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Thought for the Week: First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others. Thomas A Kempis

CEMETERY MEETING

The Asbury Cemetery Board will meet on Monday October 7 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Asbury Chapel Church on State Road 3. Anyone with an interest in the cemetery is invited to attend.

FROM TOWN HALL

The fall clean up is scheduled for the first full week in October 7-12. More information will be in the October newsletter.

The Public Hearing on the 2025 budget was rescheduled for Monday, September 23rd at 6:00.

The annual Scarecrow Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 25th.

Last day to register to vote is October 7th. We have forms in the office.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Warren Community Meeting will be held Thursday, September 19th from 6 - 7:45 pm. at KBC.

Help support local farmers and learn more about the industrial solar and wind projects threatening land and residents in Warren and Wells County.

Food and drinks will be provided starting at 5:45 p.m.

Limited seating - bring your own lawn chair!

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Salamonie Summer Festival Cookbook are still available for only \$15.

Treasured Family Recipes by many local friends and family were contributed to this 2024 publication!

Over 70 pages of culinary delights and dietary information, including 2 pages on how to fold a napkin!

Cookbooks are still available at: Town of Warren office and Warren Pharmacy.

SCARECROW FEST

THE CORN AND BEANS ARE TURNING BROWN

SCHOOL-BELL-SOUNDS MAY CAUSE A FROWN

SCARECROW FUN WILL SOON BE FOUND

WHEN KIDS AND ADULTS PARADE AROUND

AT THE SCARECROW FEST, DOWNTOWN!

Come join in on the fun in Warren on Friday, October 25th from 6-8pm. Start creating your Scarecrow and concocting your tastiest Chili brew! The costume parade kicks off the Festivities at 6pm on the corner of 3rd Street & Wayne Street. Stay in town for Family-Friendly activities and treats along with some new events, stay tuned for more Information.

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Scarecrow Festival and encourages local businesses and organizations to participate in the Scarecrow Festival. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a free game or activity and have treats ready for the trick-or-treaters! For more information, booth location, Scarecrow guidelines, and Chili Cook-off details please call Warren's Bippus State Bank @ 260-375-2265 or email pbustos@bippusbank.com.

Let make this night SPOOKTACULAR for our community!

REACH ALERT

As ways to communicate quickly with Warren citizens are practically non-existent, except for Facebook, the Warren Town Council has reached agreement with REACH Alert, a notification service. That service will allow us to immediately share important information regarding a number of items including street closures, power outages, water main breaks, meeting notices, and more.

To receive notifications, you must register at www.reachalert.com and click on sign up in the right hand corner. Add Warren and then click on Warren under Network Name. Follow the prompts and enter your preferred contact information and click on it when it appears in the drop down list. If you opted to receive text alerts or emails, REACH Alert will send confirmation immediately upon completion of your registration. If you do not receive confirmation, please call REACH Alert at 877-307-9313.

All registration, transmitting of messages, etc is handled through REACH Alert. Messages to those registered will be through the normal hours of operation of the Clerk's Office with emergency notices sent at any time as is possible and as known. Town Hall can be reached at 260-375-2656 for general information or to guide you through the process.

Notes:

* Each residence can have multiple contacts/phones etc added.

* When registering, although address is optional, it may be beneficial to you as messages

can be directed to everyone on a specific Street or area.

* Contact can also be made to a certain group as individuals registered will be listed alphabetically for use in notification.

* All information is private to REACH Alert with administrators (Town Officials) doing notifications through name and address and not phone numbers.

Registration is available as of 9.16.2024.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, September 16, 2024 in a Regular Session at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; and others.

President Buzzard opened the meeting at 6:00.

Under Citizen's Comments, discussion continued regarding semi-truck traffic on town streets.

Report from Marshal Spittler: Squad car to be delivered within ten days. Removal of tires discarded on Flowing Well road has begun.

Chamber of Commerce sponsoring Run/Walk on September 19th.

HCUED report given by President Buzzard.

