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Thought for the Week: I am not young enough to know everything. Oscar Wilde

RUMMAGE/BAKE

SALE/RAFFLE

Don't forget to visit McNatt Church on Friday and/or Saturday this weekend. There will be a Rummage & Bake Sale that includes a Handmade extra long Queen size Quilt Raffle.

Friday, April 10th from 9am to 7pm and Saturday, April 11th from 9am to 1pm. Food will also be available for purchase.

Quilt Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Drawing will be held at 1pm on Saturday - you don't have to be present to win!

McNatt Church is located at 9183 W 800 S 90, Warren in Wells County (1 mile west of State Road 3)

Sales will benefit people in need in the community.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The Annual Warren High School Alumni Banquet is just over a month away! We'll all meet May 9, 2026 at the old school, beginning with a Social Hour from 3 to 5pm in the gym. You are welcome to attend the social hour only if you wish, and there is no cost.

We wish to remind everyone that ALL ARE WELCOME, regardless of whether you graduated from Warren or not. And you do not have to be from an Honored Class to attend!

The Salamonie Valley Museum and the USS Salamonie Room will be open for the afternoon and John Williams' growing display of everything Warren memorabilia will be in the gym.

Just before 5:00 on the 9th, the Honored Classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971 will be dismissed from the gym and allowed to enter first

to their preferential seating. After they have been seated, the rest of us may enter and find our seats. We appreciate your cooperation in this. Before we eat, attending members from honored classes will be introduced, a few necessary comments will be made and grace will be offered.

We will enjoy a sit-down meal brought to us by Laura Shideler, owner of the Wagon Wheel Cafe. The menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, cookie w/ice cream, tea and lemonade.

Reservations may be made by calling Bruce Preston @ 260-375-2650 or by email to whslightning5@gmail.com and are due by April 30th. The cost is \$15 including the tip, payable in cash at the door.

The committee encourages honored classes to meet and reminisce in addition to attending the banquet. If you are a member of any of these classes, please make every effort to reconnect with old classmates! We look forward to once again enjoying special times together!

CERTIFIED MIDWIVES

Women's diverse health needs require specialized care and sensitivity. Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) – OB/GYN has assembled a team of certified nurse midwives who bring that compassionate care to communities across the region, including Grant and Huntington counties.

Nurse midwives are specially trained to guide women in taking care of their well-being throughout multiple life stages.

Collaborating with a team of OB/GYN physicians, nurse midwives are qualified to diagnose medical conditions, prescribe medications and treatments and order tests. They provide a wide range of healthcare services to girls and women, including general health check-ups, screenings and vaccinations; pregnancy, birth, and postpartum care; and well-woman gynecologic care addressing issues from adolescence through menopause to the elder years.

All of these nurse midwives emphasize getting to know their patients as individuals, offering support without judgment, and cultivating relationships for the long term. Working with Dr. June Pollydore, Dr. Takunda Mugwisi and Nurse Practitioner Abby Mitchell at Parkview Huntington Hospital, the midwives help provide seamless care during pregnancy, delivery and beyond.

Midwifery care complements the services of these OB/GYNs, who are experts in high-risk pregnancy, medical complications and surgery. Parkview's nurse midwives are experienced in supporting moms emotionally and with important birthing resources, including ways to cope with labor pain. The midwives can offer a variety of interventions – from position changes, relaxation techniques and water therapy to saline solution injections at pressure points – to make moms more comfortable during delivery. If further measures are needed, IV, epidural and other medications can be administered. The goal is to

enable each woman to have her desired approach to birth.

"Our skilled nurse midwives meet women where they are on their health journey, reassure and guide them," said June Pollydore, MD, Parkview Physicians Group – OB/GYN. "Dr. Mugwisi and I rely on their judgment and experience as our team plans deliveries and other needed procedures for our patients. This team approach enables women to feel confident in the individualized care they receive so they can focus on looking forward to welcoming their little ones. Supporting each woman's well-being and making decisions together, we work to create the care experience our patients need and want."

Four nurse midwives serve patients in Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Wells counties. Each of these women's health professionals is board certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board and holds membership in the American College of Nurse Midwives.

Shelly Boone, CNM, FNP-C Shelly Boone has been caring for patients at PPG – OB/GYN offices in Huntington and Wabash and is now seeing patients at Parkview's multi-specialty clinic in Marion.

