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Thought for the Week: To play it safe is not to play. Robert Altman

### MEETING CANCELLED

Due to a COVID situation and a family emergency, there will be no Warren Town Council Meeting in January. The meeting had been rescheduled for January 18th but is now cancelled due to lack of quorum.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 16 through Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

### DEADLINE APPROACHING

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Students have until January 31 to apply for \$7,500 scholarships and other teaching stipends

High-achieving students in high school or college who are planning to teach in the State of Indiana for at least five years can apply for a \$7,500 scholarship per year of college (up to \$30,000 total) through the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship program.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is encouraging students to act swiftly, as there are only 200

scholarships available and the deadline to apply is January 31, 2021. Interested students should apply at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](http://ScholarTrack.IN.gov).

To qualify for the scholarship, students must have either graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class or earned a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT (1220) or ACT (26). To continue earning the scholarship in college, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year. Current college students who apply must be able to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.

"The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is designed to help future educators fund their education and provide Indiana students with motivated, quality teachers," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "We look forward to the positive impact these educators will have on their students and on Indiana's teacher pipeline."

The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 19, 2021.

A total of 367 students applied for the 2020-21 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, with applications from 213 high schools in 82 of Indiana's 92 counties. Over 83% of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

Former Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma authored legislation that created the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, which received bipartisan support during the 2016 legislative session. While the majority of the inaugural 2017 cohort will graduate this spring, more than 40 scholarship recipients have already become licensed teachers.

Visit [www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher](http://www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/NextTeacher) for more information on how to apply and follow #NextTeacher on social media. Questions may be directed to NextTeacher@che.in.gov.

Teacher stipend applications closing soon

Applications for two additional teacher scholarships will also close on January 31. They are:

\* Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities – Open to minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic individuals) who will participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements.

\* Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields – Available to students planning to teach Special Education or math at either the middle or high school level. Eligible students can receive up to \$4,000 per stipend, or \$8,000 if awarded both.

For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana

Commission for Higher Education by phone at 888-528-4719 or via email at [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov).

### VACCINE REGISTRATION

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Health today announced that Hoosiers age 80 and older will be eligible to register for a free COVID-19 vaccine beginning Friday, Jan. 8.

Individuals age 80 and older account for less than 4 percent of the state's population but represent more than 19 percent of the hospitalizations and more than half of the COVID-19 deaths in the state, according to the Indiana Department of Health.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, said vaccine supplies are still limited. Indiana has received just over 350,000 doses of vaccine to date and is scheduled to receive about 78,000 vaccines per week at this time.

"By opening vaccine to those who are 80 or older, then adding people in their 70s and 60s when vaccine supplies allow us to expand, we can best protect the populations that account for 93 percent of our COVID-19 deaths," Box said.

Hoosiers age 80 and older can register beginning at 9 a.m. Friday by going to [ourshot.in.gov](http://ourshot.in.gov), searching for a nearby vaccine clinic and selecting an appointment time. Appointments may also be made by calling 211. A caregiver or loved one may

make an appointment on behalf of an eligible senior.

At least one vaccine clinic will be located in each Indiana county.

Appointments for the second dose will be made at the clinic when the first dose is administered.

Additional groups, such as those based on underlying health conditions, will be added as vaccine becomes available. Updates will be posted at [ourshot.in.gov](http://ourshot.in.gov).

### CO-PARENTING CLASSES

Helping Indiana families cope with separation, divorce, and child custody issues is the goal of Co-Parenting for Successful Kids, the research-based education class provided by Purdue Extension.

On-site classes are offered at locations throughout Indiana. Two 2-hour sessions include videos, handouts, and educational presentations. Participants receive feedback, from a trained Extension Educator, on personalized activities.

The course helps parents learn what will help keep their child safe and out of adult conflicts. By strengthening communication skills, Co-Parenting for Successful Kids can improve parent-child and parent-to-parent interactions to assist parents to be more respectful, responsive, and responsible.

The next class in Huntington will be February 11 & 18 from 6:00-8:00pm at the

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Well here's to a New Year. Hope everything is going good. We had a great Christmas and New Years. Kylynn got the big surprise which was a trip to Disney world for Christmas and her birthday. She was so excited and I believe she enjoyed it although we could have spent all day on the beach and it wouldn't have bothered her one bit. But the water was quite cold and we couldn't have gotten her out of it very easy. I went out and stood in the water and I didn't last long, but there was lots of people swimming, surfing and just plain being stupid. I was already fighting the end stage of covid and pneumonia so I had no business being out there.