Historic Warren presented history of the organization and requested financial support for hiring of an Executive Director. No decision.

Scott Canady, Township Trustee, submitted an Advisory Board signed copy of

an Interlocal Agreement between the Township and the Town establishing a 50/50 financial arrangement for purchase of a pumper. Rufener moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the agreement. Approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that five applications had been received for the Utility Manager position and that the application period had been extended to October 15th due to publication schedule.

Schweikhardt reported for the Veterans' Memorial Committee noting that the center rock had been placed and plans were being made for the finishing.

Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Boxell, to sign a contract with REACH ALERT in the amount of \$615.38 for the first year. Motion approved unanimously. The contract will provide a way to send timely direct messages from Town officials through text/email messages to those registered in the system.

As the current Trash Collection Contract ends on December 31, 2024, discussion held on the bid process. As the current system allows for collection of trash bags with tote use optional, by consensus, it was determined to do alternate biddings – bags or totes.

As additional park areas to Tower Park now exist, Morrison recommended that the Town Code Chapter on Tower Park be rewritten to cover public park areas in general. Council concurred.

A request has been made for purchase of the vacant Scout Cabin. Council, by consensus, approved moving forward with the procedure.

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TROLLS RAMP UP CHARACTER ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AND HIJACK LINKEDIN PAGES - EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES EQUALLY AT RISK

(SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) -- As if doxing wasn't bad enough with home addresses and cellphone numbers posted online by cyberbullies, Rockwood Communications Counsel, Inc., warns that troll farms can quickly fuse an individual, or company to manipulated, information, including impersonating LinkedIn accounts, making it virtually impossible for online searchers to find the real you or your company apart from the dangerous, unethical labels.

Troll farms/factories are on the upswing, intentionally creating disinformation campaigns, splashing acid on people's online accounts to advance their objectives. Their victims are corporations, governments, or individuals, who are often the most defenseless against such attacks. The MIT Technology Review reported that troll farms reached 140 million Americans a month on Facebook before the 2020 election.

Often based offshore in other countries, troll farms sometimes have their own government's backing.

"They are reckless and abusive, and the United States government is working as best it can to address inflammatory posts," says Jen Schooley, a former Cyber National Mission Force, Cyber Threat Analyst with the United States Cyber Command.

Imagine, all search results for your business are suddenly inextricably linked to 'news' and posts accusing you of anti-name-a-cause while encouraging thousands to harass your business. And the posts look organic.

"This can rapidly lead to losing clientele, chilling deals, scaring away potential clients or the opening your competitor needs to get a foot in the door," says Crystal Rockwood, founder of Rockwood Communications Counsel.


Employees can be falsely accused with those same attacks and find themselves defenseless against the ensuing online firestorm. To make matters worse, employers of cyber victims may choose to separate as a means of protecting themselves.

Take the case of "James," a victim of a cyber-character assassination attempt by a complete stranger with ties to a radical political action group. James was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Upon leaving a bookstore, James is waiting for an Uber when the person in front of him becomes involved in a brief encounter with a driver. Believing it is a simple misunderstanding and unsure why he is being recorded, James briefly waves at the driver then resumes looking for his ride. He is dressed in plain clothes with no logos, or sayings and never says a word.


Thanks to facial recognition software, the next morning, James sees his name, home address, phone number, and employer's information smeared with negative information rapidly spreading online. The driver posted an accusing video

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<p>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier Nick Miller, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8924S 900W 35 Harold Smith, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Steve Nevius, Pastor Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt. Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto Steve Sutton, Pastor 765/728-2065 for more info Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m. Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH 727 N Wayne St, Warren 260-375-2811 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net Pator Rusty Strickler Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Pastor Steven Spencer Bus Service 375-2510 www.warrennaz.org Worship 10:30 a.m. Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 John Boyanowski, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 765.251.2322 Ron Forsythe, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays: Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wed. Choir 6:30p.m. Monthly Meetings 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Diane Samuels Fellowship Time9:00a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor Lois Slusher, Supt. Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir. Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike" Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN 375-2102 www.firstccw.net Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor Takarra Myers, Youth Director office@firstccw.net Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday School during Worship Service Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Slater, Pastor Jim Knight, Superintendent Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE 765-934-1431 Pastor Brad Hensley vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst. Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth: K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-618-0027 Pastor Al Soultz Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>
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AREA NEWS

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A Claim Order has been received from Brooks Construction in the amount of \$10,739.00 for additional surface work. Decision delayed until next meeting as Utility Manager absent to explain the request.