Boone earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Anderson University in Anderson, Ind., followed by a master's degree in nursing (MSN) from Marion's Indiana Wesleyan University. She received her CNM (nurse midwife certification) from Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Ky. (now located in Versailles, Ky.).

Before earning her nurse midwife credentials, she worked as a family nurse practitioner at a Wabash clinic

for 12 years. Being present at the birth of a friend's daughter had a profound impact on her, and she decided to focus her skills and experience on caring for women and babies. Boone estimates that she has delivered nearly 700 babies during her career.

Alisa Felke, CNM Alisa Felke cares for patients at PPG – OB/GYN offices in Huntington and Bluffton. Like Boone, Felke was similarly inspired to choose a path in midwifery after attending the birth of her niece. Felke is also a veteran of some 700 deliveries.

She received her undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion. She completed her master's degree in nurse-midwifery through Frontier Nursing University.

Corrine Stokes, CNM, MSN Corrine Stokes takes care of patients at PPG – OB/GYN offices in Huntington and Wabash.

Stokes began her nursing education at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Goshen College in Goshen, Ind., graduating summa cum laude. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Frontier Nursing University.

Prior to joining Parkview, Stokes provided gynecological, prenatal, delivery and postpartum care – as well as health education – for women in hospital, outpatient and clinic settings in Kosciusko and DeKalb counties.

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A PARENT'S GUIDE TO PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITH CONFIDENCE

(StatePoint) If you're the parent of a college-bound student, you'll soon be receiving financial aid award letters. Making sense of these letters and planning your next steps can help you navigate the years ahead.

Among the nearly 90% of parents in a College Ave survey who say they helped or planned to help their child pay for college, 68% were confident they had a good payment plan. To help ensure you can say the same for yourself, it's really important to nail down the details. Once the financial aid award letters arrive, Angela Colatriano, chief operating officer at College Ave, says to take the following steps:


Compare the offers. Each letter might present information a bit differently. Getting an apples-to-apples look at the offers is critical. You can calculate the net direct cost of each school by subtracting offered scholarships and grants from the cost of attendance (tuition, room, board, textbooks and fees). If applicable, you can subtract work-study aid too. You should also factor in expected annual increases in tuition, room, board and other fees.

Understand how federal borrowing has changed. The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), signed into law last year, brings important changes to federal financial aid. While some provisions expand flexibility, including Pell Grant use and student loan rehabilitation opportunities, it also places new federal loan limits on parents and graduate students. Families who might be considering federal loans to cover remaining costs may need a new approach and funding plan. It's important to be mindful of these new changes and annual borrowing limits so there are no surprises down the line.

Look for more scholarship opportunities. Beyond federal and institutional financial aid, outside scholarships can help you meet college costs. Ask your student's high school counselor and visit online sites like bigfuture.collegboard.org and scholarships.com to find relevant opportunities. One easy and simple scholarship your student can apply to again and again in mere moments is the College Ave Scholarship Sweepstakes, which awards \$1,000 to a lucky winner each month.


Cover the gap. If there's still a gap after financial aid, savings and income, and federal loans, consider private student loans or private parent loans. If your family does borrow loans, be sure that your student has an understanding of how loans work, so they are prepared

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
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 Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
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 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
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 765-618-0027
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm</p> |
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AREA NEWS

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Aubrey Monson, CNM, APRN
Aubrey Monson cares for patients at the PPG – OB/GYN office in Huntington.

She earned both her Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing degrees from Bethel University in Arden Hills, Minn.

Early in her nursing career, Monson practiced in a wide variety of specialties. As a midwife, she practiced at St. Luke’s Hospital in Duluth, Minn., and at the Minnesota Birth Center. Monson is currently a professor of nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University and sees Parkview patients part-time. While she is unable to accept new patients right now, she may see existing patients for routine care.

Monson is committed to providing compassionate, evidence-based care. She prioritizes shared decision-making, ensuring that women feel heard, respected and empowered.

Learn more about each of these Nurse Midwives at parkview.com/find-a-provider/

Appointments with the nurse midwives can be scheduled by calling 260-355-3960 for any of these PPG – OB/GYN offices: 1980 N. Main St., Bluffton; 2003 Stults Road, Suite 215, Huntington; 2620 S. Western Ave., Marion; and 8 John Kissinger Drive, Wabash.