So yes I did have an exciting start to my holiday season. All of us went into quarantine on December 8th and December 17th I was in the emergency room feeling like death warmed over. I was then diagnosed with pneumonia after having covid. So we had a peaceful holiday and got out of quarantine just in time to fly out to Florida.

So our trip consisted of LEGOLAND which was very neat, it had many displays of Legos, which is Kylynn's favorite pastime. It is an amusement park, but they built cities out of Legos and had life size displays of like R2-D2 and Chewbacca from Star Wars. Very neat place if you like Legos. The store was neat and I was very surprised that the prices were comparable to big box stores around here.

Usually they are unreasonable in the giftshop setting, but they weren't. and of course no room for packing home a bunch of extras.

We also stopped on Monday at the big open air area on International Drive, took a ride on the Icon Wheel which was right at sunset. It was beautiful up there. We went through the sealife aquarium and enjoyed the extras in the open air area. It's a neat but very busy area.

Next day of course was the beach and then Wednesday was the big day, Disney day. I watched the weather for days leading up to this event and never was any rain forecast, sunny and 80 degrees.

Well...we get to the monorail and guess what..rain. Kendra said I thought it wasn't supposed to rain, I looked and a 64% chance. Now this weather changed over night because it was still sunny and 80 the night before. I was like what the heck are we in Indiana?? So once we got off the monorail it quit raining and we got in the park and started sightseeing and riding rides. We went to get on Aladdins carpet ride and here it came... and there ain't no stopping the ride now. So here we are sailing thru the air on a magic carpet ride getting pelted with rain. All I could do is laugh. You only live once...enjoy it even though your soggy. But that was it, no more rain and we had a great day from there on out. So I guess if that's all we got, it was worth it getting soggy for 5 minutes.

Thursday we headed to the wax museum of famous people. Kylynn had never been to one and she was pretty skeptical about these people and we had to coach her to pose with them. She finally warmed up to them. Then we went to the Titanic exhibit. John and I had been to the one in Pigeon Forge so we knew it was cool. So we gave Kylynn the choice of either going to the Kennedy Space Center or Titanic exhibit. She chose the ship. I was very upset, this was nothing to compare with the one at Pigeon Forge. But she enjoyed it, I guess that's all that matters.

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<p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b>                  8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier                  Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor                  Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.                  Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.                  Wed Carry-in &amp; Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>                  8294S 900W 35                  Harold Smith, Pastor                  Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                  Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                  Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b>                  Chad Yoder, Pastor                  Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.                  Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.                  Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>                  Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199</p> <p>Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.                  Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp                  Handicap Accessible                  Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b>  <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b>                  Pastor Wayne Couch                  260/515-2517</p> <p>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><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b>                  8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779                  Matt Kennedy, Pastor                  Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.                  Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b>                  101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726                  Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor                  1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.                  Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.                  2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b>                  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><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b>                  Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz &amp; Dick Case                  Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT</b>                  Monday thru Friday                  Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  727 N Wayne St, Warren                  260-375-2811                  office@warrenfirsbaptist.net                  Pator Rusty Strickler                  Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild                  Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.                  Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.                  Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ..Sun 11:30                  Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  375-2510                  Pastor Steven Spencer                  Bus Service 375-2510  <a href="http://www.warrennaz.org">www.warrennaz.org</a>                  Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                  Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST</b>                  485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN                  375-3873                  Paul Burris, Pastor                  Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.                  Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b>                  3147 W 543 S, Huntington                  765.524.3390                  Rev. Robert S Hallett, Pastor                  Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                  Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                  Wednesdays:                  Bible Study &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  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</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.                  3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am                  4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  Pastor Diane Samuels                  Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.                  Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b>                  375-4359                  Bill VanHaften, Pastor                  Lois Slusher, Supt.                  Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; 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><b>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST</b>                  260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124                  Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"                  Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.                  Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.                  Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.</p> <p>Everyone is Welcome  <b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b>                  468-2412                  Mel Zumbrun, Pastor                  Worship .....9:30 a.m.                  Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>                  375-2102                  Interim Pastor Troy Drayer                  Youth Pastor Troy &amp; Mindy Drayer                  Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.                  Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.                  Youth Sunday School during Worship Service                  Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.                  Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  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><b>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  765-934-1431                  Pastor Brad Hensley                  Worship Service ..... 9:30 am                  Sunday School ..... 10:30am                  Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm                  Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm                  UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm                  Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am                  Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  <a href="http://www.vanburenumc.org">www.vanburenumc.org</a></p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>                  375-3022                  Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister                  Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister                  Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.                  Tara Bower - Secretary  <a href="http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org">www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</a>                  Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.                  Worship &amp; 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><b>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH</b>                  6th &amp; Nancy Sts. Warren                  260-228-9084                  Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor                  Wesley Welch, Supt.                  Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.                  Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.                  Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>                  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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Purdue Extension office, 1340 S Jefferson St. Participants must attend both days. Cost for this class is \$50. Space is limited to the first 20 registrants. For more information or to register for the class, please call 260-358-4826.

