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Thought for the Week: By desiring little, a poor man makes himself rich. Democritus

### VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

The Purdue Extension Succession Planning Team is hosting the virtual workshop, "Succession Planning - Transferring the Farm's Legacy," for individuals seeking advice as they look ahead with transferring their family businesses to the next generation.

"Many families strive to have a good succession process in place. Setting goals, seeking legal advice, and considering family dynamics are all important aspects," said Ed Farris, Purdue Extension Educator in Huntington Co., who is a member of the Purdue Extension Succession Planning Team. "This program is designed to help families stay focused in their planning decisions."

The three-session lunchtime virtual workshop will be Tuesday Aug. 20 (Noon to 1 p.m. EST), Wednesday Aug 21 (Noon to 1 p.m. EST), and Thursday Aug. 22 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m. EST). Note the earlier start time on Thursday Aug. 22 as the series concludes with an attorney presentation.

The series will offer the following presentations from Purdue Extension Educators and Specialists along with attorneys:

- August 20, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (EST), "Management Transfer" - Speakers: Nick Held and Kyle Weaver
- August 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (EST), "Financial Preparedness" - Speakers: Michael Langemeier and Ed Farris
- August 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (EST), "Conflict Management" - Speakers: Phil Woolery and Renee Wiatt and "Legal Considerations for

Structuring Your Farm Succession Plan" - Speakers: Scott Linneweber and Brian Eagle, Attorneys, Eagle and Fein, P.C.

Participants can register for the program series at <https://cvent.me/NEOBQg>. The program fee is \$40.00 per email address. Zoom Links to the programs will be sent to registered participants prior to the programs. Registration questions can be answered by contacting Jeff Pell at [jpell@purdue.edu](mailto:jpell@purdue.edu) or 317-745-9260.

### POPCORN PARADE

As is our tradition, we will begin the festival with the parade!! Get your spot early because the streets fill up fast!!! Make sure to bring a bag for the kids and maybe one for you because there is always lots of candy and POPCORN handed out!

If you want to be part of the parade contact our parade chair at 765-661-9197 or go to [www.popcornfestivalofvanburen.org](http://www.popcornfestivalofvanburen.org) to download a parade form!

### WORSHIP FESTIVAL

Southern Wells Community Church is organizing a worship music festival to be held at the Riverside Park on August 4th from 4-9 PM. The Overflow Worship Festival will have four different contemporary worship groups from the Warren Church of Christ, Lighthouse Church, Faith Community Church of God, and SWCC Worship, who each will play for one hour. In the 15 minutes between musical sets, there will be someone giving a testimony of how God has impacted their life.

Schedule will be: 4:00 pm Warren Church of Christ, 5:15

pm Lighthouse Church, 6:30 pm Faith Community Church of God, 7:45 pm SWCC Worship.

Make sure to bring a lawn chair and some money for food as there will be a food truck available. Special thank you to the sponsors of this event, Black Creek Contracting, Dewese Soft Water & Appliance, Heritage Pointe of Warren, Neff Realty, Perry Club Lambs, Son-Rise Bakery, and Warren Pharmacy.

### 2024 SEASON ENDS

The Warren Baseball & Softball Kid's Leagues finished up the season with the last championship on July 8th. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town of Warren for the use of the facilities, and to Town Council for their continued support. I would also like to thank all our sponsors, coaches, umpires, Solid Rock Concessions, the Haggerty's for the nice new scoreboards. Players and fans for another exciting year with the WBSL. Shout out to Dustin Fortney for everything he does at the park, which was a lot this year. Also, to Kenny Bennett and his wife for helping with the fields, and to Laura Mossburg-Wiles, James Loftis, and Jessica Stucky for helping out running the League and being there for me and the kids of the WBSL - not to mention putting on the tribute for Rob, along with Cassie Staley and her girls Autumn and Madysen that was a very big success. Huge shout-out to Rod Sprinkle and his twins Jarrod and Jacob - there were not only here every night to umpire - carrying stuff to and from the car, shutting things down and driving by my house

every night before heading out of town to make sure I was home safe. I know Rob was looking down on all the Sprinkles who we have known forever and appreciating them all looking out for me.