THE BRANSON SHOWS TRIP DAY 1, PART 2

by Larry Ryan
Continuing onward in western Illinois, the bus passed a fenced area that was either a military training site or a detention center. It had a fake moose guarding the entrance. At high speed I could not read the sign so I don’t know for what purpose the facility was used. But it must be

important to have an artificial animal guarding it!

Our bus sped past a field of green, winter wheat starting to sprout. I hope that it winters well. Next up was a sign advertising the “Blue Springs Café.” Not hungry yet. After that we passed multiple Wall Mart and Fed Ex semi-trucks; plus a flat-bed one hauling several “sanding” machines. Sounds like work for someone!

At 3:20, we were 25 miles east of St. Louis. Our traveling vehicle passed the exits to Collinsville, Horseshoe Lake, and Wood River, IL. The latter was a home for my high school friend, Larry Coolman whom my wife and I visited once. I received a tour of the paper processing plant that he managed. Our families attended a Cardinals baseball game and toured Busch Gardens in that city.

At 3:40 we made a rest stop east of the mighty Mississippi River. The “Arch” could be seen in the distance. I-55 joined us until we crossed the mighty, but unusually low water level, river. The driver maneuvered the bus onto I-44 and headed southwest toward Oklahoma. On the right side of the interstate highway was a section of brick houses, some old and several new ones which were modeled after the older ones.

The driver avoided the “Rock House Pub” and joined US 50 for a short while. The bus

ventured past the exit for Historic Route # 66, the Jesse James Museum, and a sign for Meramec Cavern. Continuing with unusual spectacles, there was a small camper trailer abandoned next to a cemetery. It hoisted a “For Sale” sign! That particular clientele were obviously not interested. And beyond that attraction was a small airplane mounted on top of a post. Did it happen to crash land there?

During the afternoon, the bus passed a RV/Horse trailer/4 wheeler business that seemed to stretch for a half mile. All of a sudden a traffic back-up stopped us in our tracks. Since a dinner reservation schedule was at risk, the driver opted to exit I-44 and chose a country road which apparently paralleled the interstate highway. Was GPS involved? Luckily there were no low, overhead bridges to navigate!

Back on the main travel route, we witnessed a vibrant, rusty-red sunset at 6 pm. The Sirloin Stockade in Rolla, MO honored our reservation and a buffet dinner was welcomed. A nearby Comfort Inn was our overnight stay. We felt safe as Fort Leonard Wood was close by.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens
Ask Rusty – I’ll Be 65 Soon and am Working. Must I enroll in Medicare?

Dear Rusty: I will be 65 in October and I am working full-time. My goal is to work until age 67, which is my full retirement age, or until age 70. I heard I have to apply for Medicare Part A only. Is this true or will I be penalized? And do I have to go to the Social Security office to do this, or can I do it online? And then will they be still giving me my Medicare through the next five years of working, or do I have to pay for something? I will have my own healthcare insurance. Thank you for your help.
Signed: Confused

Dear Confused: There are two things you should be aware of:

1. You do not need to claim Social Security benefits when you enroll in Medicare
2. You do not need to enroll in Medicare at age 65 if you have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your employer (“creditable” is a group plan with at least 20 participants)

Thus, it is perfectly okay for you to delay taking your Social Security benefits until age 67 (your SS full retirement age), or even until age 70 when you will get the maximum SS benefit you are entitled to. And if you now have “creditable” healthcare

coverage from your employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as your employer's healthcare coverage ends. When you stop working, you will enter a Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP), during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Whenever you decide to enroll in Medicare (or Social Security), you will not need to visit your local SSA office to do so. You can enroll in Medicare either online at www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up or you can call SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to enroll in Medicare on the telephone. Similarly, when you are ready to claim Social Security, you can do so online at www.ssa.gov/apply or you can call 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply for SS over the phone. To apply online, however, you should first create your personal “my Social Security” online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Creating your online SS account now (at age 65) will facilitate later online enrollment and will also provide you with an estimate of your SS benefit amounts at various ages – e.g., now at age 65, at your FRA of 67, or at age 70. And that should help you decide when it is best for you to claim Social Security.

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Community Calendar

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

Apr 13	5:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Apr 14	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Apr 15	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Apr 20	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Apr 22		EARTH DAY
May 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 11	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC

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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A few final points:

· You should verify with your employer's health insurance provider that they don't require you to enroll in Medicare at age 65. Most employer plans don't, but some do.