### DINING WITH DIABETES

Purdue Extension Huntington County will offer Dining with Diabetes classes beginning February 3, 2021 at 11:00am. This series will be held for four consecutive weeks on February 3, 10, 17, & 24. The classes will be held at Love, INC in Huntington, IN. The cost for this program will be covered by a grant received by the Huntington County Health and Wellness Coalition from the Parkview Hospital Foundation.

This program is for individuals with diabetes, or those at risk for diabetes, and their caregivers. The program is also helpful for friends and family members of those with diabetes or individuals interested in diabetes. In this program, you'll learn how to lessen the health risks of diabetes. Topics covered include food choice, diet planning, healthy cooking, portion control, medical indicator awareness, and healthy activity levels for those with diabetes. Participants will be served a light meal with new recipes to try and take home.

Please reserve a seat by January 27, 2021 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing [cneverid@purdue.edu](mailto:cneverid@purdue.edu).

IWU Hosts 8th Annual MLK Celebration  
Indiana Wesleyan University will host its eighth annual MLK Celebration and first MLK Virtual Celebration honoring Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021. This special virtual event will honor King's legacy with scripture and song.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. featuring music from celebrated choirs and voices of: Eastern Star Church, Indianapolis, IN; Zion Global Ministries-Judah Choir, West Chester, OH; Light of the

World Christian Church Choir, Indianapolis, IN; Dr. Phoenix Park-Kim, Marion, IN.

Also featured will be Pastor Kenneth E. Sullivan Jr., Indianapolis, IN, and Dr. Debby Flickinger, Pleasant Hill, CA, sharing in the remembrance of Dr. King in word.

Dr. Joanne Barnes, dean of the Graduate School at IWU and MLK committee chair, stated that it would be easy to put the celebration on hold during the ongoing pandemic, but the event means too much to the communities and students the University serves to do that. "No matter the modality or venue, our desire is to honor Dr. King's dream," said Barnes. "2020 has been a year that brought opportunities for change and social justice. This special time together will help us to continue to move towards reconciliation and bring light where there is darkness. Diversity and inclusion bind us together. As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that'."

IWU's hope is that this celebration, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will continue to unite us and bring us hope.

For more information and to join our virtual celebration, visit [www.indwes.edu/events/mlk/](http://www.indwes.edu/events/mlk/)

### RETIRED TEACHERS MEET

The Huntington County Retired Teachers Association met Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at Huntington University for their Christmas luncheon. President Mark Vickrey welcomed members and guests. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Ron Frischman offered the invocation. Mark welcomed Ruth Reed, who retired from Huntington North High School last spring. There were 18 members and guests in attendance. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. The group was entertained with piano and Vocal Christmas music by Ann Bostel.

Members, Barb Betterly, Marinda Meyer, Nancy Thrasher, Sue Ellet, Joan Boyer, Sally Morrison, and Ruth Moreland, were recognized for their outstanding number of volunteer hours for 2019. Total number of hours volunteered by the association was 19,320.

The next meeting will be held at the Forks of the Wabash at noon on March 3rd, 2021.

### ECOLAB ADDING JOBS

Ecolab Inc. (NYSE: ECL), a global leader in water, hygiene and infection prevention solutions and services, announced plans today to expand its operations in Huntington, creating up to 24 new jobs by the end of 2022.

"With the state's pro-growth

business environment, skilled talent pipeline and strong manufacturing sector, Indiana offers global companies like Ecolab the perfect location to increase its footprint," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger. "We're excited Ecolab is continuing to fuel its growth in the Hoosier state, enhancing its manufacturing and distribution operations and creating quality career opportunities in northeast Indiana."

The St. Paul, Minnesota-based company will invest more than \$9 million to expand its operations in Huntington, installing new equipment at its 150,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at 970 E. Tipton St. and increasing warehouse space at its 132,000-square-foot distribution center at 68 Commercial Road. These upgrades, which are expected to be completed in 2021, will enable Ecolab to meet increased demand for its hand soaps and sanitizers during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future as its customers maintain safe, clean and healthy operations for consumers.

To support its growth, Ecolab, which employs more than 100 associates across both locations in Huntington, is hiring for positions in supply chain, distribution, production and R&D. Interested applicants may apply online.

"Our team has been running our operations at full capacity

to meet the increased need for our hygiene solutions, and this expansion will help ensure our ability to meet current and future demand," said Kevin Wiig, manager of Ecolab's Huntington plant. "We are excited to expand in Huntington and appreciate our partnerships with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the city of Huntington and the Huntington County Economic Development Corporation that have helped make this expansion possible."