Special thanks to the parents for allowing us to coach your kids.

The Adult Co-Ed Softball League starts on July 30th and will play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week until tourney. The schedule will be posted on the Facebook page in the next few days. So come out and watch some more games.

WBSL Kid's Tourney winner are as follows:

American Little League (7-10) - 1st place Scuffle Creek Angus, 2nd place Roush Family Farms.

National Little League (10-13) - 1st place Reber's Repair, 2nd place DeWeese Softwater.

Junior Girls Softball (7-12) - 1st place Coach's Connection, 2nd place Century 21 Property Shoppe.

Senior Girls Softball (13-17) - 1st place Lee Farms, 2nd place Citizen's Telephone

Pony League (14-17) - 1st place HyLine Int's, 2nd place Saturn Wheel.

This year was definitely a struggle for me with everything that happened in my family and I am so grateful for all the love and support I received. Support not only at the ball park but from the entire Town of Warren, and I will never forget that! My life will never be the same, but I was thankful for the league to keep me busy. The league for me is a 10 month thing every season (starts Feb 1st until end of October) and I have no

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**OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL MFRF**

Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child residing with the veteran for back-to-school expenses

**Apply for:**

- Children K-12 (up to age 18)
- Full-time college students (up to age 23)

**You Will Need:**

- Application
- DD 214
- Bank statement
- Proof of income
- Proof of residency
- Proof of dependency

**July 15 to August 30**

### OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

Operation Back to School is back! This program provides financial assistance to Indiana veteran families experiencing financial difficulty, offering \$500 per qualified dependent for back-to-school supplies and other school-related expenses. Families can begin applying on July 15. The application period closes on August 30.

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**Kudos, Kicks & Karats**



Well the 57th annual Salamonie Summer Festival is in the books and really as Joyce said it perfectly, what's your favorite part of the festival? When its over!

I do enjoy it and especially getting involved in it. Some of the ideas that get discussed and some of the discussions about them get pretty good. I can still see the looks on the committee's face the year we wanted to race toilets down the street. Yep they were pretty priceless.

Tara and I have talked about what we want to bring back for next year and it might just happen, so stay tuned for the ideas to come about and see what we are up to.

This year's Family Heirloom Recipe Contest was a success and we had four winners this year. 1st place is Eva Witkamps "Mom's Carrot Cake" which I shared the recipe last week in Treva's Recipe Box. 2nd place was Joanie Paxton with "Aunt Rosa's Salamonie Rhubarb Cake", 3rd place was Jalen Cook with "Great Grandmas Coconut Lemon Bars" and 4th place went to Robert Slinger with "Aunt Ruth Johnson's Butterscotch Pie". All entries were exceptionally good and the judges had a hard time picking a winner. Thank you all for entering and to those who stopped by to see the winning recipes. The history behind these recipes were wonderful.

So now we are moving on to 4-H and State Fair week and I'm ready to get this show on the road, then it's wedding week and it is coming quick, or should I say quicker than I want it to. Lots of things to do yet but it's coming together good, now if it goes off without a hitch we are good. The only thing that is getting hitched up is one the daughter and two the horse and buggy she is riding in on. lol

John is going back to the doctor for his check up on his neck and with hopes he gets rid of the brace and starts the therapy soon. His restrictions are getting to be a little annoying for him, he has things to do and I have things for him to do too!! lol I do not want to push him. I want this to heal properly and that's his opinion too but he is getting pretty yancy.

Well better get moving. I still got some things to do before I start my week and hopefully I will get them done. Have a great week and say a little prayer I get those pretty ribbons at the fair!!!

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- \* Archives of past Warren Weekly's
- \* Classified & Subscription Forms
- \* Event Registration Forms

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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 — 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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plans to stop doing any of it. Rob and I were in our 4th decade and I have no clue what could possibly take its place in my life and my heart.