To meet State Regulations, a meeting of the Redevelopment Commission has been scheduled for October 14th at 5:30 to discuss financial planning within the TIF District. Greg Guerrettaz will submit the report.

Due to Veterans Day the November 11th meeting of Town Council has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 12th.

A session of WHARMM (Warren, Huntington, Andrews, Roanoke, Markle and Mt Etna) town officials has been scheduled for October 23 at the Exchange.

A contract for boring under the railroad for the extension of the Water Main project has been received. Submitted for review, no action.

Trick or Treat hours were set for Halloween night from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Project updates: Wayne Street Water main project and TIF sewer line and lift station removal nearing completion.

Announcements: Next Regular Meeting October 14th, Public Hearing on Budget September 23rd and Redevelopment Meeting October 14th.

position in the entertainment lineup.

Officially Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. We are excited to show all Veterans our support on the Sunday before, in order to help bring awareness to Monday the 11th!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 10th. You are welcome to wear your military uniform. Pictures in your Military Uniform or "In Action" along with your Branch of Service, dates of when and where you are currently serving or have served, will be displayed on the screen during the event. The photo and info may be emailed or scanned & returned to you at Bolinger's Propane Service, located at 115 N. Wayne St. in Warren by Wednesday, November 6th @ 5pm. Please email ginac@agbest.com or call 260-375-4505 or 260-917-1707 if any questions, to send your photo/details, to schedule your talent, to volunteer, and to RSVP to 375-4505, in order to help prepare for this event.

Currently there are 200+ Military troops on the Tribute Video; there is always room for More! Solid Rock Church is located at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, across from Heritage Point. Walk-ins are Welcome.

Everyone is Invited to attend this Celebration to show support to our Military. Thank you, Veterans, and Active-Duty Military for ALL you do

for our Country, God Bless America!

FALL LUNCHEON PLANNED

Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma met on September 3rd at the Knight-Bergman Community Center in Warren, Indiana. Shelly Melchi was installed as recording secretary for the upcoming year.

Correspondence was read from several Province and International officers as well as the treasurer's report and finance report of the chapter. Our Province Counselor, Lisa Collins, will be our visiting officer at our October business meeting. All girls are reminded to bring their officer books for review.

A Luncheon is being planned for Sunday, October 20th at the Knight-Bergman Center from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be serving a baked steak luncheon, free-will donations accepted.

Sorority sisters will gather together for the Scarecrow Festival on October 25th in downtown Warren with a game booth for kids. We will also be serving soup and sandwiches at the Knight-Bergman Center during the Festival of Trees in downtown Warren on November 22nd.

We have three ladies that are interested in membership and are planning a special social

gathering to introduce them to the group.

The chapter voted to donate to the Riverside Run Fundraiser through the Warren Chamber of Commerce and also to Salamonie for misc. school needs and activities at the school.

Our next meeting will be a social meeting at Heritage Pointe in Warren on September 17th.

VICKSBURG & NATCHEZ TRIP DAY # 5, PART 1

by Larry Ryan
After breakfast at the Natchez Grand Hotel, the bus left at 9:30 for a tour of the Melrose estate in the city. Our driver located the Natchez National Historic Park and its long, red brick driveway. The 80 acre plantation was first established in 1796 by Louis Metoyer, a slave who became a gens decoleur (free black person) in 1802.