With more than 45,000 associates worldwide, Ecolab offers comprehensive solutions, data-driven insights and on-site services to advance food safety, maintain clean and safe environments, optimize water and energy use, and improve operational efficiencies and sustainability. In 1996, the company acquired Huntington Laboratories, which was founded in 1919 as Huntington Chemical Company, and launched its distribution center in 2016. Ecolab's Huntington operations produce soaps and sanitizers for use in health care facilities, supermarkets, restaurants and other locations.

"Huntington is proud to continue hosting Ecolab production facilities and welcomes the new investments announced in this project," said Huntington Mayor Richard Strick. "2020 showed us that the world

needs Ecolab products now

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more than ever and we're excited to continue that partnership with a great corporate citizen. The County Commissioners, the Huntington County Economic Development Corporation and Governor Holcomb's team were critical partners in facilitating this project and I thank each of them for their contribution. Great teams work hard to collaborate together and projects like this demonstrate what we can achieve."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Ecolab up to \$160,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The city of Huntington will offer additional incentives at the request of the Huntington County Economic Development Corporation.

**VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**

The Indiana Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual career fair on Wednesday, January 20 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time. Anyone interested in learning more about employment at INDOT is invited to attend, and registration is not required.

The career fair will feature an overview of the agency, benefits of working for INDOT, and positions currently available. Featured jobs will include highway maintenance technicians, equipment mechanics, construction engineers and project inspectors, and seasonal positions.

The event will be held via Microsoft Teams, an online video conferencing application for both desktop and mobile devices. While a Teams account is not needed to join the event, those who plan to participate may download the Microsoft Teams application in advance here. The app is required if joining from a mobile device, but attendees can choose to join on the web instead using Edge, Chrome, or Firefox if using a desktop.

The live event can be accessed online at this link on January 20. Those planning to attend should save this email, as they will need to click that link to join the event.

Learn more about employment opportunities and see a full listing of job opportunities at INDOT here.

**CELEBRATE MLK BY VOLUNTEERING**

Honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by becoming a volunteer at one of Indiana's DNR properties this year.

DNR provides a variety of ways for citizens to make a difference in maintaining, improving, and restoring Indiana's natural and cultural heritage.

Several opportunities are available, including maintaining trails, helping in nature centers, and sharing photography or artwork. DNR also welcomes citizens to bring their own unique talents to a volunteer opportunity.

"Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for Indiana State Parks. "You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy."

This is a great time to explore the DNR volunteer website for more information at [on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer](http://on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer) or email [DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov) for questions.

On Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some properties will have self-directed service opportunities, such as litter pickup along trails. Check the DNR Calendar at [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) for lists of activities on Jan. 18 or for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Contact your local DNR property to learn more about how to give back in 2021.

**CONNER PRAIRIE HONORING MLK**

This year, Conner Prairie will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a new way, premiering an online exhibit that can be safely explored from home.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Legacies of Social Justice examines historical moments in the civil rights movement and relates them to what is happening in our world today. The online exhibit examines the history of the nonviolence movement, drawing a clear line from the mid-twentieth century to present day American life.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### FAIR

 Jack L Fair, 83, of Lake Hills TX passed away December 27, 2020.


Jack was born December 26, 1937 in Pleasant Hill, OH. He is the son of the late Charles and Stella (Saul) Fair. He married Carol Bowman on August 20, 1960 in Decatur, IN.

He served in the United States Army. He lived in Warren, IN where he and his family worked a dairy farm before moving to Texas. He then worked and retired at Zumwalt Construction located in Mico, TX. His past time included restoring old tractors and going to antique tractor pulls. He was a member of the Tri-County Antique Tractor Pulling Association. He loved pulling his tractors.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Fair, William Fair and Glen Fair; and four sisters, Mildred Leistner, Mary Palsgrove, Joan Campbell and Grace Peeples. Jack is survived by his wife Carol (Bowman) Fair; two sons, Charles (Bud) Fair (Ruth) of Lake Hills, TX and Brad Ostermeyer (Marie) of Aurora, CO; a daughter, Beth Ostermeyer of Warren, IN; a granddaughter, Andrea Fair of San Antonio, TX; and a sister, Diana Fair of Lake Hills, TX.

There will be no funeral service but there will be a Memorial Service at a later date.

### WALTON

 Herbert M. Walton, 96 of Warren passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at his residence.