· You don't need to enroll in Medicare Part A or Part B now as long as your employer's coverage is creditable. And it's okay to enroll in Medicare a couple of months prior to your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ending (when you stop working), requesting that your Medicare coverage starts when your employer's healthcare ends. This will ensure that there is no gap in your healthcare coverage. If your employer coverage is creditable, you will not suffer a Medicare Late Enrollment Penalty for enrolling after age 65.

· If you claim Social Security benefits at any time prior to your full retirement age (FRA) and are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET), which limits how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits. The AET lasts until you reach your FRA (67), after which you can earn as much as you like without your SS benefits being affected.

· Whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be required to take Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Medicare Part A is free because you are also eligible for Social Security. But you don't need to enroll in Part A at age 65 unless you also claim Social Security.

· Medicare Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.), is optional if you have creditable employer coverage as explained above. You do not need to enroll in Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium of \$202.90 in 2026) until your employer's creditable healthcare coverage ends,

even if you claim Social Security earlier.

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PRIORITIZE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS DURING YOUR SPRING CLEAN

(StatePoint) Spring is the perfect time for a home refresh! While dusting the ceiling fan and scrubbing the tub are likely already on your to-do list, the most essential task of all may not be on your radar: cleaning and testing your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. A fresh home is great, but a safe one is even better. Did you know that working smoke alarms in the home doubles your chances of safely escaping a house fire? That's according to the National Fire Protection Association. This spring, Kidde, a pioneer in early smoke detection for over 100 years, is highlighting the importance of keeping your smoke and CO alarms up to date. Here's what they want you to know:

• Install devices throughout the house, on every level including the living room, kitchen, bedrooms, hallways, basement and garage. It's also a good idea to keep fire extinguishers in the kitchen, basement, laundry room and garage.

• Smoke and CO devices aren't just plastic boxes – they're sophisticated mini-computers. Their sensors and circuits constantly analyze air particles, and like any computer, dust and neglect

can inhibit their functionality. Clean your alarms this spring, and regularly after that, to help prevent false alarms. Use compressed air or a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush to clean the vents, and then wipe the device with a dry microfiber cloth.

• Smoke and CO alarms are electronic devices with sensors and circuits that wear out over time. It's recommended to replace them every 5 to 10 years depending on the model. You can determine whether it's time to replace or upgrade your alarms by looking at the manufacturing date. Be sure to opt for self-testing devices that help ensure the alarms are operating as expected, like the Kidde Smoke Alarm, 10-Year Battery Powered or the Combo Smoke CO Alarm, 10-Year Battery Powered, which last a full decade. Kidde's Detect line of devices offer revolutionary technology that provides fast, precise smoke detection, giving individuals and families more time to react and get to safety. The line also prioritizes enhanced sensing technology, which helps to reduce those nuisance alarms that can lead to consumers disabling their devices.

Remember, a self-testing device is not a substitute for a manual push test. No matter what style devices you have in your home, be sure to take time this spring to manually test them, and then monthly after that.

More information about fire and CO safety can be found by visiting <https://www.kidde.com>.

"A happy, healthy home starts with safety. Make sure your fire and carbon monoxide detectors are part of your seasonal refresh routine: clean them, test them, and replace any units that have reached their limit," says Isis Wu, president of Global Residential Fire & Safety at Kidde.

STRATEGIC WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR TAXABLE INCOME

(StatePoint) Have you ever lamented how much of your earnings go to taxes? One way to ensure that more of your money benefits you and your future is by making strategic contributions to tax-advantaged savings accounts.

By opening and contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) and Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can substantially reduce your taxable income. Not sure if these accounts are right for you? Consider these insights from Fidelity:

HSAs

An HSA is an account that can be used to pay for qualified medical expenses, including copays, prescriptions, dental care, contacts and eyeglasses, bandages, X-rays, and a lot more. It's "tax-advantaged" because your contributions reduce your taxable income; the money isn't taxed while it's in the account, even if it earns interest or investment returns; and as long as you use your HSA funds for qualified medical expenses, you won't owe taxes when you take money out of the account. This triple-tax advantage is powerful, but it's not the only reason why HSAs are so popular. Unlike a flexible spending account, an HSA is not "use-it-or-lose-it," meaning it doesn't need to be spent within a certain timeframe. If you don't need the money in your HSA for current medical expenses, you can save and invest it until you do, and even take the account with you when you leave an employer. Just keep in mind that to open and contribute to an HSA, you'll need to be enrolled in an HSA-eligible health plan.