The Greek-style Revival, Melrose Mansion was built in 1645 for Natchez attorney, John McMurrin. Its 15,000 sq. ft. space included four huge Doric columns in front and a large porch backside. In 1884 the plantation became a center of education for artists and writers under the leadership of John Henry and Miss Cammie Garrett Henry. It became a National Historic Landmark in 1974 and was purchased by the National Park Service in 1990.

At one time on the estate, white and black horses were penned separately. Does that sound similar to human activity during that time period? An interesting story learned was that to keep hungry, yapping dogs silent during meal time at the estate, cooks would fry dough balls and toss them to the canines to quiet the animals. Thus, "Hush Puppies" was created!

Soon after leaving the estate at 11 am, we arrived at Stanton Hall on High Street in Natchez. This enormous, Greek-style white house also had four, tall columns. These latter structures were formed with bricks and stucco. It was built in 1857 and belonged to Frederick Stanton, an Irish immigrant and cotton merchant.

During the Civil War, Union troops commandeered the building. In 1894 it became Stanton College for young ladies. Therefore, the name Stanton Hall was applied. When it became available for sale in 1938, several women raised money and bought it for \$16,000 and started a Garden Club. The white, marble fireplace mantles and exquisitely designed crown moldings caught my attention. A brass nameplate identified General Douglas MacArthur as having stayed in one of the upstairs bedrooms, which had connecting bedroom doorways.

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VETERAN CELEBRATION

Inviting all Veterans, Active-Duty Military & their Families and Passed Veterans' Families to a Veteran's Celebration on Sunday, November 10th at Warren's Solid Rock Church. The 10th annual Patriotic ceremony starts at 5:00 pm serving up a complimentary dinner followed by an Armed Forces Tribute by "A Few Good Men" and more! Please share your talents by playing an instrument, singing a special song, and or sharing a favorite verse to honor our Military. Please call 260-375-4505 to schedule your talent and



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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 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Sep 22		FIRST DAY OF FALL
Sep 27	7:00p	W - Time Travelers @ Riverside Park
Oct 2	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ KBC
Oct 2	7:00p	V - Town Council @ Town Hall
Oct 8	6:30p	SSF Meeting @ KBC
Oct 12		COLUMBUS DAY
Oct 14	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Oct 16	7:00p	V - Town Council @ 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

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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Above each chandelier was intricately-created, cast plaster ceiling molds. In the main lobby, two chandeliers were constructed in a wild-west theme. Gas lighting was originally used in the chandeliers. Stanton Hall was used in the mini-series, "North and South." It starred Patrick Swayze as a Confederate officer.

Lunch was enjoyed in Natchez at the Rolling River Reloaded Restaurant. It was filling as it included mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, green beans, lasagna, chicken wings, tossed salad, and lemonade. While waiting for the bus, I window shopped and found a fudge shop. Of course, white fudge with pecans walked out with me. Yes, I shared it with my wife. Happy wife....!

6 TIPS TO STAY ON TOP OF FRAUDSTER'S LATEST TRICKS

(StatePoint) Identity theft is reportedly a growing threat as fraudsters evolve to be savvier and more sophisticated. There have been more than 1,300 data breaches already in 2024, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center.

It's no surprise an Experian survey found that many consumers are wising up to the risk, with over half the U.S. adult population saying they're highly concerned about identity theft and fraud.

"As fraudsters continue to become more sophisticated, it's critical that you take matters into your own hands and protect your personal information," said Michael Bruemmer, vice president of Experian Global Data Breach Resolution and Consumer Protection at Experian.

To help you avoid becoming a victim of fraud, there are a few key tips you should follow:

Create strong passwords: Create strong passwords for every account you have and don't repeat passwords. If you reuse the same password across multiple accounts and a criminal gets ahold of it, they can potentially wreak havoc on your personal and financial life. A password manager can help you create unique passwords and store them so you don't need to remember them all on your own.

Protect personal documents: Keep all your personal documents out of the hands of fraudsters, especially your social security card, as it can quickly open the door to identity theft. Leave your social security card in a safe place at home—don't carry it with you. Additionally, check your mail every day to prevent theft of potentially sensitive data. Shred paperwork with personal information on it before throwing it away. Also, consider having statements delivered electronically so there are fewer physical documents with your information on them.