Herb served his country during WWII. He served in Belgium, Siege of Bastogne, and Brest France in 1944. He also served in Ohrdruf and Musch Germany in 1945. He was a lifetime farmer in Huntington County. He was an avid Marion Giants and Indiana Hoosiers fan. He played baseball in his youth and was called to try out for the St. Louis Cardinals. Herb was a member of the American Legion Post 7 in

Huntington. He was a lawn mower enthusiast and grounds keeper at Waltons Glen Archery Range.

Herb was born on July 23, 1924 in Huntington County, the son of the late Otto and Eva (Welker) Walton.

He was united in marriage to Pauline Tinkle on August 17, 1946. Pauline preceded him in death on August 1, 2002.

Survivors include two grandchildren: Michael Walton of Warren, Staccia (Michael Shockley) Grover of Huntington; seven great grandchildren: Ashlyn (Justin) Zeedyk, Julia (Alex) Arnold, Natasha (Tribeca) Grover, Zachary (Kara Yoder) Grover, Nicolas Shockley, Alivia Shockley, Katie Shockley; four great-great grandchildren: Julian Grover, Lexie Arnold, Stetson Zeedyk and Jacklynn Grover; and a daughter-in-law: Marsha Walton.


He was preceded in death by two sons: James Walton, Tom Walton, two brothers: Lester Walton, Paul Walton, a sister: Thelma Shrock, granddaughter-in-law: Vicki Walton.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm with funeral service to follow visitation at 4:00 pm at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana.

Interment will be at the Mt. Etna Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made out to American Legion Post 7 or Honor Flight of NE Indiana both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

### VANCAMP

 James Howard 'Weed' VanCamp, 87, of Wells County, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

He was born on Sunday, Oct. 22, 1933, in Wells County. Mr. VanCamp was a 1951 graduate of Chester Center High School in Wells County. He had served his country in

the U.S. Army from 1956-1958. He had worked for Franklin Electric for 26 1/2 years and was later self-employed. James had lived at Heritage Pointe in Warren for 8 years. He was a 50-year member of the American Legion, a former member of the Bro Shadow Club, a lifetime member of the NRA and a member of the National Fishing Club.

Loving survivors include his brother, Frank (wife, Judy) VanCamp of Montpelier, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Wayne VanCamp; mother, Bonnie Lucille (Dickason) VanCamp; brothers, Marlin VanCamp and Roger VanCamp; and sisters, Martha Lenwell and Pauline Towns.

Due to COVID-19, a private graveside service was held at Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier with military rites conducted by the U.S. Army.

Preferred memorials: American Legion Post 156, 112 W. Green St., Montpelier, IN 47359.

### HENNESSY

Marc Hennessy, 58, of Bloomington and Bloomfield, Indiana died on December 31, 2020.

He was born on December 16, 1962 to Anne (Harris) & Thomas Hennessy. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer (Stroup) Hennessy. Marc's passing is a source of profound grief to all those who knew and loved him. To both his family and friends, he will be long remembered for the kindness, fun, and the skills that he shared with us.

Marc, like his family, was a lover of great food, and we will ever recall him as the consummate chef. While managing the ranges at Bloomington's Irish Lion, and preparing meals for family gatherings, Marc's culinary prowess was admired and enjoyed by literally thousands through the years. Marc loved the outdoors and

especially the Greene County countryside where he and Jennifer lived for many years. Among his joys in that beautiful area was racing fearlessly down the country roads on his motorcycles, testing both their power and agility, and his own. A skilled marksman and the master of many firearms, Marc particularly enjoyed his beloved Glocks. It is worth noting that Marc's gentle heart would never permit him to turn a weapon on a fellow creature. Inanimate targets only. Marc's love of animals was apparent to any who visited his home, where rarely fewer than a dozen cats and two or three dogs shared the premises. Of them all, his beloved golden, Sarah, was his delight, and he shared countless hours romping with her and Jennifer through the woods, fields, and gardens of his property. But above all else, Marc was a loving and devoted husband to Jennifer, the love of his life. Even as his strength failed in his last years due to the many medical challenges that he faced, Marc's attention to Jennifer remained constant and unwavering, a moving legacy to the life they shared together.

There will be a Celebration of Life graveside service for Marc on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren, IN. at 3:00 PM.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier, IN.

### PAUL

Barbara J. Paul, 92, of Warren, a former resident of Markle, after a short fight with cancer, went to heaven Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, to be with her beloved husband of 70 years, George R. Paul, and her daughter, Terry Murray.

Barbara was born March 17, 1928, in Warren, to Lee A. and Vida J. Gossard Boulware. Her parents preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to George R. Paul Jan. 27,

1945. George preceded her in death May 23, 2017.


Survivors include a son, George (Ginger) Paul II of Jimmerson Lake near Angola; a daughter, Suzann Paul of Ossian; a son-in-law, Darrell Murray of Bluffton; six grandchildren, Joey Yerkes of Ossian, Dr. Heather (Keith) Pepple of Plainwell, Mich., Dr. George (Natalie) Paul III of Lagrange, Ill., Jennifer Wendell of Bluffton, Matthew (Stephanie) Murray of Indianapolis, and Megan (Ryan) Wharry of Fort Wayne; and 11 great grandchildren.

