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Thought for the Week: Only by seeking challenges can we hope to find the best in ourselves. Robert Rodriguez

JUST SO YOU KNOW

The Warren Pharmacy does have a supply of Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir tablets) by Pfizer and Lagevrio (molnupiravir capsules) by Merck, both of which are 5 day Oral Therapy for COVID-19 and have Emergency Use Authorization.

We also have plenty of Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine in stock, which have a long history of safe and effective use data, and have also been found to be effective in the treatment of COVID-19 by some prescribers and patients and many international studies. And also other prescription virus treatments that have been used for decades

The Warren Pharmacy has been providing immune system support and education throughout our 29 years of serving our Community, seeking to keep people healthy and recover quickly from afflictions.

Some COVID-19 (and FLU Prevention) Nutritional supplements:

For Prevention: (daily doses) Multivitamin (General Multivitamin) and then additionally: Vitamin C 500mg - 1000mg; Vitamin D3 1,000IU - 2,000IU (25mcg-50mcg); Zinc 25mg - 40mg (total with multivitamin); Quercetin 250mg - 500mg.

If you test positive for COVID-19 for treatment: (daily doses) Multivitamin (General Multivitamin); Vitamin C 2000mg - 4000mg; Vitamin D3 4,000IU - 5,000IU (100mcg-125mcg); Zinc 50mg - 100mg; Vitamin B-12 500mcg - 1000mcg; Quercetin 500mg - 1000mg (unless on other oral treatment)

Treat any other symptom appropriately.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, December 18, 2023 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable for the main purpose of a recap of 2023.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Tavis Surfus, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Lee Poulson; others.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Ben Adams, Engineer, will be available at the January meeting for project review and 2024 projections. Greg Guerrettaz, financial consultant, had summarized at a previous meeting.

Under Citizens Comment, a resident discussed a situation with a dog bite to a person and killing of a dog being walked by the person. Reported that a representative from Huntington County Shelter had requested a private meeting with Clerk Treasurer, Town Marshal, and Council President for December 20th.

Police Report submitted in writing was reviewed.

Poulson, Fire Chief, reported that he had been re-elected as Fire Chief with Doug Christie as Assistant Chief, Council concurred.

No reports from HCUED or Warren Area Chamber of Commerce.

Historic Warren representative Becky Souder issued a thanks to the Council for support of "The Exchange" project.

Rob Miller, Huntington County Commissioner, commended the Council for movement on a housing development and summarized a recent Housing Study done in the County which showed the need for such projects. He and Commissioner Tom Wall stated that Financial Assistance from the County would be available if needed to move the project forward.

Introduced was a representative of Resource Hub, a consulting firm which had done the County Housing Study, who then summarized services that could be utilized for the Housing project through that group at the cost of \$50,000. No action. Morrison reported that HCCSC Board had approved and signed the Intent to Purchase and had scheduled public discussion of the project at their meeting of this date. In connection with that discussion, 2023 Council recap showed that the project had been discussed during ten of the eleven past months in Regular and Special meetings with one Executive Session.

As the Intent to Purchase has now been finalized with HCCSC, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to move forward with steps necessary to prepare for consideration of purchase of the twenty two acre site and the fifty five acre site with timing of purchase of the fifty five acres to be determined in discussion with School Officials as it has

been cash rented through the end of 2024 and, that discussions with Oakmont Development through the Town Real Estate Attorney be undertaken in regard to consideration of necessary contracts and agreements. Motion approved unanimously. In connection with that discussion, 2023 recap showed that the project had been discussed publicly during ten of the eleven past months in Regular and Special meetings of Town Council with one Executive Session.

Discussion was held in consideration of a location for the proposed Veteran's Memorial. No action.

Morrison reported that Bonnie Myers had agreed to spearhead the Hometown Heroes project and requested Council approve the development of a committee for the project. Council concurred.

Ordinances 2003-5, 6, and 7, wages and benefits for 2024, were submitted for adoption based on decisions at the prior meeting. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to adopt. Approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that notice had been received that the OCRA Grant had been audited with no findings and that closing of the grant is scheduled for January which would close out that part of the financial portion of the Water project recently completed.

Morrison reported that more complaints are being received regarding Feral Cats. Marshal Spitler is to move forward to address that issue.

Morrison reported that Hiring Notices have been

placed in area newspapers and on Journal Gazette online posting.

Morrison reported that bid opening for the Nancy Street Lift Station replacement is scheduled for December 19th and that soil borings for the project did not show a rocky area but a high water table. Engineer Adams will discuss further at the January meeting.

Minutes of December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

Morrison reported that Edgewater Mills had a soft opening scheduled for this date for the office area and store area but that all products would not be available as yet.

Commodity Blenders construction of a holding building for storage of a new product has been completed and that equipment is on site for the transfer of that product from a rail car to a truck for transfer to the SR 218 site.

Golfo site was inspected by a potential buyer but no further information available.

Contact has been made by the company that has purchased the previously used Electric Engineering Company which had been used for several years.

Also reported from the Town's I&M customer representative was that the necessary repairs to the Substation are scheduled for this week as all material is available.

Resolution 4-2023, Council Policy and Procedure for public participation in Council Meetings was submitted for adoption. Buzzard moved, Schweikhardt seconded

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Well this was not what I wanted to start off the New Year article with, but it is what it is. My plan was to give the year in review, but I'm horrible sick. So hopefully I can get it all together and have a good one next week.