IRAs

An IRA refers to a tax-advantaged account designed to help you save for retirement on your own, independent of an employer. There are several types of IRAs, but when people say "IRA" alone, they often mean a traditional IRA. That's a type anyone with earned income can open and contribute to. Traditional IRAs allow you to save on income taxes now and pay them later in retirement, when you could be in a lower tax bracket and therefore owe less in taxes. Fidelity estimates that you may need 55% to 80% of your pre-retirement income in retirement. Because an employer-sponsored savings plan might not be enough to accumulate the savings you need due to annual contribution limits, investing through an IRA could help you save more for the future.

Before opening an IRA, check out a few different firms that offer them. Find out whether they offer helpful support and a user-friendly experience, plus whether they charge any fees or minimums. Then, once the account is open, decide how much you want to contribute and how often.

"Setting up automated contributions can make saving for retirement into a habit that requires very little effort," said Rita Assaf, vice president, Retirement at Fidelity. "It's also a good idea to regularly check your asset mix to see if it is still a good fit for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon."

For additional financial resources and insights, visit <https://www.fidelity.com/learning-center>.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

TINKEL

Sally Jo (Holloway) Tinkel, 83, passed away on March 4, 2026.

Sally was born June 26, 1942, in Bluffton, Indiana, to Joe Dean and Martha Ferne (Starr) Holloway.

Sally graduated as Valedictorian of the Liberty Center High School Class of 1961. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Education from Ball State University, followed by two Master of Science degrees from the University of Saint Francis in guidance and counseling.

Education was not simply a profession for Sally—it was her calling. Over the course of 43 years in education, she influenced the lives of countless students. She began her career teaching second grade in Jackson Township, taught Home Economics at Ossian High School, and served nine years as a guidance counselor at Southern Wells High School. She furthered her passion spending 30 years as a guidance counselor at Homestead High School, retiring in 2007. Even in retirement, she continued supporting future educators as an IPFW student teacher supervisor.

Beyond counseling, Sally was deeply involved in school life. She coached the girls' golf team, worked the gate at football and basketball games, and was a familiar voice as the announcer for boys' and girls' soccer games, including the State Finals. Her dedication to education extended beyond the school building. She served on the Ball State Alumni Board and the Ball State Teachers College Board of Directors, was a presenter at state and national guidance counselor conferences and served her community as a member of the Northern Wells School Board.

Sally was the oldest of twelve children, and throughout her life she naturally became the steady presence and matriarch of the Holloway family, a role she embraced with pride and love.

She was deeply devoted to her family and friends, always showing up when it mattered most.

Sally is survived by her children and grandchildren: Scott (Janet) Tinkel, and their children, Madison Tinkel and Spencer (Bridget) Tinkel; Julie (Tinkel) Bennett of Fort Wayne, and her children, Jackson Bennett and Ashlynn Bennett; and Amy (James) Atkinson.

She is also survived by her siblings, Danny (Rose) Anderson, Jerridean (Don) Lehman, Jon (Carla) Holloway, Jody (Jodi) Holloway, and Jay (Marie) Holloway, along with many beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe Dean Holloway (1981) and Martha Ferne (Starr) Holloway (2011), and her siblings Stanley Jack Holloway (2000), Sara Jane (Holloway) Jarrett (2011), Jenelle (Holloway) Webb (2014), Steven James "Jim" Holloway (2014), LeAnna "Jill" (Holloway) Ellenberger (2023), and Jeffery Holloway (2025).

She remained active in many organizations including, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, professional counseling organizations, professional education associations, and genealogy groups. Sally enjoyed many hobbies that reflected her creativity and curiosity. She loved sewing, knitting, cross-stitching, genealogy, and spending time at the library. She had a love for music and played the accordion, even performing in band during her school years. She also loved gathering around the card table with friends and family, especially to play bridge and euchre, where her competitive spirit and laughter were always present.