There will be no formal funeral services. Barbara will be laid to rest by her children and grandchildren.

Interment will take place at a later date at the Markle Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made out to Heritage Pointe of Warren (in thanks to the loving front line staff) in care of the Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770

### RUBLE

 Don Ruble, 98, of Warren died Jan. 4, 2021, at Heritage Pointe of Warren, Warren.

He was born to Virgil and Dora Ruble on Nov. 24, 1922. Don graduated from Jefferson Township (Huntington County) in 1940. He served in World War II in the South Pacific. After returning from the war, he attended Purdue University earning an engineering degree.

He is survived by daughters, Patricia (Ron) Schrock and Susan (Bob) Bobay; granddaughters, Lisa (Terran) McNear and Stephanie (Rick) Frye; and 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Helen Campbell, and brothers, Ron Ruble and Richard Ruble. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Lois Dysert and Imogene Ruble, and brother, Robert Ruble.

Due to the pandemic and to honor Don's wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service.

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Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren at a later date.

**BROWN**

Jerry J. Brown, 68, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at his sisters home in Hartford City, IN.

He was born on Tuesday, July 22, 1952, in Huntington, IN. He married Elizabeth Thiery Brown on Saturday, May 22, 1971 in Montpelier, Indiana. Jerry devoted his life to public service and helping others. He is well known for his many days of officiating athletic events all over the area. He enjoyed being Santa for countless families to spread love and joy to so many. His public service days included 8 years as the Sheriff of Blackford County and 6 years as the Chief of Police in Montpelier. He also worked at Gripco for 10 years and formerly served as a Mason and Shriner in the Masonic Lodge. He was proud of his years running Safety Town for the children of Montpelier. Jerry was a great support to his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Jerry will be remembered for his endless smile and ability to brighten anyone's day.

He will be sadly missed by his Wife - Elizabeth I.(Thiery) Brown, Montpelier, IN, Son - Kevin (Mindy) Brown, Hartford City, IN, Daughter - Karen (Scott) Mealy, Montpelier, IN, Brother - James (Cheryl) Brown, Bluffton, IN, Brother - John Brown, Warren, IN, Grandsons - Nathan Brown, Hartford City, IN, Tyler Brown, Hartford City, IN, Caleb Mealy, Montpelier, IN, and Granddaughter - Kalli Mealy, Montpelier, IN.

He was preceded in death by his Father - Ernest Brown, Mother - Charlotte (Cree) Brown, and Sister - Barbara Hardwick.

A celebration of life gathering will be held in the summer of 2021. Details of the gathering will be shared at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

**ELDRIDGE**

Ida (Williams) Eldridge, 86 of Liberty Center, passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 6, 2021, at Markle Health and Rehabilitation in Markle.

Ida was born on Aug. 19, 1934, in Perry County, Ky., to Andy and Sarah (Farler) Williams. She attended Farler School and Stratton School in Kentucky. Ida was a cook for Southern Wells Schools for 16 years. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, camping and boating and attended Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton.

Ida and Ernest Eldridge were married on March 30, 1957, in Hazard, Ky.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Ernest of Liberty Center, their children, Georgetta Eldridge of Liberty Center, Frances "Gail" (Jim) Lambert and Shirley (Andy) Smallman, both of Bluffton, and Ernest (Sherrie) Eldridge, Jr. of Poneto, along with 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Eldridge; sisters, Rachel, Mary Jane, Annie, Lucy, Mollie, Mandy, and Liz; a brother, Ruben; and a half-brother, Bentley.

Visitation for Ida will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home.

A private family service to celebrate Ida's life will take place following visitation with Rev. Lyle Breeding officiating. Private family burial will follow the service at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Friends wishing to watch Ida's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 773 520 7951, and you can login after 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021.

Memorials may be made in Ida's memory to Sonlight

Wesleyan Church and can be sent to the funeral home.

**EMBREE**

Wilma G. Embree, 97, of Van Buren, passed away at 4:17 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



She was born at home on May 27, 1923, in Washington Township. She married Orry S. Embree on Sunday, July 15, 1945; he passed away in 1992.

Wilma was a 1941 graduate of Van Buren High School and a 1944 graduate of St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne. Wilma had worked all of her life as a registered nurse, 25 years for Dr. E.S. Rifner in his Van Buren office, nine years for the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. in Marion as the factory nurse, and eight years for Indiana Wesleyan University in the health care center.