Congrats to the teams. See everyone next year. I love you all!

**COUNCIL NOTES**

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

**CITIZENS:** Waneta Linton asked about letters that were submitted for the grant. Roy Kreigh spoke about solar panels in Grant County. He gave his reasons why he wants solar panels in the county. Gary Duckwall asked if he could put a modular on his property on S. First, the council advised that he would need to reach out to Area Plan.

**POLICE:** Marshal Skyler Beard reported that he is still working on ordinances to clean up properties. There will be extra police officers patrolling for the Block Party this weekend. The department is getting things ready for the Popcorn Festival.

**UTILITIES:** Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. An electrician was in to give a quote for tower mixers. Each mixer would cost \$4,100.00. The OCRA grant forms were submitted on time. Easement paperwork was sent to the town Attorney, Tony Spahr for the storm drain project. A new water line was put in for 509 W. Main. Donnie will begin flushing fire hydrants soon.

**GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR URBAN FORESTRY PROJECTS**

Applications are now open for grants to fund urban forestry projects throughout Indiana.

Projects including tree planting, tree inventories with management plans, urban tree canopy assessments, and storm response planning are fundable through these grants. Funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis and a 1:1 match is required.

Administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry's Community & Urban Forestry program, the funding is available through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry program.

There are three different grant opportunities available. Applicants may apply for more than one grant but receiving funding for more than one grant is not guaranteed.

All application materials are available for download at [on.IN.gov/cuf](http://on.IN.gov/cuf) by clicking on CUFA grants at the top of the page. Applications are due Sept. 4.

Funding announcements will be made by Oct. 4

Additional information is available from Jacob Roos, community and urban forestry director, DNR Division of Forestry, 317-234-4386, [jroos@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jroos@dnr.IN.gov).

**WILL YOU SOON BE NEW TO MEDICARE?**

Turning 65 soon? Retiring after the age of 65? These are just a few life events that can make you eligible for Medicare.

SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, wants to help people with Medicare, including people under 65 with disabilities, get more value from their health insurance dollars. SHIP provides consumers with free, impartial and confidential health insurance counseling regarding Medicare, Medicare supplement insurance (Medigap), Medicare Advantage Plans, Long Term Care Plans, and finding help with prescription costs. We can also help you enroll in the program(s) of your choice. SHIP counselors can assist with low-income assistance applications, as well as referrals to other similar programs.

SHIP has more than 147 sites and over 463 trained and certified counselors throughout Indiana. Our counselors can assist you in person, by phone, or virtually. Look for a SHIP site near you at [www.in.gov/ship/find-anindiana-ship-location](http://www.in.gov/ship/find-anindiana-ship-location).

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What else can SHIP do to help you?

- \* Help you evaluate the various Medicare Part D, Medicare supplement insurance policies (Medigap), Medicare Advantage, and Long Term Care Insurance policies currently available in Indiana.

- \* Help you enroll in the plan(s) of your choice.

- \* Help with applications for assistance programs that help pay for uncovered Medicare costs.

- \* Inform you of your rights as a Medicare beneficiary or health insurance policyholder.

- \* Provide educational videos, webinars, materials, and brochures.

- \* Educate you to understand Medicare, file claims, and appeal Medicare decisions.

- \* Refer you to appropriate agencies where you can get help with other needs.

- \* Provide speakers to make presentations to groups.

Learn more about what SHIP can do to help your transition to Medicare at [www.Medicare.in.gov](http://www.Medicare.in.gov). You can also find us on Facebook, YouTube, X, and LinkedIn. Contact SHIP directly during standard business hours at (800) 452-4800.

**ANOTHER FICTITIOUS DREAM**

by Larry Ryan  
It was late in the overnight sleeping period when this dream occurred. My wife and I were shopping at a department store in a large city. Well, we were actually browsing in this multilevel

shopping mall. Shopping is reserved for the grocery store experience. Another word that we substitute for the term shopping is "buying." It is predetermined what is essential and the buying trip is for a specific item at a specific store! Hence, NO SHOPPING. No wasted energy.