It seems that I get this crud at least once a year and I think I have been sick twice since New Years Eve or it's the same crud just lingering. John had it the past week and now I'm blessed this week.

So my new best friend has been Mucinex and lots of fluid and hopefully I can make it into work come Monday. The cool air has been great and has helped a lot but I'm sure it's not what the doctor says is best, but it helps with relaxing the bronchial tubes so I don't wheeze so hard.

So take care of yourself and try to keep from getting the crud and I'll be back next week to kick off the 2024 addition of Life In a Small Town and see what's been cooking in my kitchen the past few weeks.

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 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
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 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 BRETHREN
 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 Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</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 School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
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 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
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, 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 Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 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"
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 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.</p> | <p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
 375-2102
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 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 Grp 2nd & 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
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 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</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> |
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approval. Rufener made a motion to table the matter but motion failed due to lack of second. In the matter of the Schweikhart motion, Buzzard, Schweikhart, Surfus voted yes with Rufener voting no. Motion carried.

An agreement for participation in the Indiana TRECS program, a program to recover outstanding utility balances through Indiana Income Tax Returns was approved by consensus. This would be the third year of participation.

Annual Dues to Accelerate Indiana Municipalities in the amount of \$1491 were approved.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to approve a contract in the amount of \$4000 from TM Wells for amendment to the Fixed Asset Accounting reports which have to be updated annually. Motion was approved unanimously.

Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to approve a contract with Huntington County United Economic Development in the amount of \$3000 for the year 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

Two names were submitted for consideration of appointment to fill a vacant position on the Warren Board of Zoning Appeals, Carrie Miller and Ben Warpup. Rufener moved to appoint Miller but motion failed due to lack of second. Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhart, to appoint Warpup with motion approved unanimously.

Morrison reported that the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance had approved the 2024 budget as submitted.

Poulson updated that a water leak across the river at Edgewater had been repaired, the heater at the #3 well which had been installed in the Water project was not operational and engineer will be contacted for replacement, and that Huggy Bear Motel had

requested connection to municipal water.

A Department of Homeland Security Permit received for construction of a pavilion at Tower Park has been received.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for January 8, 2024.

VAN BUREN DAYS

Van Buren Day in Florida will still be on the 3rd Friday of Feb, which makes it the 16th in 2024. Our old place no longer does buffets; so we will be holding it South of Sebring at Golden Corral, 322 US Hwy 27, Lake Placid, FL. I have a private room set up for us there for 11 AM. Feb 16th. If I do not have your e-mail address, please private message me with it. (This from Tami Higgins on Facebook)

TROUTT AT WARREN & BLUFFTON

Tammy (Tamara) Troutt, PA-C, is no newcomer to healthcare. With 18 years' experience in family medicine and orthopedics, she takes pride in providing quality care to her patients.

She's no stranger to Wells County, either. Troutt grew up, and still has family, in the Bluffton area. And having practiced medicine as a physician assistant (PA) in Fort Wayne and Markle, she has recently returned to

Bluffton, seeing patients at the Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) – Family Medicine office. She splits her time between the Bluffton office at 1169 N. Main St. and another PPG location at 470 Bennett Drive in Warren.

"We are so pleased that Tammy has joined PPG and is able to care for patients at both the Bluffton and Warren offices," said Deb Potempa, market president, Parkview Health South. "She has a gift for building wonderful, long-term relationships with her patients. Her substantial experience, enthusiasm and commitment to being a partner in their healthcare really resonate with patients."

Troutt completed her Bachelor of Science (Health Science Physician Assistant) degree at Butler University in Indianapolis.

She is a fellow member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

As a physician assistant, Troutt provides all aspects of patient care, including:

- Performing physical exams
- Developing and implementing treatment plans
- Ordering and interpreting laboratory tests and diagnostic studies
- Performing in-office procedures such as lesion

biopsies, joint injections and cryotherapy

- Treating common medical problems

- Managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and hypothyroidism

- Providing well-child exams, vaccinations and other pediatric care

- Supporting women's health, from pap smears to osteoporosis treatment

- Evaluating and treating mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety

Troutt said medicine interested her from a young age, but it was a job

shadowing experience with a physician assistant during high school that helped her decide to pursue medicine as a profession and become a PA in her own right. She has found that being a primary care provider suits her.

"I love working with people of all ages and backgrounds," she said. "I am passionate about getting to know my patients as unique and complex individuals, not just as patients. My goal is to educate them about their health and make recommendations, so each person can then make educated decisions about

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Jan 15	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jan 15		MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Jan 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 2		GROUNDHOG DAY
Feb 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 12	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 19		PRESIDENT'S DAY

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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their healthcare needs.”

Outside of work, Troutt loves to take vacation trips with her family. She also enjoys reading, snow skiing and spending quality time with her friends and family members.

Troutt is accepting new patients. Hours at her Bluffton office are Monday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 a.m. – noon. At the Warren office, hours are Tuesday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 260-375-3670 for appointment scheduling at either location.

FREE 2024 CALENDARS

The Warren Pharmacy has Wall Calendars for 2024 provided by Citizens Telephone and Bippus State Bank. These calendars are also available to you at Citizens Telephone and Bippus State Bank.