Nursing was Wilma's passion; she loved her profession through and through. Serving people in her community brought her great joy. She was a longtime member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church.

Loving survivors include son, Robert (Butch) Embree of Marion; granddaughters, Heather (Keith) Pepple of Midland, Mich., Megan (Ryan) Wharry of Fort Wayne; grandsons, R. Wade Embree of Illinois and George (Natalie) Paul III of La Grange, Illi.; brothers, Clair Hall of Warren, Glenn Hall of Avon Park, Fla.; sister, Glenna Plummer of Bluffton; great-grandchildren, Ashley Pepple, Nick Pepple, Ryan Wharry, Tori Parrish, Noah Parrish, Giovanna Paul, and Giana Paul.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys V. Stallings; father, Ernest H. Hall; sisters, Phyllis Marilyn and Glenna Pauline; brothers, Maris Hall, Phillip Hall, and Jay Halls; sister, Martha Weaver; daughter, Linda Paul; and granddaughter, Dawn Embree.

Family and friends may gather to share and

remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, IN 46991 on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A service to celebrate Wilma's life will follow at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021.

**COMBS**

Shirley Jo Martin Combs, affectionately known as 'Nana', took flight on her final journey January 6, 2021. Her daughters were faithfully by her side.



Shirley was born on Nov 3, 1931, to Joseph and Eva Martin (McCormick), of Lucerne, Indiana. She had 4 siblings: James Martin, John Martin, Kay Leonard and her eldest sister and best surviving friend Zelpha Frushour whom she chose to retire near in Warren, Indiana.

She married her high school sweetheart, Theodore (Ted "Papa" Combs), on New Year's Eve 1949. They have 2 daughters who became their greatest loves and legacies, Cynthia Lynn (husband Thomas) Del Toro and Carla Kay (husband Roland) Colwell. She has 5 grandchildren who brought her so much pride and joy: Kymberly L. Combs (wife Melissa), Steven M. Chapla, Joshua C. Colwell, Cari K.(husband Kerry) Keeps and Jessyca Jo Colwell, whom Nana is reuniting with in heaven. Nana also witnessed 7 great grandchildren bless her family.

Shirley enjoyed a long and diverse career in the home building and interior decorating industry. She worked with the home builders association in South Bend, Ind. for many years and was an Executive Officer for NHBA in Washington, DC as well as West Palm Beach, Fl.

When Shirley retired from Garden Homes after many years, she decided it was her time to relax and enjoy life

with family and took up painting as if she had mastered it all along.

She had a passion for adventure, travel and the outdoors including fishing and mushroom hunting.

Shirley was a longtime member of Sunnyside Presbyterian church in South Bend.

Shirley made numerous lifelong connections and deep friendships; her greatest love was always her family.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Parkview Huntington Hospital and Hospice. In lieu of gifts and flowers, we ask for donations to Huntington Hospice.

A private family service will be conducted in the Springtime, where her ashes will be placed next to the love of her life, Ted.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.

**LAPETINA**

Mary J. Lapetina, 90, of Huntington, IN, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lapetina graduated in 1948 from Warren High School. She was a cosmetologist. She was also a member of St. Peter's First Community Church in Huntington.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1930, in Huntington, to Roy F. and Amy R. Wiley Eubank. She was married to Nicholas Lapetina. He preceded her in death.

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Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Agatha Eubank, of Syracuse, and Mary Lou Eubank, of Lafayette.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Gardens of Memory in Marion. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Helping Paws Pet Haven, in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

**DURHAM**

Mark Durham, 47 of Jackson Township, Wells County, went home to his loving father on Friday morning, January 8, 2021, surrounded by his family. Mark now has one of the best hunting stands available!

Mark was born on April 28, 1973, in Bluffton to Billie Durham and Kathy Hupp-Smith and graduated from Bluffton High School in 1992.

Mark had a true love for the outdoors and all it had to offer. He served our community through Dillman Church as an Elder, Southern Wells School as a Board Member for 2 terms and started the NASP Archery Program at Southern Wells School and worked as an instructor. He was the founder and instructor for the Outdoor Pursuits Program through Wells County 4-H. He was dedicated to teaching youth about the beauty of the outdoors and basic skills. Mark has been very involved in the Whitetails Unlimited program in Wells County. Mark worked as a National Fleets Parts Manager for NESCO Specialty Rentals in Bluffton.

On January 3, 2009, in Bluffton, Mark married the love of his life, Juliann (Kleinknight) Durham. Together they have raised an amazing family with three children, Olivia C. Durham, Harlie A. Durham and Hunter D. Durham, of Jackson

Township, Wells County. Mark was very involved in his children's sporting events, activities and interests. He was always ready to coach, serve as a leader or to help in any way that was needed.