Watch out for phishing scams: Phishing uses fake text messages, emails, phone calls or other types of communication that look like it comes from a reputable source. The fraudster's goal is to make you click on a link or open an attachment and share your personal information. After clicking the fake link and using your login credentials, the scammer can gain access to your account. To protect yourself from these types of scams, never click on a link or open an attachment from someone or a company that you don't recognize or that looks suspicious.

Additionally, if you receive notice that your personal information was involved in a data breach, be cautious about hackers who may imitate the company you received the breach notice from. To verify the legitimacy of the communication, identify the correct phone number by looking at physical statements or by logging into your account through a verified portal and call or email the company separately.

Use caution when answering calls: Criminals may try to call you and pretend that they are with a company you are associated with in order to have you provide your personal information. Never provide information over the phone. Instead, ask for the person's name and where they are calling from. Hang up and call the company back via the phone number listed on its website to verify if the call was legitimate.

Regularly check your credit reports: Regularly checking your credit reports is a good financial and security habit. Staying updated on what is in your reports will help you spot any suspicious activity, like new accounts you don't recognize, and help you act quickly to combat further fraud.

Leverage tools to combat fraud: Experian data found that only 30% of people are currently using an identity theft protection product or service. This shows that too many people are missing an opportunity to keep themselves and their identity safe. Experian offers free and paid identity protection products that can be an extra

layer of protection. Experian IdentityWorks monitors for activity on your Experian credit report and will alert you if there are any changes. It also monitors for your information on the dark web and provides easy access to lock and unlock your Experian credit file.

You can check your Experian credit report for free and enroll in identity theft protection at www.Experian.com.

"Identity theft should be taken seriously by everyone. Being proactive and following key steps can help you stay ahead of fraud before it occurs," says Bruemmer.

WATER LEAKS CAN COST YOU THOUSANDS.

HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW

(StatePoint) A leaky faucet, pipe or toilet is more than just a nuisance, it can lead to unhealthy mold growth and cause costly damage to your home. Such issues are more common than you may think. In fact, two out of five

homeowners have experienced water damage.


Fortunately, it's easier than ever to detect a leak. Beyond the typical warning signs, such as higher than usual water bills and unexplained damp spots on walls and ceilings, new products can help you detect and address water leaks right away. The Flo Smart Water Monitor and Shutoff from Moen, for example, is a game-changing smart water device that offers 24/7 leak detection. If the system detects a leak, your smart water valve will automatically turn off your water to prevent flooding.

Water damage can have potentially devastating impacts. By being vigilant and relying on innovative solutions, you can protect your home, your health and your wallet.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

SEARLES

Jane Ann Searles, 72, of Bluffton, passed away on Friday evening, Sept. 6, 2024, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

She was born on July 11, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Paul E. and Marjorie Lee (Joy) Breisch.

A Bluffton High School graduate, Jane worked at Corning Glass, Keebler's, TI Automotive and for the City of Bluffton in the Wastewater office.

She was an active part of the board that did the design and installation of the Angel of Hope Park in Bluffton.

Jane was a longtime member of Mt. Etna United Methodist Church and recently a member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

On September 9, 1972, in Mt. Etna, She and Ray L. Searles were married.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ray L. Searles, of Bluffton; children, Renea Searles, of Fort Wayne and Travis (Kristi) Searles, of Uniondale; stepdaughter, Amy Hedrick (Angela), of Mishawaka.

Jane was a fun and loving grandma who enjoyed taking her family and grandchildren to the State Park. They include Kaleb Searles, Rylee Searles, Judah Searles, Jax Searles, Caleb Geimer, Austin Geimer, Ismail Nashwan, Mohammed Nashwan, Erin Hedrick and Bryar Hedrick.