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They start with December 2023 and go through December 2024, and can be torn off month by month, or folded up. You may also obtain these directly from DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance.

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2024 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner.

Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2024, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each Planner has pages for some of your medical information, and standard medical information charts for Blood Pressure, BMI and Cholesterol.

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Highlights: Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Rocky Mountaineer Rail Tours, Vancouver, British Columbia, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Rimrock Resort, Banff, Alberta, Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, Alberta

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For more information contact: Dick Murray, Huntington County Council on Aging 260-359-4410 or dmurray@huntingtoncountycy oa.org

BEYOND THE GRADES

by Shelby Doyle
Envision the hustle and bustle of the end of a school day - students frantically stuff papers into backpacks while running to catch a rapidly departing bus; parents waiting patiently in pick-up lines, scanning the crowd of students for their child. As the school day comes to a close, and you, the parent, finally have a

moment to ask your children the ever-important question: "How was your day?"

What kind of answers are you hearing? Maybe a mumbled "fine" or perhaps a disgruntled "nothing"? According to Gallup's latest poll, your child isn't the only one. Satisfaction with U.S. education has declined to 36%. While a good number of parents may believe their child is performing satisfactorily with a B grade, the reality is that many students are lagging academically. A joint study by Gallup and the nonprofit Learning Heroes revealed that although nearly 80% of parents reported their students were earning at least B grades, less than half of the students achieved proficiency benchmarks on standardized tests.

At the same time, education options have grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years, spurred by pandemic disruptions to not just education but family lifestyles that remain with us today. Building on the slow growth of options over the last thirty years of the modern school choice movement, families can now select types of schools or programs that didn't exist a generation ago.

In the last year, 20 states have increased school choice as parents continue to seek better learning options. The significant growth in education alternatives in 2023 has prompted millions of families to inquire about these new choices. In Indiana, the new budget expansion

made private school scholarships accessible to 97% of students in the state. With School Choice Week 2024 getting closer, parents can explore alternatives at local events for the next school year.

The bottom line is this: every child is unique. Choosing to do something different for your child's education than what your parents chose for you, what your neighbors have selected, or what your friends recommend may be necessary because you are the expert about what they need. A great school for many other kids may just not be the right match for your child. The good news is: that's alright! We are living during the high-water mark of K-12 education options in American history.

As you begin researching school options in your area, take advantage of National School Choice Week, held the last month of January each year, to learn more about schools in your area. Time is important here. With so many education choices popping up, application deadlines often close early for the next school year. National School Choice Week (January 21-27, 2024) is coming up and aims to make things easier for parents. They'll spread the word across the country, and schools will host thousands of events. If parents already

found a great school for their kids, they can help others by sharing their experiences.

As you attend events, contact schools, and connect with other parents in your community, notice what school types might best suit your child and then use this exciting week to jumpstart your school choice journey, so you are ready for the start of the 2024-2025 school year and can answer the question of "How is my child doing in school?" with confidence and conviction, knowing you made the best choice for your child!

Shelby Doyle is the vice president of public awareness at the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts National School Choice Week each January and maintains the nation's largest online portfolio of English and Spanish-language school navigation resources. She lives in Nashville, TN.

NEW FEDERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Secretary of State Diego Morales wants Hoosier business owners to be aware of new federal reporting requirements going into effect over the next two years. Starting in January, new businesses registered in Indiana must report beneficial ownership

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GENEALOGY REPORT

FLOYD

Mineva J. Floyd, 89, passed away in her home on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023.

She was born on June 18, 1934, in Monroe Township, Grant County, to the late Bill and Gertrude Reece.

Mineva graduated from Jefferson Township High School, Upland, in 1952. She married the late Ron Floyd in 1979.

Mineva retired in 1997 after 31 years as a secretary for Eastbrook Community Schools. She continued to work with her husband in their M.J. Floyd Trucking business. Mineva attended Center Chapel Church, Marion.

She loved singing and playing the piano by ear.

Mineva's favorite music was gospel and country. She loved family get-togethers and planning surprise birthday parties. Mineva enjoyed IU Basketball, Indiana Pacers and Nascar Racing. Her favorite drivers were "The Triple J," - Jeff, Jimmy and Junior.

She is survived by two daughters, Deborah Gephart, of Upland, and Kathy (Dave) Theising, of North Aurora, Ill.; one granddaughter, Amber (Dan) Walker, of Batavia, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Kayla Walker and Zachary Walker; sister, Betty Kay, sister-in-law, Joan Reece; nieces and nephews, Catherine (Craig) Yoder, of Goshen, Virginia (John) Mansfield, of Middlebury, Bill Reece, of Marion, Cheryl (Dan) Spencer, of Upland, Rod (Donna) Boatwright, of Marion, Don (Pam) Boatwright, of Noblesville, Lori (Rick) Lampen, of Marion, and Bud (Lynda) Kay, of Marion; many great-grandnieces and nephews; special friends adopted by heart, Sid Chinai and family and Darryl Knotts and family.

Special thanks to Mineva's neighbors, Donnie and Marge Ashley, Don Lidy, Jim Johnson and Donna DeVault.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ron Floyd, brother, J.R. Reece, sisters, Rosalie Orbik and Virginia

Boatwright, brothers-in-law, Dick Kay, Lee Orbik and Paul Boatwright, and niece, Dixie Riddle.

Arrangements have been entrusted to College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion.

At Mineva's request, there will not be a visitation or funeral.

She will be laid to rest at the mausoleum at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

EGLY

Marcella B. Egly, 97, of Warren and a longtime Bluffton resident, passed away Sunday morning, Dec. 17, 2023, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Marcella was born Jan. 16, 1926 in Wells County to Victor and Grace (Lockwood) Mounsey. She graduated from Chester High School in 1944. She was able to stay at home with her children and worked as a secretary. Marcella will be remembered by family and friends as an excellent cook and seamstress.

She is survived by her sons, Steven Egly of Battle Ground and Douglas Egly of Kenosha, Wis.; along with two grandchildren Christian Egly and Debbie (Egly) Henrik. She is also survived by her siblings Kay Mounsey of Warren, Karen Collum of Katy, Texas, and Bill Mounsey of Bradenton, Fla.


Marcella is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Colleen Lingam; and her siblings, Dean Mounsey, Max Mounsey, Vera Scott, Mona Jean Highlen, Brooks Mounsey and Phyllis Ulmer.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, in the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe of Warren with Pastor Gerald Moreland officiating. Visitation will take place for

one hour prior to the service in the Applegate Chapel. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Association and can be directed to the funeral home.

SANDS

 Donald "Don" E. Sands, 92, of Marion, passed away at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Marion Health.

He was born in Marion on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1931, to Alvin and Dora (Coffelt) Sands.

On January 28, 1950, Don married Betty Maxine Sharon, and she preceded him in death on August 6, 2012.

He graduated from Van Buren High School. Don served in the United States Navy on the USS Randall during the Korean Conflict.

Following his military service, he was a self-employed general contractor. Don was a builder of Custom Homes and commercial properties in the Marion and Indianapolis areas.

He enjoyed fishing and playing cards, and he followed the Indianapolis Colts.

Survivors include his daughters, Kathleen J. (Barry) Lawson, of Marion, and Bobbie L. (Mark) Satterwhite, of Marietta, Ga.; grandsons, Gordon Lawson and Aaron (Cameron) Satterwhite; granddaughters, Shelby Satterwhite and Cally Satterwhite.

Don also was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Harvey Dewaine Sands and Merrill "Dutch" Sands Sr., and step-father, Harold Petit.

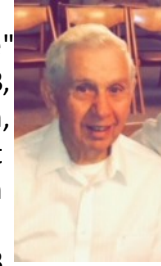
The family will receive visitors from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Don's life will begin at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

THOMPSON

Robert J. "Mike" Thompson, 83, Van Buren, passed away at 3:24 pm on Saturday, December 23, 2023, in his home.



He was born in Marion, Indiana, on Saturday, March 23, 1940, to Robert "Curly" M. and Geneva (Sample) Thompson.

Mike liked to work and was known as a workaholic and a jack-of-all-trades. He started out working for Reece Rogers Farm, where he met his wife, Mary K. Montgomery. He then worked for Grant County Highway before leaving to begin a career in truck driving at Marion Trucking, eventually retiring from Associated Truck Lines and American Natural Resources. Before retiring, he leased the Hoosier Queen Quick Wash in 1968 and was co-founder of the B-K root beer drive-in with his father, Robert M., and brother, John M. Thompson, in Marion starting in 1971. He added additional locations in Gas City in 1976 and in Silver Lake in 2018. Mike also had his hand in farming, and he loved horse racing. He had lots of success with his own horses, with Go Devil being his pride and joy. He was a member of the Free Masons Van Buren Lodge for over 50 years.

Mike loved his family, especially his grandkids. The grandkids were his pride and joy. He loved to pester them, but this was his love language. Mike was a great fan of M.A.S.H., Lawrence Welk Show, Johnny Carson, and the Andy Griffith Show. He had a saying for everything and a nickname for everyone!

Survivors include his children, Deborah K. (Paul) Bobson of Las Vegas, NV, Bradley J. Thompson of Landess, Susan (Larry Petty) Thompson of Lagro, Michael

(Kassi) Thompson of Van Buren, and Carri-Jo (Blake Harris) Thompson of Marion; significant other, Tammi Stodghill of Van Buren; brother, Ned (Etta) Clark of NC; sister-in-law, Betty J. Thompson of Marion; grandchildren, Brandi Bobson, BillyBob Bobson, Nicole K. (Chad) Ennis, Wesley "Hanky" J. (Sarah) Thompson, Megan (Richie) McAlister, Katie Marlene (Patrick) Nall, Ella Thompson, Westen Thompson, Grady Harris, and Addisyn Thompson; great-grandchildren, Brandon Waverly, Logan Waverly, Miles Edward Nall, Dakota (Caylee) Ennis, Mackenzie Mullenix, and Abby Mullenix; right-hand man, Gene "Geno" James; and long-time friends, George "Grampy" Long and L.F. Moen Emmons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary K. Thompson; brothers, Gary Thompson, John M. Thompson, and Stephen Dale "Zeke" Thompson; and sister, Marlene Willcox.

The family will receive visitors from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Mike's life will begin at 12:00 noon with Pastor Tom Mansbarger and Rev. Denton Howard officiating. Burial will take place at Van Buren Cemetery.

BRODRICK

Jerry Michael Brodrick, 70, of Huntington, passed away at 8:02 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at his residence.

He was born on December 10, 1953, in Huntington, the son of Richard Brodrick and Lois (Demilt) Brodrick Breeding.

Jerry graduated from Huntington North High School, Class of 1972.

He married Diana I. Brodrick on September 4, 1987, in Huntington. She preceded him in death on June 2, 2023.

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Jerry worked as a cars salesman and retired from Crain Ford, Warren.

He enjoyed golfing and working in his yard.

Survivors include his sister, Kathy (Ted) Frantz, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; brother, John Brodrick, of Lascassas, Tenn.; two step-daughters, Kelly Ann (Steve) Pohler, of Columbia City, and Patty Lynn Eckart, of Leesburg; step-son, Tommy Neal Tobin, of New Albany; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Jerry is preceded in death by his wife, Diana I. Brodrick, father, Richard H. Brodrick, mother, Lois R. Brodrick Breeding, and sister, Jean Price.

No services will be conducted at this time.

KLOSTERMAN

James L. Klosterman Jr., 71, formerly of Warren, passed away on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, 2023, at River Terrace Retirement Community, Bluffton.

He was born on November 13, 1952, in Lima, Ohio, to James L. and Rose Mary (Roth) Klosterman Sr. Both parents preceded him in death.

James worked for Franklin Electric, Bluffton, for several years, later retiring from Dana Corporation, Marion.

He enjoyed playing cards, woodworking, camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

James volunteered with Red Cross, where he was involved with giving aid to the residents of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

Survivors include his children, Amanda (Robert) Rankin, of Bluffton, and James "Jason" (Patricia) Klosterman, of Bossier City, La.; four sisters, Kathy Metzger, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Linda Kuhn, of Lima, Ohio, Barbara Kwiecinski, of Lima, Ohio, and Patty Kelley, of Wapakoneta, Ohio; four grandchildren.

Receiving of friends and family will be on Friday, Jan.

5, 2024, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. State Road 124, Bluffton.

Immediately following the visitation, a memorial service will be at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pastor Clark Stoller will officiate.

A private burial of cremains will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials can be made in James' memory to the Red Cross.

FOX

Emma Jean Fox, 87, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Markle passed away on Wednesday morning, December 27, 2023 at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Emma Jean was a 1955 graduate of Markle High School. She was a lifelong member of Markle United Methodist Church. Emma Jean was a member of the Red Hatters and PSI IOTA XI Sorority of Markle. She enjoyed fishing, playing cards, cribbage and traveling.

Emma Jean was born on September 27, 1936 in Warren, the daughter of the late Merritt and Alberta (Dungan) Sutton.

She was united in marriage to William Goeglein on January 27, 1956 in Markle. William preceded her in death in August of 1974. She later married Jay Fox on January 31, 1976 in Garrett, Indiana. Jay preceded her in death in June of 2009.

Survivors include two sons: Nile (Lisa) Goeglein of Albany, IN, Alan (Rexette) Goeglein of Ossian, IN; three daughters: Connie (Larry) Conner of Fort Wayne, Janet (Curt) Robinson of Indianapolis, IN, Joyce (Bob) Gowdy of Charlotte, NC; a sister: B. Joan Buroff of Fort Wayne; ten grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel,

415 N. Lee Street, Markle, Indiana.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel.

Memorial donations can be made out to Ride to Provide or Cancer Services of N E Indiana sent in care of Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

DOUGLAS

Jeanette E. Douglas, 93, of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 3:33 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at Marion Health.

She was born on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1930, to Paul and Geraldine (Zoda) Hix.

On April 14, 1979, Jeanette married Charles J. Douglas, who preceded her in death on March 17, 2005.

She graduated from Van Buren High School in 1948.

Jeanette was a press operator and binder for 20 years at Peerless Printing, 18 years at Prototype Printing and 10 years at Hoosier Jiffy Print.

She was a member of Hanfield United Methodist Church.

Jeanette bowled for 46 years and was inducted into the Grant County Bowling Hall of Fame.

She was a great cook and made a mean sugar cream pie, as well as apple dumplings.

Survivors include her sons, Daniel (Mag) Siders, of Huntington, David E. (Rudy Grant) Siders, of Schenectady, N.Y., and Paul E. Siders, of Angola; grandsons, Danny (Tonya) Siders, of Louisville, Ky., Daren (Phoung) Siders, of Pound Ridge, N.Y., and Nathanael (Tasha) Siders, of Anchorage, Alaska; granddaughters, Deanna (Jason) Azbell, of Wabash, Darcia (Gabe) Bair, of Titusville, Fla., and Molly (Jason) Cocco, of Rensselaer, N.Y.; sister, Margaret Brown, of LaFontaine; sisters-in-law, Jondajane Hix, of Marion, and Becky Hix, of Marion; friend, Pam Leming.

Jeanette also was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Jack Siders, daughter-in-law, Donna Siders, brothers, Robert Hix and Gene Hix, and brother-in-law, Dick Brown,

The family will receive visitors from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, a funeral service to celebrate Jeanette's life will begin at 11 a.m. at North Chapel.

Pastor Kevin Lex will be officiating.

Burial will follow at Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Gilead Ministries, 212 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

LAWVERE

Robin Jay Lawvere, 61, of Matthews, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023.

He was born on January 5, 1962. Robin lived on the family farm one mile north of Matthews his entire life.

He graduated from Eastbrook in 1980 and received a degree from Ivy Tech. Robin worked at DeWitt Tool and Fort Wayne Reinforcing.

He enjoyed playing drums in the family band.

Robin is survived by his father, Jon Lawvere (wife, Karen); sister, LaRonda Lawvere; niece, Kasey Walton; great-niece, Rilynn Walton; two aunts, LaRea Slater and Gabi Lawvere; two cousins, Nick Lawvere (wife, Kathryn) and Liell Lawvere (wife, Kim), all of rural Matthews.

Robin will be cremated with no public services.

MINNICH

Don W. Minnich, 64 of Warren (Jackson Twp.) Indiana, passed away on Sunday evening, December 31, 2023, at the



Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Don was born on April 3, 1959, to the late Frank W. and M. Kathron (Hudson) Minnich. He graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1978 and married the love of his life, Susan Griffith, on February 19, 1982. He worked several years at Wayne Metals. In his younger years he liked to raise dogs and hunt. Throughout most of his life he enjoyed fishing, woodworking, working on cars, and was an all-around handyman. Traveling, spending time with his grandkids, and sitting around the fire pit at home with his family were some of his favorite past times.


Loving survivors include his wife of 41 years, Susan Minnich, Warren, IN, daughter, Jessica (Husband, Matt) Zavattaro, Warren, IN, son, Nathan (Wife, Amy) Minnich, Warren, IN, grandchildren, James Foss, Kendal Zavattaro, Jaxson Minnich, and twin brother, Dan Minnich, Poneto, IN.

Per Don's wishes, no services will be held. Inurnment will be at Jones Cemetery in rural Wells County.

The family would like to say a very special thank you to "Holly" for her heart; a gift given to Don on December 22, 2022. "He truly felt great all summer long and because of Holly she was able to give Don more time with us"- Susan Minnich.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.

WATSON

 James "Jim" E. Watson, 81, passed away at The Waters of Muncie on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.

He was born on January 10, 1942, to the late Paul and Lavon Watson. Jim graduated from Mississinewa High School, Gas City, Class of 1960. He then enlisted with the United States Navy and served from 1960 to 1964. On

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January 8, 1965, Jim married Betty VanHoosier, and she survives in Marion.

He worked for Gas City Post Office, Owens-Illinois and then Bell Fibre.

Jim was a huge sports fan, watching football, basketball and baseball whenever he could. He grew up as a Green Bay Packer fan and loved going to Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs. However, Jim's favorite team was always IU basketball. He was a big Bobby Knight fan.

When his children were younger, he coached them all in sports. Jim loved spending time with his family, whether it be having cookouts or sitting outside by the fire or going to dinner and a movie with Betty. He had a big, caring heart and if he saw someone in need of help, he wouldn't hesitate to go and help however he could.

Jim is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Jim (Jennifer) Watson, of Gas City, Shannon (Mark Thompson) Watson, of Van Buren, and Peter Watson, of Noblesville; grandchildren, Braden Watson, Tayler (Tre) Johnson, Cade Watson, Jordan (Catelynn Jacks) Hatfield, Madison (Heath) Brooksher, Cole (Alexis) Watson, Peyton (Hayley) Watson and Logan Watson; three great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia (Mike) Hart, of Marion; brothers, William Watson, of Marion, Ron (Vonda) Watson, of Fairmount, and Don Watson, of Leesville, S.C.; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lavon, brothers, Kenneth Watson and Paul Watson Jr.; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Watson, Sandra Watson and Ann Watson; brother-in-law, Stephen Nicholson, and nephews, Mike Watson and Paul Watson.

Arrangements for Jim have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, where a visitation

will be on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Dementia Society of America, to help end this awful disease.

GEPHART

Ronald Eugene "Ronnie"

Gephart, age 70, of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away Tuesday,

January 2, 2024, at 9:25 am at Aperion Care of Peru, in Peru, Indiana.

Ronnie was born on March 28, 1953, in Marion to Homer Dale & Anna Margaret (Losure) Gephart. He proudly served his country from 1981 to 1983 in the US Navy on the USS Santa Barbara (AE-28). He formerly worked for Doyle Brothers in Van Buren, helping to package eggs to ship off to local grocery stores. Ronnie spent a short time living in Seymour, Indiana, working for an egg packaging company called Rose Acres, then returning to Van Buren. When he got out of the egg packaging business he worked at Huntington Lab and most recently for the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. While at the JW Marriott, Ronnie received many awards as a highly valued employee. He worked mainly at their restaurant, High Velocity. In 2016 Ronnie had a massive stroke, where his life was unexpectedly changed. Over the past several years he has lived in care facilities in Hartford City and Kokomo.

Loving survivors include his daughter, Cherokee (Jeremy) McCain, of Montpelier, IN, granddaughter, Nicole McCain, of Montpelier, brothers, Larry (Betty) Gephart, Warren, IN, Dennis (Dorothy) Gephart, Warren, IN, sister-in law, Norma Gephart, Muncie, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Marvin Gephart, sister-in-law,

Linda Gephart and brother, Jerry Gephart.

Services to celebrate Ronnie's life will be held at Marion National Cemetery, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, IN 46953 at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 11, 2024, with Rev. Steve Rogers officiating. Ronnie will be laid to rest following the service. Military honors performed by the Millard Brown American Legion Post #156 and United States Navy.

BARNER

Curtis Wade "Curt" Barner,

48, of Hamilton, MI, formerly of Huntington, IN, passed away at 6:10 AM on Friday, January 5, 2024, at his home in Hamilton.

He was born on Wednesday, November 12, 1975, to John & Carolyn Barner in Wells County, IN. Curt was a 1994 graduate of Southern Wells High School. He attended Indiana State where he studied Electronics Technology. Curt formerly worked at United Technology in Huntington, IN and at Gentex in Zeeland, MI. He was an avid bass fisherman, outdoorsman and enjoyed watching the Indianapolis Colts and the Cincinnati Reds.

Curt is survived by his mother, Carolyn J. (Kimmel) Barner, Warren, (Heritage Pointe) IN, brothers, Chris (Erminia) Wamsley, Culver, IN, Steve Wamsley, Marquette, MI, nephew, Ryan C. Wamsley, Fort Wayne, IN, niece, Lorelei Wamsley, Culver, IN, and niece, Heather Wamsley, Poestenkill, NY.

He was preceded in death by his father, John W. Barner (August 4, 2004).

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Curt's life will be held at Walker &

Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Viewing will be held one hour prior to the service, starting at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow in the Keystone Friends Cemetery in Keystone, IN, Wells County.

PARKS

Mary June Parks, 97 ½ years of age, bade family and friends farewell at Colonial Oaks, Marion, on Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.

She was born in rural Hartford City (Millgrove) on June 5, 1926, to Esta (Davis) and Fred Kessler. Mary June graduated from Montpelier High School in 1944.

She was offered a position as office secretary at Henley Floral Company, Hartford City, and it was there that she met her future husband, John Parks. He graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, in June of 1950, and they were married on August 13, 1950, in Millgrove United Methodist Church.

John continued working at Henley's for two years, and they lived in rural Blackford County. Then he felt called to the ministry. So, their life was faced with new challenges and many adjustments, but they faced them together as a team.

John graduated from Christian Theological Seminary in 1959 while they served Charlottesville and Cleveland United Methodist Churches in Hancock County. Their first "full time church" was the Main Street United Methodist Church in Logansport. From there they went on to serve in the ministry for 40 years, plus John served five "Interim" pastorates after that, with Mary June as wife, mother and "partner" in ministry.

She also served as secretary in the Licensed Practical Nursing program at IVTC, South Bend, for seven years.

Mary June enjoyed hosting parties and meals for groups in the parsonage. She also got great joy from sewing and quilting, making quilts for almost all of her children and grandchildren. Mary

June was a "get it done right" person, and always came up with more than was expected!

She was a member of Extension Home Makers Club in Upland, United Methodist Women and Naomi Circle.

Mary June is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Esta Kessler, and nine siblings, Avon, Burl, three-hour old infant boy, Theo, Frances, Infant Herschel, Ralph, Infant Marie and Infant Betty Lou Kessler.

Survivors are her loving husband, John, of 73 ½ years; their children, Cynthia (husband, Delbert) Turner, of Van Buren, Sylvia (husband, Keith) Whitesides, of West Lafayette, Rodney Parks, of Vero Beach, Fla., and Jeffrey (wife, Karen) Parks, of South Bend; plus 13 grandchildren, Amy (husband, Curt) Bledsoe, Elizabeth (husband, Matt) Whitesel, Matthew (wife, Diana) Turner, Luke (wife, Bryana) Turner, Alyssa (husband, Matt) Anderson, Kelly (husband, Doug) Dunwoody, Kristen (husband, Brandon) Hamilton, Hillary (husband, Scott) Stacy, Zachary (wife, Rebecca) Parks, Sierra (husband, Josh) Werling, Allison (husband, Shawn) Anderson, Austin Parks and Keegan Parks; 27 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may gather to share memories with the family from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at Grace Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

Funeral service will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at the church with Pastor Jeanne Winter officiating.

Burial will follow at Hartford City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City, IN 47348.



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information to the Federal government within 90 days of formation. Businesses registered in Indiana prior to January 2024 will be required to report beneficial ownership to the Federal Government starting in 2025.

The Indiana Secretary of State's Office has deployed a webpage (inbiz.in.gov/BOI/) with resources to guide businesses on how to comply with new requirements under the Federal Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA").

Enacted by Congress in 2021 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, the CTA includes reforms to anti-money laundering laws and is intended to help prevent and combat money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, and tax fraud. The CTA establishes a beneficial ownership reporting requirement for corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities formed or registered to do business in the United States. Beneficial ownership reports must be filed with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau within the U.S. Department of Treasury.

FinCEN has a comprehensive website, tools, and a call center to help businesses determine their filing requirements. Businesses registered in Indiana are advised to check with a corporation service company, accountant, CPA, or Attorney for individual guidance on the reporting requirements.

The implementation date and deadlines are currently being discussed by federal lawmakers. The Indiana Secretary of State's office will keep Hoosier businesses informed with updates.