Now, back to the dream. While browsing, I happened to witness a young adult, who appeared to be a late blooming teenager, striking another person over the head with a plastic tube. Immediately my sense of conscientious objection, which was instilled in me by my scout master and church, kicked in. I grabbed the perpetrator by the arm and took the weapon from him. He was smaller than me which added to my aggressive decision.

I seated him on a bench in the mall and gave my wife instructions to shoot him if he moved. No, that was a post-dream, drama series thought. She was charged with keeping an eye on him while I called for security. My wife has been known to tackle individuals who have tried to escape! I had confidence that she would be up for this important assignment.

Of course security was not punctual in arriving. I probably interrupted smoking or donut break. There was talk about public behavior and names taken. Finally someone checked on the victim. That person had disappeared. Hopefully not to retrieve a

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**Weekly Specials  
July 18 - 24**

**IT'S CANNING TIME!**

**Jar Sale - Pints \$12.99 Qt's - \$14.99  
All Mrs. Wages Packs - \$2.99  
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Outside Stand - Daylight to Dusk Inside Store Open Daily

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Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jul 17	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jul 26	7:00p	W - Sweetwater All Stars @ Riverside Park
Aug 1-3		VB - Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 7	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 12	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 13	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 21	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall

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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gun. I shook hands with the perpetrator for some reason and I woke up thankfully!

**ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Organizations and communities are encouraged to apply for grants to support developing and expanding public rifle, handgun, shotgun, or archery ranges through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Shooting Range Grant program.

Projects may include new range construction or expansion of existing range facilities. All grant-funded facilities must be universally designed to accommodate all people. Previously funded shooting range projects included installing new sidewalks, constructing new bathroom facilities, installing trap and skeet houses, and constructing a new modern archery facility.

The annual deadline for submitting letters of intent for the grant is Oct. 1.

The program, which is funded by the federal Wildlife Restoration Program, provides funding to increase public recreational shooting sports opportunities. A manufacturer tax on the purchase of ammunition, firearms, and archery equipment and the sale of hunting licenses is a primary funding source for conservation work led by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Grants are awarded based on the respective letters of intent. Applicants selected must provide 10% of the total project cost. Letters of intent must be emailed to Sam Whiteleather at [swhiteleather@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:swhiteleather@dnr.IN.gov) by Oct. 1.

More information is at [bit.ly/dnr-shooting-range-grants](http://bit.ly/dnr-shooting-range-grants).

**LADY HEAD AUCTION**

The first in a series of online-only auctions dedicated to the lady head vase collection of Maddy Gordon is slated for Monday, July 22nd, starting at 6 pm Eastern time, by Strawser Auction Group. Bidding will be handled exclusively through HiBid.com. This first sale will feature 214 lots of lady head vases. Bidding will start at just \$1 for each vase up for bid.

To view the catalog, click this link: <https://strawserauctions.hibid.com/catalog/557916/july-22-2024-online-head-vase-auction>

Ms. Gordon's collection, in its entirety, comprises more than 3,000 head vases. It will require up to seven auctions and several years to liquidate all of it. The makers include names such as Lefton, Inarco, Relpo, Napco and many others. All are wonderful representations of the figural vases in the form of a head (or bust) of a woman that have captivated collectors for decades.

Ms. Gordon isn't just a collector. She's written books and articles on the subject, and was the founder of the Head Hunters Newsletter and organizer of the annual Head Vase Conventions in Kissimmee, Florida for many years. She became a huge fan of America's first head vase creator, Betty Lou Nichols, and authored the book, *Head Vases, Etc., The Artistry of Betty Lou Nichols*.

An article in *Kovels Antique Trader* stated that lady head vases "exude glamour with their perfectly coiffed hairdos, big lush eyelashes and ruby lips, elegant fashions, and sometimes adorned with pearls or other jewelry, a stylish hat or gloves - or

sometimes all three accessories."

Maddy Gordon, a New Yorker all her life, was the daughter of serious antique collectors and, through her training as a medical and psychiatric social worker, was well-equipped to recognize and appreciate the nuances of facial expressions. Not surprisingly, then, she became interested in lady head vases when they first began appearing at shows, shops and flea markets years ago.

While some people limit their collections to beautiful ladies, Maddy has been attracted to the whole universe, one that includes babies, animals, clowns, Madonnas, children, nurses, brides, and characters like Uncle Sam. Some are not vases at all but ashtrays, lipstick holders, head lamps and more. It's estimated over 10,000 different varieties of head vases have been made.

Celebrity head vases have even crept into the mix over the years. Ones created in the likeness of Marilyn Monroe, Lucille Ball, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Grace Kelly, Carmen Miranda and others have found their way into collections. These can include males, too, like Elvis Presley, but those are less common. A 1964 Jackie Kennedy head vase by Inarco sold for just under \$1,000.

And now, a bit of history: lady head vases first appeared in Europe in the 19th century, with the earliest American examples not arriving on the scene until the 1930s. Lady head vases were often made in Japan after World War II, by companies like Enesco, Inarco, Lefton, Napco, Reubens and Relpo. American makers included Betty Lou Nichols, Royal Copley, Ceramic Arts Studio, Shawnee Pottery and Henry Holt. These could be purchased cheaply in packs of 6 or 12.

Florist companies produced the head vases as a marketing gimmick to sell small bouquets, which is why so many ended up in American homes in the 1950s and '60s. Retailers like Woolworth's also sold them. By the 1970s thousands of different kinds of head vases were made, which led to a glut in the market, a decrease in demand, the end of the craze and a discontinuation of product.

Fast forward to the new millennium, where a fresh crop of appreciative collectors rediscovered lady head vases for the diminutive treasures that they are. Most range in size from 2-14 inches, although most are seven inches or less. Some collectors have put them to work, filling them with flowers or other artful arrangements, using them to hold beauty supplies, or even to hold pens.

While all the lady head vases in Maddy Gordon's collection are authentic and true to the period, collectors need to know there are reproductions in the market that are sold mainly in gift shops throughout the county. Most recent pieces are easy to distinguish from their older counterparts, but buyers are still encouraged to purchase from reputable antique dealers and trusted collectors.

As mentioned, Betty Lou Nichols is credited with sparking the lady head vase craze in the U.S., and pieces by her are highly sought after today by collectors. She began making her creations in the 1940s with clay and a rolling pin, on her parents' kitchen table. She opened her first ceramics studio in 1945. She was the only maker to add handmade details, such as ruffles, lace and bows.

Betty Lou Nichols head vases are distinctive and tend to represent women in the Gay '90s style, with big hats and big curls, perfect cheekbones and skin. The trademark Betty Lou look includes eyelashes lowered "in perpetual coquetry." There are no Betty Lou Nichols lady head vases in the Part 1 sale of the Maddy Gordon collection, but there may be some offered in future auctions.

There is a wide variety of styles of head vases in the world: plain women, tribal women, and women in their Sunday best. Many have realistic facial features, with eyes open or closed, with chic accessories like pearl necklaces with matching dangling earrings or other jewelry and stylish hats. Some have a perfectly manicured hand that frames a side of their face or a gloved hand.

There is also a variety of hairdos, including curls, updos, long hair, bouffants, and short, sassy styles, sometimes adorned with ceramic flowers or ribbons. Necklines also vary. Head vases can be collected by makers, specific sizes, or themes, such as brunettes, those wearing hats, or those with hands. Vases with teenage faces, from the 1960s,

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are not as common as the adult versions.

As for pricing, lady head vases can be found for between \$10 to \$1,000 and even more, depending on rarity. It's easy to start collecting head vases, since many can be found at antique shops or online in the \$10 to \$50 range. Ruby Lane has a variety ranging from \$17 to \$2,600. You could also get lucky and find one for far less at a yard sale, flea market, or thrift store.

Many collectors are willing to pay \$50 or more for a head vase they don't have yet, even if it's not rare or a celebrity. Head vases, like all collectibles, fluctuate in value. It's always a good idea to buy head vases that are in good shape, with little or no crazing, chips, or breaks, since the condition adds to the value. And also, as usual, when it comes to collectibles, buy what you like.

Makers like Napco, Enesco, Nichols and other manufacturers included a maker's mark on the bottoms of their pieces. Other companies included a paper label or foil sticker that, over time, wore away. Not every head vase is marked, but that doesn't necessarily make it less valuable or collectible. Sellers, as a general rule, include a photo of the mark on the bottom of the piece.

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To learn more about Strawser Auction Group and the first in a series of online-only auctions dedicated to the lady head vase collection of Maddy Gordon, slated for Monday, July 22nd, visit [www.strawserauctions.com](http://www.strawserauctions.com). Updates are posted often. You can reach Strawser Auction

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### CHICO

by Daris Howarrd  
My daughter, Elli, was going to a music camp in Sun Valley, Idaho. Donna, my wife, would be spending the week with Elli there because I had to work. Sun Valley is an expensive town, so hotels were beyond our means. That meant they would need to camp.

I towed the tent trailer up there on Sunday and helped them set it up. I connected the water and power for them and did everything I could to make sure they were as comfortable as possible before I headed back home. Before I left, a camper pulled into the spot beside ours. We greeted the new neighbors, an older couple, and became instant friends. Their little dog was friendly and seemed to be very smart.

"What's his name?" Elli asked.  
"Chico," our neighbors answered.

I know limited Spanish, but Elli had taken it in school. She interpreted for me. "That means 'boy' in Spanish."

"He's a little male dog," the husband said. "That's why we chose that name."

I had a three-hour drive home, so I left. When I came back in the middle of the week, Elli had to show me some things.

"Watch this, Dad," Elli said. Elli then held out a little food to Chico and said, "Mendigiar."

Chico sat up with his little paws curled in front of him. Elli gave him the food.

"Mendigiar means 'beg' in Spanish," Elli told me.

Elli said a lot more words I didn't know, and each time she did, the little dog would respond with an action. Chico would roll over, lay down, or play dead. He even danced on his hind paws.

"He's really smart," Elli said. "And our neighbors told us a funny story about him."

Elli said the neighbors had been vacationing in Mexico when they first saw Chico. The

man who owned him had lots of dogs. He trained the dogs and then sold them to tourists. The couple had watched the dogs do all sorts of tricks, and they fell in love with Chico. He was smart and cute.

"He beg, sit, roll, bark, and many other thing," the trainer said in broken English. "You just say word."

The trainer gave them a list of words the dog would obey, then the couple paid the trainer and took the little dog with them. They named the dog Rusty. When they got back into the United States, they decided to test out their new pet's skills.

They tried every word on the list the man had given them, but the little dog just stared at them. The husband grew increasingly frustrated. Finally, he said, "This dog doesn't do anything. Maybe he's not as smart as we thought. We ought to return him and get our money back."

"But we know he does those things," the wife said. "We saw him do them."

They both stared at the list for a moment and then, almost at the same time, they realized the problem. The trainer had struggled speaking English, and they noticed that even though the list contained English words, it was poorly written. They concluded the trainer had probably trained the dog in Spanish, and the list was simply in English for the customer.

They looked up the words in Spanish. "Sentar," the husband said, and the little dog sat.

"Mendigiar," the wife said, and the little dog begged.

Elli told me that some words had more than one Spanish equivalent, and sometimes the couple had to try more than one to get the right word. But eventually, they figured out all the Spanish words.

That was when they decided to change the dog's name to Chico.