In addition to Juliann and children in Jackson Township, Mark is also survived by his father, Billie Durham of Bluffton and mother, Kathy Hupp-Smith of Fort Wayne, a sister, Vickie Durham-Heron of Bluffton and a brother, Todd Durham of Bluffton, along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A service to Celebrate Mark's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Dillman Church. Pastor Matt Kennedy and Jeff Lemler will officiate, with calling for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Friends wishing to watch Mark's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 838 9293 5243 and you can login after 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021.

Memorials may be made in Mark's memory to his family, payable to Juliann Durham and can be sent to the funeral home.

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the trip. This excursion business had been in operation for 85 years. I felt safer after hearing that report. Also, we were not allowed to jump overboard for a recreational swim without a passport. Company rules!

This geographic area is appropriately named, "1000 Islands" as it consists of numerous outcroppings in the river. There are actually 1,865 islands up and down the St. Lawrence waterway, but what's a few extra! To be eligible to be classified as an island, the outcropping must have a 3' x 3' spatial dimension, retain a tree or bush, and remain above water level most of the time.

This vicinity was originally earmarked as a social gathering place for the rich and famous. Some of the larger islands had lavish homes built on them. A few smaller ones had diminutive dwellings; some so small that they completely covered the rocky surface. People could step out the front door and immediately get their feet wet.

One moderate-sized residence had a park-like bridge connection with a small, adjacent island. Maybe it was the couple's doghouse destination. You figure out the double meaning of it. A few structures situated on these exposed rocks were not livable—just for "show" apparently. The smallest island was appropriately called, "Tom Thumb."

In 1900 George C. Boldt, an American millionaire hotel magnate started construction of a mansion on the crest of Heart Island. It is the largest island that is in full view of Alexandria Bay.

Mr. Boldt's intention for construction of this huge structure was as a tribute to his wife, Louise. They spent summers here during the

building process. Tragically, his wife passed away in 1904 just a few months before completing the construction project. Mr. Boldt was devastated at this occurrence, left the island, never to return. For seventy years the property was left abandoned and vandalized. Finally the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority took control of the property in 1977 and continued to repair and complete the construction, which is 95% accomplished. The mansion with its grand staircase and elaborate yacht house is now a popular tourist attraction.

Some of our tour members disembarked at Heart Island to inspect the premises. Even though our river cruise ticket included this island excursion, we decided to forgo the uphill climb to the mansion and spent time back in Alexandria Bay browsing, purchasing two "1000 Island" jackets, and people watching. We are well-experienced with the latter.

The depth of this extremely wide river varies from 15-300 feet. The United States side is the normal channel for large ships to navigate. At one time, dynamite was required to displace rock on an island so ships could pass one another.

The maritime boat captain informed us about the sanitation requirements of those living on the islands. Since the landscape is solid rock, there is no septic/sewer system available.

Therefore to remedy the situation, waste is collected periodically by boats called, "Honey Boats." Their advertising slogan is, "We Take Crap from Anybody." The results of a survey rate them # 1 or # 2!

Other information dispersed by the vessel navigator included the most asked questions by onboard tourists:

- #1. How many islands are there in the 1,000 Islands?
- #2. Are there whales and dolphins in the (fresh water) St. Lawrence River?
- #3. When does the 10 am. boat tour leave?
- #4. How long does the 2 hour boat tour last?

We spent the rest of the day observing the large ships work their way upstream and downstream and smaller vessels scurry around the harbor. The included trip dinner that night was served in the Main Dining Room of our hotel.

We returned home on Day #8 via Syracuse, Buffalo, & Cleveland. Happy traveling!

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So that kinda wraps up our little getaway. It was fun and to me the best Christmas and birthday present a girl could get. Would I do it again, no, but I still want to go to beach week with the jeep in Daytona and my dream vacation of Key Largo and Key West, which I have always wanted to go to since I was a little girl. I'll get there one day.

Ended up finally getting my new car that we started back the first part of December, I got a new Jeep Renegade, which is much smaller than my wrangler, but I love it. We traded off the truck on it and kept the green Jeep. I am now able to haul my mother a little easier than trying to get her up in the Wrangler. She claims she was getting to be a pro, hopping up in the big jeep, but I prefer a safe approach for her. That and I was having problems with all my issues. It was just best for all.

I want to wish my Granddaughter Ky a very happy birthday this week. 11 years old all ready, Papaw better get to working on Eleanor the Jeep, cause she's gonna be driving it soon. Time flies too quick. Have a great week!!!

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