Jane also is survived by a brother, Bill Breisch (Dawn); twin sisters, Connie (Mike) Love, of Van Buren, and Bonnie (Mike) Foreman, of Portland.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Lathan Searles, and two brothers, Rick Breisch and J. Breisch.

A celebration of life gathering will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at First Church of Christ, 909 W. Spring St., Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Jane's memory to First Church of Christ, 909 W. Spring St., Bluffton, IN 46714.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of

the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

LANDON

Carol Ann (Poling) Landon, 75, of Hartford City, passed away on Tuesday morning, Sept. 10, 2024, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was the second of six children born to Glen and Mary (Wright) Poling on June 17, 1949, in Marion.

Carol graduated from Eastbrook High School, Class of 1968.

She had worked in the cafeteria for the public school system.

Carol married David Paul Landon on June 29, 1974, in Upland. They were married 49 ½ years, prior to his death on January 4 of this year.

She especially loved spending time with her family.

Carol also enjoyed fishing, sunbathing, snowmobiling and the times spent at Tippy Lake, Leesburg, with family.

Surviving family include her daughter, Jennifer (Jeff) Thomas; son, Paul David Landon; four grandchildren, Quinten Paul Howard, Jenna Suzanne Thomas (Mel), Kayla Nicole Laudenbacher (Thad) and Keshia Ann Locke (fiance', Andrew); four great-grandchildren, Haleigh Kolp, Hunter Kolp, Hank Locke and Bostin Laudenbacher; three sisters, Linda (Philip) Morrison, of Hartford City, Shirley (Dan) Clark, of Alexandria, and Cindy Bogue, of Windfall; one brother, Jerry Poling, of Marion; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Carol is preceded in death by her brother, Larry Poling, sister-in-law, Kay Poling, and brother-in-law, Richard Bogue.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, in Waters Funeral Home 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City, with Pastor Troy Kaufman presiding.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie, following the service.

Visitation will be on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home and after 10 a.m. on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org or envelopes also will be available at the funeral home.

MARTIN

Jeffrey "Jeff" Andrew

Martin, 60, of

Huntington, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2024, at Envive of Huntington.

He was born on March 16, 1964, in Wabash to James David and Barbara (Bloxin) Martin.

Jeff graduated in 1982 from Oak Hill High School.

He worked for Isolotek and Ecolab over the years.

Jeff loved fishing, hunting, camping, golfing and anything that could get him outside.

He enjoyed sports and music.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, James and Barbara Martin.

He is survived by his children, Tiffiney Martin, of Warren, and Cory Martin, of Warsaw; siblings, Jessica (Kirk) Thompson, of Marion, Jay (Kathy) Martin, of Monticello, and Phillip (Laura) Martin, of Wabash; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

In honor of Jeff's wishes, services will be announced at a later date.

FREDERICK

Richard E. Frederick

"Dick", 87, passed away on

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana.

Dick was born on Friday, November 27, 1936 to Raymond and Mina Frederick in Huntington, Indiana. He was quite an athlete at Huntington High School, participating in basketball, football and his favorite sport - track, specifically the mile run. He held the school record for

several years and was very proud of his 4:34.4 time.

After he graduated high school in 1955, he entered Huntington College to study English. During Christian Life Emphasis Week, he gave his life to Jesus and never looked back, changing his major to Bible and Religion with the goal of being a pastor. In the fall of 1957, a cute young lady named Delores Gaskill from Idaho caught his eye. Being a preacher's kid, he knew she'd make a great pastor's wife. He graduated in May of 1959 and they were married on June 20 that same year. He later received his Masters of Divinity degree from Huntington College. He was ordained as a minister in the United Brethren Church and as an elder in the United Methodist Church.

Their first church assignment was the Dillman and Mt. Zion United Brethren Church circuit in Wells County. After that, he pastored the following churches: Grayston Avenue UB Church in Huntington, Lancaster UB Church in Lancaster, Ohio. In 1985, he joined the United Methodist Church and pastored Clymers/Webb Chapel in Cass County and then served for 18 years at Woodruff Grove in LaGrange county before he semi-retired. They moved back to Warren in 2006, and he pastored part-time at Epworth UM Church in Bluffton for 10 years until his retirement in May of 2016. Through his 57 years of ministry, he would say that God placed him in the right place at the right time. He developed lifelong friendships with special people who have remained in contact for years. Until their health failed, they attended the Church at McNatt in Wells County and were able to reconnect with many friends from their early years of ministry.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Delores "Dee" Frederick. Two daughters: Patsy (Gary) Hoobler of Marion, Iowa and Sheryl (Steve) Cline of Huntington, Six grandchildren; Jennifer (Kevin) Dale of Avon, Indiana;

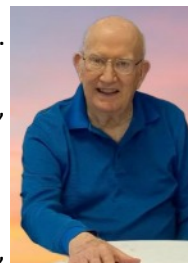
David (Ashley) Hoobler of Ames, Iowa; Justin (Rubi) Glancy of Beaumont, CA; Preston (Abbey) Hoobler of Flintstone, GA; Richard (Lindsey) Hoobler of Austin, TX and Audrey Hoobler of Marion, IA; seven great grandchildren- Emma, Jackson, Lily, Jesse, Cali, Ethan, Jay and Indi (expected to arrive in December); sister Karen Sue (Susie) Laugle of Huntington, Brother in law, Terry Heck of Hilyard, OH, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings and their spouses - Marilyn (Chuck) Hare of Huntington; Janet (Ferd) Meehan of Huntington; Bud (Elaine) Fredericks of Anderson; and Margie (Bud) McBride of Markle; Sister in law, Karen Heck of Westerville, OH; brother in law, Randy Laugle of Huntington; and four nieces.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, located at 801 Huntington Ave. Warren, Indiana 46792, on Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 4pm to 8pm. A funeral service will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 11:30am with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Rev. Terrance Heck, Rev. John Moyer and Dr. Ray Seilhamer will be officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery located on the Heritage Pointe campus. The family would like to thank the staff of Heritage Pointe for their kindness and loving care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: The Richard and Delores Frederick Ministry Scholarship at Huntington University, 2303 College Ave Huntington, IN 46750 Or Laurel Mission at 77 Cedar Chapel Rd. Big Laurel, Kentucky 40808

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SNIDER

Dixie Lee Snider, 86, of Bluffton, passed away on Sept. 12, 2024 at Coventry Meadows Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1938 at Wells Community Hospital in Bluffton, IN. Dixie attended Lancaster in Wells County from 1st through 10th grade and graduated from Warren High School in 1956. On April 12, 1958, she married Edwin L. Snider and they had four children.

Dixie was a rural mail carrier for the United States Post Office in Markle, and retired in 2004. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale, and was involved in many church activities, including VBS and Church Board. She and her husband Ed enjoyed traveling with friends and spending time with the grandchildren.

Surviving are son, Michael (Dianne) Snider; daughter, Lynette Mankey; granddaughter, Aarika (Noah) Miller; and grandsons, Peyton Mankey, Austin, Ryan, and Logan Snider, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse "Earl" Elzey and Lucille (nee Nicholson) Myers; husband, Edwin Snider; son, Murray Snider; and daughter, Laurie Ann Snider.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024,

from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Elzey – Patterson – Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill Street, Ossian, IN. Funeral services will be at the funeral home on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., with viewing one hour prior. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorials may be given to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5912 N Sugar Street, P.O. Box 175, Uniondale, IN 46791 or The Parkinson's Foundation.

DOLBY

Joann Dolby, 89 of Huntington, passed away Saturday afternoon September 14, 2024 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Joann was the Nursery School Director at the Seminary United Methodist Church for many years. She was a 1953 graduate of Clear Creek High School. Joann was a long time member of Pleasant Chapel Community Church, where she played the organ and piano and taught Sunday School for over 50 years, she loved her Church family unconditionally. She was also involved in the Women's Group and served on multiple committees through the years and loved to head up VBS for the children each summer. Joann was also a member of the Huntington County Farm Bureau Board and ran the Pet Parade at the Huntington County 4-H fair for

over 30 years as well as being a 4-H leader for over 20 years. She was a farm wife and enjoyed the farm life with her husband Robert. She also loved to garden and to travel, going to Hawaii visiting family and going on Senior bus trips with friends.

Joann was born on February 24, 1935 in Huntington, a daughter to the late Warren G. and Retta (Thorn) Smith.

She was united in marriage to Robert L. Dolby on July 24, 1955. He preceded her in death on January 12, 1993.

Joann is survived by a daughter: Deborah (Dan) Hunter of Roann; two brothers: Patrick (Mary) Smith of Huntington and Ned (Nan) Smith of Fort Wayne; three sisters: Phyllis (Eldon) Bruner of Huntington, Sharon Sisson and Suellen Jones both of Warren; three grandsons: Jeremy Hunter, Scott Hunter and Jason (Sarah) Hunter and two great-grandsons: Bennett and Elliott.

She was preceded in death by a daughter: Karen R. Dolby and a son: Keith R. Dolby; and two brother-in-laws: Rex Sisson and Gary Jones.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel 2901 Guilford St, Huntington, IN 46750

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm with visitation one hour prior at Pleasant Chapel Community Church, 880 E. 1100 N., Roanoke, IN 46783.

Interment will be at the Pleasant Chapel Cemetery on September 21, 2024 in Roanoke, Indiana.

Memorial donations can be made out to Pleasant Chapel Community Church, sent in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

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on TikTok falsely claiming that James attacked him, motivated by the driver's alleged clothing supporting a hot political issue.

Within hours a fake LinkedIn account appears impersonating James' LinkedIn page and directing his connections to the phony story. Not only does the original TikTok post go viral, but countless other social media accounts begin spreading the video, generating millions of views and thousands of comments condemning James' alleged behavior and inciting others to harass him.

"The overnight explosion of views/hits are telltale signs of a Troll Flood where workers are given a name, a few key words, and are paid to click and post," says Schooley.

As a result, James and his family face an onslaught of harassing messages, voicemails, and threats. Just a few days later, despite considering James a top performer and understanding the claims are false, his employer decides to part ways. James, a young professional, is suddenly unemployed. Neither friends nor prospective employers can easily find him online without encountering inflammatory accusations.

According to Careerbuilder.com, 7 out of 10 employers research job candidates online.[2] From the HR perspective, Linda Duffy, President of Ethos Human Capital Solutions in Irvine, California counsels her clients to take each incident on a case-by-case basis. "Deep fakes using Artificial Intelligence are a hot topic in the human resources sector right now," observes Duffy.

Schooley echoed Duffy's advice about reviewing each case individually.

"Don't buy into it and be the company that fires its employee. Take pause before making a decision."

Dan M. Forman, the Managing Partner and Chair of the Privacy Practice Group at CDF Labor Law LLP in Los Angeles advises corporate clients to have a ready arsenal to defend against such attacks. "A first level of defense for employers should be to have a solid cyber policy. An attack may also require hiring professionals skilled in forensic computing, often former FBI agents who can also facilitate communication with law enforcement if a crime is committed," notes Forman.

Forman continued, "When an employee is the subject of a cyber-attack there are many factors to evaluate before determining the level of resources to be devoted to defending against the attack. Legal counsel should be consulted to determine whether there might be an obligation to be involved."

As for the public scrutiny, Forman advises, "While an employer may feel public pressure to terminate an employee due to a cyber campaign, the employer should consult with their attorney to evaluate potential exposure, especially in a state like California that provides a great deal of protection for political speech made outside the workplace."

"Double check dramatic claims. What happened to James can happen to anyone. Be vigilant in monitoring your name online," advises Rockwood. Unfortunately, there is a very high bar for defamation in the U.S. and pursuing legal action against a single harasser, can be beyond the reach of the average American.

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