Sally also knew how to enjoy life and bring people together. Her home was often a gathering place where family and friends could be found around the table playing cards, sharing stories, and laughing late into the evening. She loved a good game of bridge or euchre and was known for tapping her card

on the table when something good was going to happen. Around the card table she was competitive but calm and had a way of making everyone feel comfortable and included. In many ways, that reflected how she lived her life—steady, thoughtful, and always paying attention to the people around her. Whether through a conversation, a card game, or a bit of encouragement at just the right time, Sally had a gift for bringing people together and making them feel like they belonged.

Sally will be remembered for the way she showed up for people. Sally believed deeply in the potential of every student and helped others see what they were capable of becoming. As a guidance counselor, she had a remarkable ability to see something in people before they saw it in themselves. She pushed students to do the hard things and held them to high standards because she knew they were capable of more. She believed in working hard and doing the right thing—even when it was difficult. Whether you were family, a friend, or one of the many students who passed through her office, she made sure you knew someone believed in you.

A memorial gathering will be on April 23, 2026, at D.O. McComb & Sons- Covington Knolls, 8325 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

A Funeral Mass will be on April 24, 2026, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, at 11:00 am with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations in Sally's honor may be made to the College of Adaptive Arts or Ball State University, both of which were close to her heart.

Sally and her family were long-time supporters of the College of Adaptive Arts, co-founded by her niece, DeAnna Ellenberger Pursai, in honor of her sister, Angel. The College expands educational pathways for adults with developmental disabilities, offering lifelong learning through hands-on, real-world

experiences. Students engage in areas such as the visual and performing arts, music, dance, business and communication, health and wellness, and technology—building practical skills, confidence, and meaningful community connections.

Sally was a proud graduate of Ball State University, where she served for many years on the Alumni Council and the Teachers College Board, reflecting her lifelong dedication to education and service.

Donations may be mailed to: College of Adaptive Arts, c/o Co-Founder DeAnna Ellenberger Pursai, 14000 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070

The Ball State University Foundation, please mail donations to: 2800 West Bethel Avenue, Muncie, IN 47304, attention: Cari Huffman, please note memo on the check Alumni Association.

EWART

Cynthia "Cindy" F. Ewart, 67, of Marion, passed away at 2:50 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2026, in Marion.

Born on the July 8, 1958, she was the only daughter of Richard E. Burton and Sandra L. Moody Burton.

Cindy was a Girl Scout.

She was a graduate of Attica High School.

In 2008 Cindy married the love of her life, Julie "Jules" Ewart, who survives.

She led a life of service to others.

Cindy was an EMT, instructor, firefighter and hazardous materials technician.

She served as the EMS Director for Otterbein Fire and Rescue.

Cindy was a member of Tippecanoe County Haz-Mat Team.

She worked for STAR Ambulance as a shift supervisor.

Following a move to Grant County, Cindy joined Grant County EMS where she oversaw the establishment of the paid daytime service and taught EMS certification classes.

She was a core member of the District 6 Medical Taskforce and the Treasurer/Special Teams Leader for Indiana Medical Taskforce 6.

Cindy was a generous and gracious host, constantly bringing together family and friends at Moose Manor, where she loved to cook and enjoyed evenings around the campfire.

She was a passionate deep-sea angler and traveled often with her mother, Sandy, to concerts and Broadway shows.

Cindy was loved and adored by her grandchildren, who called her Mimi.

Since 2018, she had been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne.

Cindy is survived by her wife, Jules Ewart; three children, T.J. Freeman (Annie), Samantha Freeman and Cody Ewart (Alicia); her mother, Sandy Burton; her older brother, Roger Burton (Sandy); her brother, Charlie Burton's widow, Michele; her grandchildren, Rebecca, Grace, Cain, Isabel, Ellie, Camden, Jack, Nova and Brooks; sisters-in-law, Claire Ewart (Tom) and Gwen Ewart-Thomas (Bob); nieces, Roxanne, Katie and Celeste; nephew, Nathan; two beloved dogs, Luna and Koral.

She was preceded in death by her younger brother, Charlie, her father, Richard, and her niece, Brandy.

Memorial gifts can be made to Grant County EMS, 401 S. Adams St., Marion, IN 46953 or Girl Scouts of Grant County, 222 W. Spencer Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

The family will receive visitors from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the visitation, a service to celebrate Cindy's life will begin at 2 p.m.

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

MILLER

Suzette K. Miller, 67, of rural Keystone, passed away Friday morning, April 3, 2026, at her residence.

