Van Buren; five grandchildren, Gabriela, Ortega, Ryleigh Ortega, Gavi Ortega, Avery Phifer and Phoenix Phifer.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, Raven at Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd., Marion.

Funeral service will begin following immediately visitation. Pastor Tom Mansbarger will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given in memory of Robert to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton St, Marion, IN 46952 or to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Maron, IN 46953.

SOCIAL **MATTERS**

Ask Rusty – How is my Social Security Benefit Calculated?

Dear Rusty: I appreciate your recent article dispelling the myth that politicians have stolen Social Security money. As a CPA, I dispel this myth repeatedly to clients who falsely claim SS funds have been raided. But another thing I deal with often is how SS benefits are calculated. I know the formula for determining each benefit person's amount is complex, but I to explain have had numerous times that those who put the most into Social Security get the lowest rate of return and those who put the least in get the highest return based on the way the benefit formula is structured. I get tired of people complaining that monthly Social Security payments are higher for retired doctors and other highly paid individuals. Can you please explain how Social Security is weighted in favor of lower income workers? Signed: Tired of the Misunderstandings

Dear Tired: Please don't be frustrated. Because of the program's complexity, Social Security prone is to misunderstanding, educating the misinformed is an important professional duty we share. Here's how

each person's SS benefit is SECURITY determined:

> The first thing to know is each person's retirement benefit is not based on their financial contributions to the program. Social Security's purpose is to provide a benefit which replaces a portion of the pre-retirement person's income, so the SS benefit is based on actual lifetime earnings, not on the payroll taxes withheld from those earnings.

> Social Security has your lifetime earnings record (obtained annually from the and that record determines your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." "PIA" initially Your is determined in your eligibility year (usually age 62) and is the amount you will get if you claim for benefits to start exactly at your full retirement age (FRA).

To develop your PIA, Social Security first adjusts (indexes) each year of your lifetime earnings (up to the annual payroll tax cap) to account for inflation. They then select the 35 inflationadjusted years in which you earned the most, from which they compute your average monthly earnings over your lifetime (this is called your Average Indexed Monthly

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We decided to do an appetizer bar for the reception so not sure how that's going to go but I need to find lots of room in my freezer. I have Tara in charge of that so she can work her magic and I'm sure everything will be just fine. i just haven't showed her the list of items yet, so she may kill me before it even gets started. Iol

As I write this, tonight is the Superbowl and it's the 49'ers and the Chiefs so it will be a good game. I went with the chiefs, minus Taylor Swift, for the win. Patrick Mahomes is from a small town in Texas where my family lives, so I'll go with the hometown boy. He's a good quarterback, a little arrogant, but I think he can get the job done. As much as I hate to say it, but he is going to be the next Tom Brady, he's got it in him. So tonight will be a nacho bar at our house, maybe a few other things, and just sit back and enjoy the game, even though my Detroit Lions won't be there.

Have a great week and unfortunately it won't be like last week but it's getting ready for basketball tournaments so you know the weather won't be great.

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Earnings, or "AIME"). They then break your AIME into three segments, the first of which includes a majority of and possibly all of - your AIME. They then take a percentage of each segment total those three amounts to determine your PIA. The first segment is the largest and 90% of that first segment contributes most of your PIA. Smaller percentages of the other two segments (32% and 15% respectively if your AIME is higher), are then added to the first computation to arrive at your full PIA - the amount you get if you start benefits in the month you reach your FRA. Note that since most of the PIA comes from the first large segment of each person's AIME, lower income workers get a higher percentage of their lifetime average monthly amount.

Since benefits are based on

earnings, those with lower lifetime earnings do, indeed, get a smaller benefit than those with higher average but the lifetime earnings, of percentage preretirement replacement lower income income workers receive is higher than for those with higher monthly average lifetime earnings. The Social Security benefit for lower income workers is typically about 40% of their pre-retirement average monthly income, while those with higher lifetime average earnings may get a benefit as little as of their average monthly pre-retirement earnings. In that sense, the benefit Social Security formula is progressive and weighted in favor of lower income workers. Nevertheless, albeit replacement smaller percentage, higher income workers receive a higher monthly SS benefit because of their higher lifetime earnings. Even so, those higher earners did, indeed, contribute more payroll taxes from their higher earnings.