"After all," Elli said, "the dog only speaks Spanish."

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### SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor,  
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens  
Ask Rusty – We Want to Claim SS at 62. When Should we Apply?

Dear Rusty: My wife and I are going to be taking Social Security at 62. She will be 62 on April 15, 2025. I will be 62 August 7, 2025. When should we apply for Social Security? Signed: Ready to file

Dear Ready: Social Security recommends you apply for benefits about 2 – 3 months prior to when you want your benefits to start (to get them time to process your application). You will specify on your application when you wish your benefit to start, so applying early isn't a problem. Just a few things to keep in mind:

Your first month of eligibility will be the first month you are 62 for the entire month. In your wife's case, her first month of eligibility will be May 2025, and in your case your first month of eligibility will be September 2025. Your wife's benefits will be paid on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, and your benefits will be received on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (payment dates depend on when your birthday falls).

Social Security has an earnings test for those collecting early benefits (before your full retirement age). If you are working and exceed the earnings limit, SS will take away some of your benefits. The earning limit for 2024 is \$22,320 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefit for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit changes annually, so the 2025 limit will be more). Thus, if you plan to work after collecting, you must stay aware of the earning test. If

you earn substantially more than the earnings limit, you even may be temporarily ineligible to collect benefits (until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) when the earning test no longer applies).

By claiming at 62, you will incur a cut in benefits of about 30% from the amount you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. And, except for annual cost of living adjustments, that is a permanent reduction. FYI, your benefit will continue to grow if you wait longer to claim.

Deciding when to claim Social Security should take into account your financial needs, your life expectancy, and your goals as a couple. Claiming at 62 is the right choice for many, but waiting longer, if feasible, will result in a higher monthly amount, which could be beneficial if your life expectancy is long. Of course, we are here for you if you have any additional questions, so please don't hesitate to contact us again if needed.

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## GENEALOGY

### SCALF

Jerry Scalf, 68, of Huntington, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 11, 1955, in Pikeville, Ky., to the late Wesley and Leona (Williams) Scalf.

Jerry worked many years in a factory before his retirement.

He is survived by two sons, Carl Scalf, of Warren, and Cody Scalf, of Warren; five grandchildren, Dylan, Mason, Brooklyn, Wesley and Carter.

To honor the wishes of Jerry, there will be no services.

A private interment will be at a later date.

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### SOFA STAINS TOP THE LIST OF FURNITURE FAILS IN NEW SURVEY

(StatePoint) Perhaps you're better off not taking that new sofa out of its plastic wrap. Sofas, couches and loveseats top the list of furniture most likely to be damaged, according to the latest survey on furniture damage from Allstate Protection Plans. What's worse, more than half of furniture purchases were damaged in the first two years!

A whopping 174.8 million Americans have damaged furniture, and 61% of accidents occurred in the first two years of ownership.

Here are insights from this survey, along with information on what consumers did to repair, replace or hide damage:

- **Failure Frequencies:** When asked which furniture was damaged most recently, 40% of Americans said sofas, couches and loveseats. People spent \$299 on average repairing or replacing them. And 17% of accidents happened in the first six months after purchase.

- **Drips and Rips:** Spills and stains were the leading cause of damage, accounting for over half (55%). Rips and tears were second (25%). Juices accounted for 25% of stains, while people and pet stains accounted for 21%.

- **Four Legs Versus Two:** Surprisingly, pets and children were less likely to be responsible for damage than adults. Forty-five percent of adults blamed spouses for damage, with children responsible for 34%. Dogs

were twice as likely as cats to cause damage.

- **Dealing with Damage:** Forty-three percent of people tried to fix damage themselves, while 38% kept using furniture despite damage.

Twenty-three percent hide it, with 14% replacing items and 4% repairing them.

- **Fear of Fancy Furniture:** Over a third (36%) avoided buying high-priced furniture for fear of damage. While 54% were aware protection plans can cover sofas, only 31% understood they can cover beds, and just 12% knew they can cover area rugs.

- **Preventive Measures:** Thirty-eight percent of Americans have covered furniture with towels or sheets, 29% have used slipcovers and plastic covers, and 20% have used stain prevention treatments. Just over a fifth (22%) currently have a protection plan or extended warranty for furniture.

"While people are used to protecting electronics, many don't know they can protect furniture too. It gives you peace of mind, knowing expert help is there when you need it," says Jason Siciliano, vice president of marketing and creative director at Allstate Protection Plans.

To protect furniture, the experts at Allstate Protection Plans recommend:

- **Clean Regularly:** Dust and dirt buildup can cause scratches and abrasions, or worse. Cleaning is important for high-traffic items like area rugs.

- **Use Coasters and Mats:** They can prevent rings and stains from moisture and heat.

- **Invest in Protective Covers:** For both indoor and outdoor furniture, especially high-use pieces, covers can help.

- **Rotate and Rearrange:** Rotate cushions periodically to distribute weight and wear.

- **Control Environmental Factors:** Regulate temperature and humidity. Close curtains or blinds to stop fabric or wood from fading in the sun.

- **Consider a Protection Plan:** The coverage can include

accidental damage, stains and structural issues, and protect your financial investment.

More tips and information are available at [www.allstateprotectionplans.com](http://www.allstateprotectionplans.com).

Since we're only human, stains and damage will happen. With a few simple steps you can rest easy when sitting on that new sofa.

### WHY VETERANS MAKE GREAT HIRES

(StatePoint) Honoring members of the military means not only reflecting on their exemplary service, but also appreciating the talents and skills of veterans in the civilian workplace.

Shining a light on how military skills transfer to corporate America is Brian Armstrong, a Marine Corps veteran who now serves as Wells Fargo's head of military recruitment.

Having led the safe transport of equipment and security protection forces, on top of serving as a small unit leader overseeing the well-being of fellow Marines, Armstrong acquired skills that easily transfer to everyday business during his military career. And his experience is not unique to him, but shared amongst the hundreds of thousands who transition out of the military to civilian careers each year.

"In the military, you have to be able to think on your feet," Armstrong said. "We [veterans] span the breadth of the United States, and we can leverage our unique, diverse perspectives to react and deliver under pressure. Add this to the soft skills we gain during service, and I think veterans are an extremely attractive demographic for employers."

In fact, many companies in recent years are catching onto the value veterans bring to the workplace, with veteran employment rates trending upward over the past 10 years, according to Department of Labor Statistics. Nevertheless, veterans do face unique workplace challenges, particularly during the hiring

process, from employer bias to dealing with the culture shift of post-military life.

Where military recruitment is concerned, Wells Fargo is a good example of a corporation aligning its actions with its words. For more than 170 years, the company has supported military service members and veterans. In addition to initiatives like home and car donations, grants, and supporting veteran-owned businesses, its dedicated Military Talent Sourcing Team is committed to helping veterans effectively navigate the transition to civilian life. The company's Military Talent Liaisons are committed to recruiting, counseling, and advocating for military job seekers.

According to Armstrong, other companies can benefit from similar initiatives. The team's programming includes military-specific hiring events, corporate fellowships, apprenticeships through the Department of Labor, and intensive training programs.

"It's not just about supporting veterans, it's also about how veterans can help a company. Their ability to thrive in differing environments and circumstances makes them agile and serious-minded in their endeavors," Armstrong says. "Obviously we're not in a military situation in our typical workplace, but I suspect many

veterans, like I do, take their corporate roles seriously, the same way they'd get prepared for a mission."

To learn more about Wells Fargo's military recruitment initiatives, and its more than 170 years of supporting military veterans and their families, visit [wellsfargojobs.com](http://wellsfargojobs.com). To learn more about why veterans make great leaders, visit <https://stories.wf.com/why-veterans-make-great-leaders>.

Employers can reflect on how making their workplaces more inclusive to veterans can help both their community and their bottom line.

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