Suzette was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, on March 22, 1959, to James and Della (Neitzel) Winchester. She married Dale Miller of rural Keystone, in Rapid City on July 14, 1979; He survives.

Suzette graduated from St Martin's Academy in Rapid City, South Dakota with the class of 1977. Shortly after their marriage Dale and Suzette returned to Wells County. She went on to work for the Caylor Nickel Clinic in the dietary department for over 40 years, until she retired in August of 2024. She attended Petroleum Community Church. Suzette was an avid supporter of Southern Wells athletics. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events, Winter Guard, dance competitions, Show Choir events, she enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Suzette is survived by three daughters, Violet (William) Walker of Indianapolis, Isis (Tony) Spaulding of Mitchell, and Eva (Tim) Esarey of Derby; three sons, Dustin (Deidra) Miller of Indianapolis, Caleb (Shelby) Miller of Montpelier, and Lucas (Cheyenne) Miller of Warren; two brothers, Leland (Pam) Winchester of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Michael Winchester of Yankton, South Dakota; four sisters, Angela Winchester of Rapid City, South Dakota, Pamela Kellogg of Albany, Oregon, Camella Dietzman of Box Elder, South Dakota, and Michelle Winchester of Rapid City, South Dakota; along with 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her parents, Suzette was preceded in death by three brothers, Leonard, Donald, and Jeffrey Winchester; along with a grandson, Isaiah Esarey.

Family will be receiving friends and family to celebrate the life of Suzette on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 2 until 6

p.m. at the Petroleum Community Church, 3625 2nd St, Petroleum, IN 46778.

Memorial Donations in memory of Suzette may be made to Petroleum Community Church or Southern Wells Athletics.

GILBERT

Mary E. Gilbert, age 83, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 2:40 AM on Friday, April 3, 2026 at her home in Sarasota, FL.



She was born on Saturday, February 20, 1943, in Lebanon, MO. She married Joseph M. Gilbert on Friday, May 13, 1966 in Montpelier, IN. Mary was a 1961 graduate of Hartford City High School. She was a member of the Asbury Chapel UM Church. Mary had worked as a sub for the Montpelier Postal service and as a cook for the Southern Wells school. She was a Wells Co. farmer for many years and had lived most of her married life in the Wells Co. area. She enjoyed wintering in Florida for many years. Mary was a member of the Millard Brown American Legion Post 156 auxiliary and Tri Kappa and she enjoyed getting together with her friend for lunch on Tuesdays.

She will be forever missed by her Son - Robert A. Davis, Hartford City, IN, Daughter - Beth Anne Lennon, Sarasota, FL, Son in Law - Lyle Warner, Bradenton, FL, Grandchildren - Renee Davis, Joseph Lennon, Chea Davis, Kara Jagers, Parker Lennon, and 6 Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Husband - Joseph M. Gilbert, Father - William Carl Abernathy, Mother - Vera L. (Doublin) Abernathy, Daughters - Kathy Jo Warner, Kelly Sills, Brother - Robert J. Abernathy, and Sister - Betty Niverson.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. on Friday,

April 10, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Mary's life will follow at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 10, 2026. Interment will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

FATE

Rex G. Fate, 77, of rural Uniondale, passed away Saturday afternoon, April 4, 2026, at his residence.

Rex was born in Huntington, on August 1, 1948, to Robert L. and Iva (Paxson) Fate.

Rex attended Union Center High School in Wells County. He worked for many years at the Fort Wayne International Airport as ground maintenance. He was a farrier, drove dump trucks and worked as a bartender. Rex loved camping, riding horses, deer and rabbit hunting, playing cards at the Cowboy restaurant and the Hideaway, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Howard (Tabitha) Fate of Bluffton; a sister, Cathy Arnold of Huntington; three sisters-in-law, Joyce Fate of Anthem, AZ, Evalyn Fate, of Bluffton, and Jeanie Fate of Ossian; six grandchildren, Travis Fate of Poneto, Erica (Jordan) Beaver of Roanoke, Dalton (Kaylie McCammom) Fate of Poneto, Tori (Austin) Markley of Bluffton, Justin Fate of Montpelier, and Joshua Fate of Bluffton; along with eight great-grandchildren.

Aside from his parents, Rex was preceded in death by three brothers, