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Thought for the Week: What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail? Dr. Robert Schuller

#### **BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Warren Public Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale, Saturday, September 7 rom 10am to 2pm. Bags will be provided by the Library.

There will be selections of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, tween books, teen books, graphic novels and DVDs.

The Library is located at 123 E 3rd St, Warren. The phone number of the Library is 375-3450.

# **FARMERS ALMANAC** 2025

The Warren Pharmacy has received 2025 the new The Farmers Almanac<sup>®</sup>. Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions for all of 2025 and many helpful insights that affect your life, including "the best days to get Friday, Sept 6th. Make sure to your hair cut", and the best days to fish. It has astronomy information about rotation of the Moon and the Planets.

Best of all, it is FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

## **TOWN HALL NOTES**

Town Council schedule for September: September 9th at 6:00 will be a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 Budget. Open to Public. September 16 will be the Regular Monthly

No updated schedule has been received on the Wayne The water Street project. main is in place and new service lines are being connected at this time.

Work at Ever Fresh, former Golfo site, continues. Planned opening in April. Will update on hiring procedure when

system to provide New email/text notifications direct is scheduled to be in place by mid September. Information will be provided here when activated. The system will allow for timely notices to be sent to those who register through REACH at no cost to user. Complete information will be included in the October billing newsletter. Check the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for info on the 5K walk/run. Starting in Riverside Park, the path will be over the bridge to Flowing Well Road to Meridian Road and back to Riverside Park. Mark September 21st on your schedule for a great day.

routes for collection will be done on set trash out on Thursday night as it may be a very early the route.

## VAN BUREN TRASH

For those who have Best-Way for their trash removal service (residential), the trucks will be running one day behind the regular schedule due to Labor Day being on Monday, Sept. 2.

# **FESTIVAL SHIRTS**

2024 SSF t-shirts are now available at clearance rates!

Past SSF t-shirts are also available at the Warren Pharmacy. Multiple smaller sizes of the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 shirts are also available for only \$5.

These make a super gift idea! T-Shirts are available until sold out!

# INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH STARTS SEPT. 1

This month marks the 29th anniversary of a statewide celebration of archaeology in

Throughout September, Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and about the state's fascinating past. Through the prior years' celebrations, thousands of members of the public have been able to experience archaeology.

A variety of events for all ages will be offered by museums, universities, organizations, and individuals Indiana, throughout coordinated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA). A schedule is at on.IN.gov/archaeologymonth.

"Archaeology tells us about the past, and Archaeology Month provides a perfect way for Hoosiers to learn about the science," said Dan Bortner, DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer.

This year's commemorative poster focuses on the State Archaeological Survey. In the spring of 1920, the National Research Council Chairman of the Committee on State Archaeological Surveys traveled to Indianapolis with the intent of starting the systematic survey of Indiana counties. Previously, recording Indiana's archaeological sites occurred Administration of the statewide survey fell to the Department Conservation (now known as the DNR), which then had a Division of Geology, and the Indiana Historical Commission. In that more methodical era,

between the 1920s and the investigate incidents, early 1960s, more than 20 of apprehend Indiana's counties systematically surveyed, and of offenders. the reports were published by the Indiana Historical Bureau.

threats to Indigenous and Euroamerican heritage from newly proposed highways, reservoirs, and infrastructure projects, these early surveyors were on the road to preservation," said DHPA's Amy Johnson, the state archaeologist. "We are proud that the DNR was there at the beginning of the State Archaeological Survey and that today, the continues to lead the statewide efforts for protecting and preserving Indiana's heritage."

This year marks the 100th anniversary of published survey reports, which covered Lawrence and Washington counties.

The poster and an in-depth discussion of the design are available at the website listed earlier.

Overall, archaeologists have recorded more than 75,000 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping shape public understanding of the people who have called the land we now call Indiana home.

# LASER STRIKES

Aiming a laser at an aircraft is a serious safety hazard that puts everyone on the plane had and on the ground below at sporadically. risk. It is also a violation of federal law.