MEMORIAL BOWS

A few bows were missed in the list posted in the last issue of the Warren Weekly.

White bows were placed on the Town Christmas tree in honor of Philip Souder, Myron Landrum, Dwight and Margaret Ann Boxell and Jane Souers.

SOCIAL HELD

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Christmas Social Tuesday December 19, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

Sondra Zabel and Beth Ostermeyer were the Hostesses for the evening. Cherry Delight, cheeseball, mixed nuts and candy was served. Gifts were exchanged and a lot of socializing was done.

Those in attendance were: Sandy Booher, Jamie Straley, Lorie Fiock, Jan Scher, Dawn Fowler, Pam Rudy, Sharon Gebhart, Shelly Melchi, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal and Kelly Jones. We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DEAN'S LIST

Kimber Cobbs of Warren, IN, was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed fall 2023 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago. Additionally, Olivet offers Graduate and Continuing Studies via online education. From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

PACKING/SHIPPING

MATERIALS

The Warren Pharmacy has plenty of extra materials for packing boxes and shipping your packages. Bubble wrap, bags of air, brown wrapping paper, styrofoam peanuts and empty small and medium sized boxes are available FREE at the Warren Pharmacy.

We even have some small and medium styrofoam or insulated boxes, designed for refrigerated items, along with ice paks.

MACKINAC ISLAND & AGAWA CANYON TRIP DAY # 3, PART 1

by Larry Ryan

After another complimentary breakfast at the Winchester Restaurant and having our suitcases packed and positioned outside our room door by 8 am, we rested and checked the itinerary for the day. The Soo Locks boat ride was the featured attraction.

While waiting to depart the island, some additional information about this famous island came to mind. The electrical power is supplied from St. Ignace, MI via an underwater cable. Automobiles and trucks are prohibited on the island. Early-developed, motorized vehicles, such as the Benz Motorwagen were officially banned in 1898 because the horse owners complained that the "horseless carriages" scared the real horses!

Two movies have been predominantly filmed on the island. Esther Williams and Jimmy Durante were the main characters in a 1940's movie, "This time for Keeps." A 1980 film, "Somewhere in Time" featured Jane Seymour, Christopher Reeve, and Christopher Plummer. Current, well-known homeowners here include Ron Howard, Vince Vaughn, and Bob Seger.

After dislodging this information from the neurons and tired of sitting around, we forced ourselves to investigate some more shops in this lakeside, resort

town. I was still on the lookout for early purchase of Christmas gifts. Found some items to store on the bus for the duration of our bus trip.

At 11:15 our tour group assembled at Shepler's Landing for another boat ride across the western part of Lake Huron to St. Ignace, MI. Fortunately, the dock's hardwood, waiting benches were manageable for the 30 minute wait. It helped that the day was sunny and the wind was calm. This ferry service operates from April until October 31. There are other travel means to reach the island beyond this time frame.

The ferry left the island at 12 noon and idled between two lighthouses to escape the harbor. The boat's diesel engine then engaged to its full potential and propelled us forward at a brisk pace. With the rhythmic contact of each wave, a forceful, water spray skipped past the side of the boat. At 12:30 we had reached the mainland, identified our luggage to be loaded on the bus, and headed north again on I-75 by 12:45.

Three relative road signs were stationed along the road: 36 miles to Saute Ste. Marie, roadwork ahead, and smoked deer meat. No continuity! The birch and pine tree-lined interstate highway was suddenly interrupted by a pasture field with black cattle and a group of hay bales. Apparently, deer country was behind us.

More later.

AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF CAREGIVERS AND FAMILIES

(StatePoint) Advocates say it's important to not only honor caregivers' dedication, compassion, and resilience, but to also acknowledge their challenges and aspirations. Doing so can help families thrive. Here are three ways that can happen:

1. Put families at the center of efforts to help families.

Ascend at the Aspen Institute uses the two generation (2Gen) approach long used by Indigenous communities in the United States and around the

world. This approach recognizes that the goal of supporting families' well-being and helping children thrive is most attainable when advancing the interests of children and the adults in their lives together. As one example, Ascend worked with a father who grew up in poverty, but now serves on his local school board and informs state efforts to help others experiencing homelessness or poverty.

2. Lift voices, build power, expand equity.

That's the refrain of the Raising Child Care Fund, which advises and supports local efforts around the country to expand access to child care. These efforts work best when they are informed and led by parents and caregivers themselves. As a case in point, a network of advocates and parents in New Mexico worked for 12 years to codify a right to child care and early education within the state constitution.

3. Through commitment you can see impact.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has committed itself to some of these principles in its own work, establishing the Family Advisory Committee—a collective of 12 parents and caregiver leaders from across the country with unique and diverse backgrounds, races and ethnicities, and family dynamics. The group has informed funding and grantmaking decisions by the Foundation, and contributed to efforts to align its own family supportive policies with these principles. To learn more about the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's programs aiming to create a brighter, more supportive future for families and caregivers, visit <https://www.rwjf.org/>.

Initiatives and programs across the country are committed to emphasizing a collective approach that places families at the center of developing effective caregiving solutions. Collaboration is key to engaging families in decision-making processes and internal procedures, and the creation of initiatives that address the diverse needs and aspirations of communities is vital to improve the health and well-being of families today and in the future.

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