So, each person's SS retirement benefit amount

is a percentage of their preretirement income.
Coincidently, those with
higher pre-retirement
income also contributed
more to the Social Security
program than did those with
lower earnings. But their
higher SS benefit amount is
based on their higher preretirement earnings, not on
payroll taxes paid from
those higher earnings.

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ASK SHIP

Q: My husband and I are getting older and having more health concerns. We have Medicare and Medicaid, but we want to maintain our independence at home as much as possible. Are there any benefits or services that can help us? I don't want to burden my family too much for help.

A: Beginning this Summer, 2024, a new program called Pathways, will be offered that may benefit you and/or your husband.

The Indiana Family and Services Social Administration, FSSA, will partner with experienced health plans to create a managed long-term services and supports program (LTSS). This will allow experienced health plans to coordinate these benefits with an individual's other benefits, such as Medicare and Medicaid. The program is for Hoosiers aged 60 and over who receive Medicaid or

is a percentage of their pre- both Medicaid and Medicare retirement income. benefits (Dual Eligible).

Many Hoosiers who join the program will be able to get long-term care at home. Individuals who meet the criteria and join Pathways can choose a health plan from one of the three contracted Managed Care (MCE)—Humana, Entities United Healthcare, Anthem. That plan can help them get services and support to increase their independence with services like transportation to their doctor's office, help in making meals, home-health visits or adult day care centers.

Each qualifying member will have a care and services These coordinator. coordinators will help members get all of the benefits for which they qualify. Other services and support may be offered, depending on what the senior is qualified to receive. Hoosiers About 120,000 qualify for this program in Indiana.

Pathways is for Indiana Medicaid members who are: * 60 years of age and older

- * Eligible for a full-coverage aged, blind or disabled category (with or without Medicare)
- * Can be receiving long-term support services though Medicaid, including: o Residing in a nursing or longterm care facility o Are approved for an Aged and Disabled waiver
- * Can be on the Behavioral and Primary health Coordination Program

Qualified Medicaid recipients should expect to receive more information by mail this February. Those who in enroll in Pathways should begin receiving benefits in July, 2024. You can learn more about Pathways and even compare plans at www.in.gov/pathways.

If you have questions related to Pathways call the Indiana PathWays for Aging Helpline at 87-PATHWAY-4 (877-2849294). Or, visit www.in.gov/pathways/h ome/ You can also find us on

Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, to help and YouTube. internet

MUST-HAVE TECH UPGRADES FOR YOUR LIFE

(StatePoint) Want simplify your life, boost your productivity and work smarter? Incorporating some of the latest tech developments into your routine may be the answer. Authority According to Hacker, 77% of devices use some sort of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and 50% of consumers are becoming more optimistic about using the technology.

Check out some of the coolest technology upgrades you can make right now:

1. Boost Your Productivity: With so many distractions, it can be difficult to stay focused and productive in your personal professional life. Cue AI to rescue! The RescueTime works silently on your computer or mobile device, recording how much time you spend on different programs or websites, and then creating a report providing insights into your productive time distractions. If you struggle with organizing your email inbox, try SaneBox. It sorts messages for you and over time, evolves to improve your productivity. Apps like IFTT (If This, Than That) allow you to create automated commands to store files and things you need.

2. Upgrade Smartphone: Upgrading your smartphone will enhance security features, battery life, performance and the latest 5G network. Samsung just unveiled its latest S24 series and the new lineup is the first to leverage T-Mobile's uplink carrier This aggregation. means customers can get up to 90% faster uplink speeds than the previous Samsung lineup, making things like video uploads nearly twice as fast. The Samsung S24 series introduces Galaxy AI, with easy, real-time live language translations of voice and text, Circle to Search with Google,

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- 3. Smarten Your Home: From automatic door locks to smart plugs, thermostats and appliances, you can give your home a much-needed tech upgrade. Use smart plugs to control lighting in your home from an app, and a smart door lock with features like remote access and fingerprint ID so you can go key-free.
- 4. Enhance Your Network Experience: The network your phone relies on to access the latest technology may need an upgrade, and now there's a way to test out another wireless provider's network before making the switch. T-Mobile's Network Pass allows you and your family to keep your current wireless provider, phones and phone numbers and try out T-Mobile's network free for three months. You'll get access to T-Mobile's largest, fastest and most awarded 5G network and the ability to compare your network performance to pick the best wireless provider for you. The best part, it all can be done online via an app, without having to go into a store.
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