> The FAA conducts outreach to educate the public about the hazards of lasers aimed at aircraft. We also work closely with other federal agencies and state governments to report and

suspects, were advocate for the prosecution

Pilots reported 13,304 laser strikes to the FAA in 2023. "Recognizing the looming Laser attacks in the state of Indiana continue to consistently high.

> I've attached Indiana's 2024 other laser strike numbers and our overall 2024 laser strike numbers for your use.

> The FAA strongly encourages the public to report laser strikes to the FAA and local law enforcement agencies. This can be done by going to following DHPA https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/s afety/report/laserinfo.

> > Thanks for helping us spread the word on dangerous laser strikes!

# the first VICKSBURG & NATCHEZ TRIP DAY # 4, PART 1

by Larry Ryan It was a cloudy sky and temperature of 74 degrees when the alarm awakened us Breakfast 6:20 am. commenced in our Courtyard Hotel room with left-over pork and Mahi Mahi from the previous evening dinner. To fulfill our commitment to a well-rounded meal, we joined with others for the hotel's complimentary scrambled eggs, toast, and OJ.

The bus left Vicksburg at 8:05 and discovered US # 61 south towards Natchez, MS. Our driver passed Indiana Avenue, Halls Ferry exit, and Amistar Casino before turning west onto I-20 and crossing the Mississippi River. The river was 40 feet deep and nearly one mile wide here. Parallel to the bridge was a railroad trestle that was even longer as

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# Kudos, Kicks & Karats



I know I should be writing a column on life in a small town, but I have had so much to get done, just gonna keep it short but sweet. Been doing some sorting and some selling, I just got too much stuff. So our Labor Day meal is grilled burger and hot dogs, leftover baked beans and some cinnamon peach cobbler, which I'll share with you. It's quick and easy and a half batch makes plenty for us, but the recipe makes a 9 x 13 pan, and of course like everything else, I'm sure a scoop of ice cream will be just fine. For a quick fall dessert sub peaches for apples.

## CINNAMON ROLL PEACH COBBLER

2 - 15 oz cans peaches or use fresh or frozen

1/3 c. Brown sugar

- 1 tbsp. Cornstarch
- 1 tbsp vanilla
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 2-5 CT. Pillsbury grands cinnamon rolls, reserve icing

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. If using canned peaches, drain peaches well or thaw frozen peaches and drain peaches well.

Combine peach chunks, brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and vanilla in a mixing bowl.

Cut each cinnamon roll into 6 pieces into mixing bowl with peaches. Stir to combine. Pour into a 9 x 13 baking dish.

Bake for 40 minutes. Let cool for 5 min. Then drizzle icing over the top of cobbler.

So easy and quick and frankly pretty darn good after working all day.





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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 Worship ...... 9:30a.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, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship...... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE** Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &

Cindy Osgood Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m. Mon-Fri Chapel Services ...... 9:15 a.m. Sunday Catholic Mass ........... 1:00p.m.

#### Thurs. Catholic Mass ...... 10:30a.m. **WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**

727 N Wayne St, Warren 260-375-2811

office@warrenfirsbaptist.net Pator Rusty Strickler

Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship ......10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ... Sun 11:30 Fkklesia .....

#### 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

765.251.2322

Ron Forsythe, Pastor Sunday School ...... 9:30 a.m. Worship ...... 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays: 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

1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ...... 7:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ...... 1:30 pm

#### LIBERTY CENTER **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Pastor Diane Samuels** Fellowship Time ......9:00a.m. Morning Worship ......9:30 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 ages. Worship Service ......10:00 - 11:00 Everyone is Welcome

> **SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**

468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship ......9:30 a.m. Church School ...... 10:45a.m.

#### 1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN

375-2102

www.firstccw.net Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor

Takarra Myers, Youth Director office@firstccw.net

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study ...... 6:00 p.m.

> Youth Sunday School during **Worship Service**

Youth Group-Wed ...... 6:00 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month 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 School ...... 10:45am Not Home Alone - Wed ...... 3:00 pm Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am

Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022

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

Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship ......9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion ......9:30 a.m. Sunday School ......11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth:

K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ...... 6-8pm **FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH** 

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-618-0027

Pastor Al Soultz

Sunday Worship...... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am Wed. Bible Study ......7:00 pm



# AREA NEWS

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it covered a stretch of ascending land from the river had the bus and passengers vibrating which took our minds off the prospects of claustrophobia from crowding wayside trees.

Louisiana, the driver headed US south on US Highway #65. shipped overseas now. than seeing the was introduced Milo. This yield is also named abandoned buildings grain sorghum, great millet, or broom corn. Its physical appearance is similar to corn **EPIZOOTIC** and the grain is used for human and animal food and ethanol production. Some corn fields were waist high in An early-season outbreak of growth.

Eventually cotton fields were prevalent along this flat and wide landscape. The row beds, of which some had dual plantings, were raised much Natural Resources (DNR). like potato planting. In the middle of most fields were contracting EHD. water pumps that periodically circulated the necessary liquid down the depression between the rows.

After passing through the or towns of Newellton and Waterproof, LA, our bus driver turned west onto US 84 at Ferriday. Seven miles later, the bus stopped at the Frogmore Plantation. It was 9:45 when the tour of an old, 1884 cotton gin building commenced. The first cotton gin was developed by Eli Whitney in 1793. It could do the work of 50 people. Robert Munger made improvements with the machinery in 1879 and 1893. Multiple blades are assembled to remove the seeds from the cotton lint. modern, functioning The equipment was housed in a separate building.

The original gin was operated by hand. Improved models had animals walking in circles to power the machinery. First cotton pickers harvested the crop by hand and were expected to fill their large

four times bags daylight. Also required of pickers was enough cotton to bank. Rough road conditions create three bales per day which would weigh 350-400 pounds each. Mechanized equipment can harvest three suspected EHD cases have acres per day. Currently, 900 bales are a normal day's result. Wabash. Allen. Pike. Warrick. At the town of Tallulah, We also learned that 80% of cotton production is

During the Frogmore tour we expected cotton fields, corn witnessed an old bed in a sprouts appeared. The local cabin with ropes supporting tour guide informed us that the bedding. The ropes would to need tightening periodically replace some of the cotton which led to the saying, crop which was decreasing in "Sleep Tight." Another phrase, use in fabrics. In addition "Fair to Medlin" came from there were plantings called the quality of cotton. Other were original slave quarters.

# HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE **DETECTED IN DEER**

epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in deer, which started in the northern region of Indiana this year, has been detected by the Indiana Department of

Humans are not at risk for

EHD is a viral disease that commonly affects white-tailed deer and is transmitted by biting midges, aka sand gnats "no-see-ums." Cases typically occur during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence outbreaks can be more severe

during in years in which there is a dry fall. EHD is often fatal to Wabash deer, but some can recover and develop immunity.

> A significant number of been reported in deer in Miami, Huntington, Porter counties along with additional reports typical for what is reported each year in 22 other counties. As of Aug. 28, DNR has tested deer and confirmed EHD in Wabash, from EHD is sloughing or Allen, Huntington, Porter, and Perry counties.

Deer infected with EHD may display unusual behaviors such as lethargy, excessive salivation, or disorientation. EHD also causes fever in deer, water. As a result, many deer that die from EHD are found in or near open water sources like ponds and rivers.

Anyone who finds a deer that is showing signs of EHD or finds one dead in water is to report it at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

DNR monitors for EHD annually; however, severe outbreaks don't occur every year. The severity of EHD in a single year depends on a variety of factors including climate, immunity, and other factors. ecological monitors the yearly impact of EHD on the deer population and makes changes to the allowable deer harvest to offset major effects.

started the process antlerless quota for deer one bonus antlerless deer to offset the EHD outbreak. EHD monitored at on.IN.gov/EHD.

Not every deer in an affected area will contract EHD. One sign a deer has recovered Wells, breaking on their hooves. DNR asks that successful hunters and-wildlife/wildlife-

resources/animals/whitetailed-deer/deer-after-huntwhich can cause them to seek survey/ ) to report the condition of their deer's hooves, including both normal hooves and hooves that show evidence of sloughing or damage.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY **MATTERS**

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens Ask Rusty – For Advice on When to Claim Social Security

Dear Rusty: I could use some advice on whether or not I should start collecting my Social Security benefits now. I am 67 and 3 months old, and plan to continue working for at least for the next year or two. Signed: Seeking Answers

Dear Seeking: Deciding when to claim Social Security

Because of the early high is, indeed, an important wet spring followed by a hot, level of deer mortality in decision, as it will affect you County, DNR has for the rest of your life. Mainly, of deciding when to claim your lowering the county bonus SS retirement benefit should consider your financial needs, hunting in that county from but your life expectancy and two bonus antlerless deer to marital status are equally important.

> At your current age (past detections can be continually your full retirement age of 66 years & six months) you are earning already Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .677% higher benefit for each month you continue to delay. That adds up to an additional 8% benefit use the Deer After Hunt for each full year you wait Survey ( www.in.gov/dnr/fish- beyond your FRA to claim, and that growth will continue until you are 70 years old. At that point, your benefit will be 28% higher than it would have been at your full retirement age (FRA). If you expect to achieve about "average" life expectancy (about 84 for a man your current age), then waiting until 70 to claim will get you both a higher monthly amount and the most you can get in cumulative lifetime benefits. Waiting, however, only makes sense if you expect at least average longevity. If your health is poor and you have reason to believe you won't live to the "average," then claiming earlier makes more sense. FYI, you may find this tool helpful to determine your potential life expectancy:

https://socialsecurityreport.or g/tools/life-expectancycalculator/.

You can, of course, simply **CONTINUED PAGE 4** 



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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.

Sep 4 Noon W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC Sep 4 7:00p VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall Sep 9 W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall 6:00p W - SSF Meeting @ KBC Sep 10 6:30p Sep 11 PATRIOT'S DAY W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC Sep 16 6:30p 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall Sep 18 Sep 22 FIRST DAY OF FALL W - Time Travelers @ Riverside Park Sep 27 7:00p

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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delay claiming for as long as you are still working, and then file for benefits at that time. went to an awards ceremony. It When your paychecks stop is frequently the best time to start your SS benefits (to supplement the lost work income). And, if you are married and your wife will be entitled to a survivor benefit from you, then waiting longer to claim enhances the benefit your surviving spouse receives at your death (your surviving spouse would get your benefit amount, instead of her own smaller amount). If that is a consideration, then waiting at least until you stop working (or age 70 if feasible) is often a prudent choice.

So, the choice is yours to make, considering vour financial needs, expectancy, and marital status. You no longer need to worry about Social Security's annual earnings test (for those collecting benefits before their FRA) but, if it is financially feasible, waiting still longer will mean a higher monthly benefit for the rest of your life.

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## TRYING NEW THINGS

by Daris Howard My wife, Donna, and I recently was to honor people who have been an asset to their communities. A friend of Donna's was receiving an award, and we wanted to be there to support her. When we got there, there was only one last seat at Donna's friend's table, so I let Donna sit there, and I pulled up a chair at an adjacent table. I asked the others there if one of them was getting an award.

One man nodded. "I am, but I really don't know what it's all about."

"Well," I said, "the newspaper asks people to nominate a person they feel serves well in their community. Then, the newspaper staff chooses those from the entries they want to honor. Apparently, someone nominated you for your service, and the newspaper people liked

"I can't imagine what I've done," the man said.

I laughed. "Well, we'll know when we hear what the person wrote about you."

The man said his name was David, and he felt he was just an ordinary guy. He said he felt awkward getting an award when he didn't do anything special.

When it came time for David's award, the lady doing the announcements shared that when David mowed his lawn, he would anonymously go around the neighborhood and mow the lawns of older people and others who needed help. In winter, he did the same thing with his snow blower. Whenever there was something to be done, David was always willing to do it and try new things. He was always the first to greet new people moving into the neighborhood.

When David returned to his seat, I said, "That was quite impressive." He shrugged. "There is a reason I try new things and help people. When I reached high school age, my family moved to a state in the south. There were a lot of cultural differences. I tried to

went to sign up for classes, get our lockers, and things like that, but everyone acted like I was an alien lost on Earth.

"Then came the first day of school. Things weren't any better in my classes. At lunchtime, everyone lined up, so I did, too. I wasn't sure what the line was for. 'Lunch,' the guy in front of me replied to my question. 'And the line is long because we're having catfish.' He paused momentarily and then said, 'Oh, and I guess there is probably chicken, too.'

"I was shocked. 'Catfish?' I said. When I go fishing, I just throw those ugly things away.' The girl behind me grabbed my shoulder and pulled me to face her. 'Are you crazy?' she asked in her very southern accent. 'My Pappy grows catfish for a living, and there ain't nothing better!'

"I was embarrassed and said, 'Maybe I'll have the chicken.' 'No, you won't!' she replied. 'You will have the catfish, and you will like it.' The way she said it, I knew it wasn't a request.

"When we got up to the food serving window, I was asked what I wanted. I was about to say chicken, but then I saw the girl staring at me. 'Catfish,' I said. 'I'll have the catfish.'

"She smiled at me, and I suddenly felt happier. I went to a table and sat down all alone. No one else came to sit with me. I tried the fish and really did like it. After I finished it and turned to my dessert, the girl suddenly sat down across from me. 'How did you like the catfish?' she asked. 'It was delicious,' I replied. 'I'm glad I got it instead of chicken.'

"She smiled, and her whole demeanor toward me changed. 'I knew you would like it if you only tried it,' she said. We finished our meal together, and suddenly, I had a friend. With her friendship, others began to accept me as well.

"That's when I realized something that has helped me all through my life: trying new

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Monday.

It pays to Shop at the

make friends on the days we things and making new friends often goes hand in hand."

# 3 TIPS TO HELP KIDS STAY ON TOP OF THEIR HOMEWORK

(StatePoint) When a new school year begins, most teachers don't wait long before they begin scheduling tests, and assigning loads of homework and reading assignments. Here are three tips for helping kids stay on top of all their coursework:

1. Focus on organization: One of the most valuable life skills a student can develop while in school is time management. Teach kids how to prioritize upcoming assignments with deadlines and those which are easy to knock off their to-do list. Encourage them to find an organizational tool, such as an academic planner or calendar, that works for them. Depending on their preferences and learning style, they may prefer to use appbased tools. The important thing is that they always know what is on their to-do list and when it must be completed by. If they are struggling, help them chunk their afternoon into segments so that they budget enough time for each of their tasks.

2. Equip them with high-quality math tools: Math can be a frustrating subject for many students. To make learning simpler, equip them with tools that are incredibly easy to use. With Natural Textbook Display and an intuitive icon menu, the fx-9750GIII graphing calculator from Casio is a solid, affordable choice for quickly grasping new mathematical concepts. And because it features nearly 3,000

including graph plotting, probability distribution, vector arithmetic and spreadsheets, students at all levels will find it an invaluable tool, particularly during testtaking season, as its exam mode makes it approved for the SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP tests. The fx-9750GIII is also capable of programming in CASIO Basic and MicroPython, and Python files are easily stored and transferred via USB to a computer.

3. Set boundaries: As a parent, it's essential that you support your child in their academic pursuits, however being too hands-on during homework time could lead them to rely on you to provide them with answers, not guidance. While this approach may mean they turn their assignments in on time, if they aren't absorbing the material themselves they could quickly fall behind in the classroom. Set clear boundaries about what your after-school role will be and stick to it. You can also foster your child's independence and confidence by helping them differentiate between reliable educational resources and misinformation.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

# WYNINGER

Jerry A. Wyninger, 67, of Marion, passed away at 5:47 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024, at Marion Health.

He was born in Muncie on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1957, to Richard Wyninger and Betty (McCormick) Wyninger-Magby. Jerry graduated from

Eastbrook High School.

He worked with Scott's Asphalt. Jerry liked spending time

outdoors, particularly kayaking camping, shooting.

He also loved animals, especially his cat, Mittens.

Jerry was a big Trump supporter.

Survivors include his sons, Brenton Thomas Mullenix, Austin J. Bonds, of Frisco, Texas, and John Andrew Bonds, of Bella Vista, Ark.; stepsons, Nick Berry and Gabe Berry; (Ethna) brother, Gary Wyninger, of Mulberry, Ark.; sisters, Violet Mullenix, of Marion, Janette Rich, of Yorktown, and Lori (Terry) Peters, of Mulberry, Ark.; 13 grandchildren; 18 nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to metrorelief.org

## **BACHMAN**

Matthew Bachman, 55, Marion, passed away at 10:06 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at his home in Marion.

He was born on March 9, 1969, to Jan W. and Sandra M. (Eastman) Bachman in Marion.

Matthew was a lifetime resident of Marion.

He was a 1987 graduate of Eastbrook High School.

After high school Matthew entered the United States Army.

Later in his adulthood, he worked at General Motors, Marion, for many years.

Matthew married his wife, A. Rachel Cummings, on April 12, 2024.

He had memberships with Grace Ambassadors Fellowship, Greentown, and American Legion Post #10, Marion.

Matthew will forever be remembered as a loving person.

He was an avid outdoorsmen and hunter.

Matthew also helped with Morrison-Atkins the DNR Conservation.

He thoroughly enjoyed doing machinery maintenance, riding his reading the Bible and, most of Charlotte, N.C. all, he loved being with his

mother, Sandra Bachman, of Marion; loving wife, Rachel of Marion: one Bachman, Ashley (Ross) daughter, MacMillan, of Greenfield; two (Denise) brothers, Jon Bachman, of Marion, and Mark (Barbara) Bachman, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two grandchildren. Elizabeth Charlotte MacMillan and MacMillan; numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jan W. Bachman, the 80's then later operated who passed away on March 3, several businesses. 2019, and one sister, Carrie Abbott, who passed away on June 7, 2013.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, others were his hobbies. 2024, at LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 S. Bruner Pike, time with his family, he could LaFontaine, with Jon Bachman always be counted on to help officiating.

Burial will follow at LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

made to Grant County Cancer love of family and faith. Society, 305 S. Norton St., Marion, IN 46952.

have been trusted with Main St., Fairmount. Matthew W. Bachman's final arrangements.

# **EASTBURN**

James "Jim" Alden Eastburn, TRIMBLE 80, went to be with the Lord Rochelle on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, at Marion Health after several months' following surgery.

The son of the late Rev. John Eastburn and Lois (Hollenbeck) Eastburn, he was born on November 19, 1943.

Bible his wife of 59 years, Cynthia from Liberty Center High his rock. Lou Eastburn (Ricks), and their School in 1957. She worked three children, Jamie Clifford for the U.S. Navy in Morocco, dedicated (Paul), of Charlotte, N.C., Holly the Morrison, of Van Wert, Ohio, Buchanan, Puerto Rico, and and Chad Eastburn, Fairmount.

loved He his grandchildren, Dr. Kelsi (Brad), of Granville, Ohio, Derek Eastburn, of Fairmount, Grace Belk (Trevor), of Charlotte,

Jim will be missed by his two (Frank) brothers and two sisters, Allen Florida; along with five great- Upland, and Brent (Beth) Matthew is survived by his Eastburn (Janet), of Columbus, grandchildren, Makayla Pitt Ketring, of Marion; his siblings, Ohio, Arnie (Joann) Eastburn, and of Fort Myers, Fla., Sandra, Connecticut, and Ella, Brady "Pete" (Terri) Long. (James) Florea, of Van Buren, and Charlie Sprout of Florida. and Patty Brass, of Indianapolis. She leaves three sisters to remembered when he was seven years old, Goeglein of Bluffton, and didn't stop working until seven months ago when he Albuquerque, New Mexico, Combs, Movers, Wabash.

> worked for Delco Anderson.

He became a dairy farmer in

Jim was the jack-of-all trades.

There was nothing he wouldn't try to accomplish.

In fact, work and helping

When Jim wasn't spending a friend or a stranger.

He will be close to our hearts as we picture his smile, Wounded Preferred memorials can be strength, love of country and

Arrangements for Jim were entrusted Fairmount to McDonald Funeral Homes, Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Celebration Funeral Home and Main St., LaFontaine, IN 46940, Cremation Services, 415 S.

> A memorial service celebrating Jim's life was on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024.

"Shellie" Elaine passed away on Tuesday complications evening, Aug. 27, 2024, at her family.

> 1939, in Fort Wayne to Glen the knot with his sweetheart Dunn and Rachel (Louden) of 60 years, Carolyn Kay

Red Cross in Fort of was part of a Nuclear Plant management for 25 years in second to none. Connecticut.

grandchildren, Nicole (Jimmy) Radziwon of Oregon, Joshua four-wheelers, N.C., and Chase Clifford, of Speece of Connecticut, Glen are his loving children: Brad (Sabrina) Sprout and Dolan (Michelle) Sprout, Destiny Speece He started working on a farm remember her fondly, Glenda grandchildren, (Mike) McPherson Bluffton; a daughter-in-law, as Remy, Connecticut; many great-nephews; and extended Lainey Pritchard. family in Connecticut, O'dedra and Jody Lynn.

Rachel Webb; her daughter, Antoinette.

place at Elm Grove Cemetery. Mark Atkinson officiating. A celebration of life will take place at a future date.

Memorials may be made to Warriors and directed to the funeral home.

# KETRING

Stephen O. "Steve" Ketring, 81, from Upland, awav passed peacefully at his home on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 8, 1942, in Van Buren to his late parents, Glenn Ketring and Eloise Watson Long.

Steve was a proud graduate (Dunn) Trimble, 85, of Bluffton, from Jefferson Township High School, Upland, in 1960.

He bravely served in the home, surrounded by her United States Navy for three

She was born on April 7, On August 8, 1964, Steve tied

Jim is survived and loved by Dunn Webb. Shellie graduated Herring, who continues to be

Following his service, Steve his career General Motors, Marion, before embracing retirement.

An avid lover of the outdoors, Inspection Team for the USA. he took immense pride in his four Then, she worked in motel lawn care skills, which were

> Steve was a familiar face at Survivors include four Eastview Wesleyan Church, Gas City.

> > Left to cherish his memory both of Pendleton, Dawn Ketring, of of Melinda Mullenix and Bruce

Steve will be fondly his bv Brittney (R.J.) Lvn Ketring. Kaitlynn of Pritchard, Morgan (Alex) Ketring and Zac worked for Wendt Machinery and Trudi (Bob) Captain of Danielle (Jake Lemon) Ketring; well as Early in his career, Jim Tricia Trimble of Chester, grandchildren, Titus Hughes, nieces. Jeremiah Pritchard, nephews, great-nieces and Combs, Becket Combs and

> In the presence of family and friends, we will celebrate the Shellie is preceded in death life of Steve Ketring and pay by her parents, Glen Dunn and tribute to his legacy with a Life son Celebration on Tuesday Sept. Nicholas Trimble; and a d 3, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Eastview Wesleyan Church, 414 N. Private family burial will take Tenth St., Gas City, with Pastor

> > The family will receive family and friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Interment will take place at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

He now joins his parents, daughter-in-law, Brenda Ketring, brothers, Michael J. (Doretha) Ketring and John (Phyllis) Ketring, brother-inlaw, Dan Mullenix, and sister, Betty (Barlow) McKinney, in eternal peace.

The family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice for the special care they gave to their husband, father and grandfather, Stephen

Also, a special thank you to caregivers Angie McDaniel, Valerie Trees, Tabatha Ploger and Chelsey Ketring.

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#### **McDonald**

Kathy Sue McDonald, 65, of Montpelier, passed away at 7:13 PM Thursday, August 29, 2024, at



Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Friday, June 12, 1959, in Bluffton, IN to the late James Milton & Betty Jane Marshall. Kathy was raised in the Jackson Township, Wells County area and was a 1977 graduate of Southern High School. married Gary A. McDonald on Saturday, June 15, 1991, in Montpelier, Indiana. formerly worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home, now known as Heritage Pointe Warren. Keebler's in Bluffton and L.D.'s in the deli in Hartford City. Kathy retired from Peyton's in Bluffton. She enjoyed shopping, cooking, and especially spending time with family and friends.

Loving survivors include husband, Gary A. McDonald, daughter, Montpelier, IN, Melissa K. (Brady) Johnson, Liberty Center, IN, son, James D. (Dianne) Hess, Ft. Wayne,

IN, daughter, Amanda Jo McDonald, South Whitley, IN, Memorial contributions may daughter, Megan R. (Ryan) made to Alzheimer's McDonald, Ft. Wayne, IN, TAKING BIRTH CONTROL grandchild, Christian (Kayla) Johnson, Bluffton, IN, Alia Johnson, Bluffton, IN, Alexis Johnson, Poneto, IN, Carson Hess, Marion, IN, Gavin Born, South Whitley, IN, Malachi South Whitley, IN, Lincoln Nicely, Ft. Wayne, IN, great grandchildren, Craysin Johnson, Bluffton, Maelynn Johnson, Bluffton, IN, and sister, Donna (Paul) Morgan, Liberty Center, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Milton Betty Jane (Booher) Marshall and sister, Shirley Marshall Guldice.

Family and friends may gather share to and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor Street, Montpelier on Tuesday, September 3. 2024, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Walker & Glancy Wednesday, Funeral on September 4, 2024, one hour before the service.

A service to celebrate Kathy's life will be at Walker & Glancv Funeral Home at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 2024, with Pastor Wayne Couch of Healing Waters Ministry of Mt. Etna officiating. The burial will follow the service in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

# KNOW YOUR RISK FOR **BLOOD CLOTS BEFORE**

(StatePoint) In today's evolving reproductive health landscape, informed decision making about contraception is crucial, particularly for women affected by inherited blood clotting conditions or thrombophilia. Selecting the right birth control method is pivotal, say experts, who point to research that shows the risk for potentially lifethreatening blood clots is 35 times greater among women with genetic clotting disorders estrogen-based who use contraceptives.

Dynamic Debate

Recent advances in technology and healthcare policies have fueled debate around screening for thrombophilia, a condition characterized by an increased tendency to develop blood clots, before starting estrogen-based contraceptives.

Current guidelines discourage universal thrombophilia testing, citing concerns such as costs and potential adverse psychological effects. Instead, selective screening, focused on individuals with personal or family histories of blood clots, is more likely to be embraced by the medical community. Also, concerns about unfair treatment by insurers or genetic due to employers disclosures underscore complexities of this approach.

However, people in support of a more patient-centered approach to healthcare and this type of birth control decision making the importance of identifying individuals at higher risk for blood clots.

Patient-Centered Approach

Each year, many hundreds of women in the United States alone lose their life due to blood clots linked to estrogen-based studies contraception, as demonstrate. Advocates genetic testing emphasize its role

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personalized facilitating healthcare decisions, potentially reducing the incidence of clotrelated fatalities, empowering women with information and a more patientcentric approach to reproductive healthcare.

Cost considerations remain a significant factor, but for many, the value of preserving health and saving lives far outweighs While financial concerns. insurance coverage for genetic testing varies, studies show a willingness among women to screening costs, underscoring the importance of informed decision-making.

Despite the perceived low absolute risk for blood clots among individuals with genetic clotting disorders, personal factors must be considered. approaches Tailored contraceptive decisions, guided by individual risk profiles, may be warranted, especially in certain populations with higher rates of genetic clotting disorders.

For individuals with genetic contraceptive thrombophilia, options such as copper IUDs or progestin-only pills offer effective alternatives without increasing clotting risks. Prioritizing safety and effectiveness is paramount in contraceptive decision making.

While genetic testing may cause some level of anxiety or concern, studies indicate that most individuals do not regret pursuing testing. Knowledge empowers individuals to make proactive decisions about their

health, outweighing potential psychological burdens.

**Discrimination Concerns** 

Despite legal protections, concerns about discrimination nersist. Understanding the implications of genetic disclosures on insurance and employment can inform decisionmaking processes, though these concerns may rightfully deter some individuals from pursuing

Women interested in pursuing genetic testing should talk with their healthcare provider about their testing options. Genetic counselors can also provide valuable help. Women considering their contraception options and interested in learning more about genetic testing can get more information from the Rowan Foundation at www.alexrowanfoundation.org.

Genetic testing holds the promise of empowering women engage in informed discussions with healthcare providers, fostering shared decision making in reproductive healthcare. Informed choices, guided by genetic information, may pave the way for more personalized and patientcentered care.

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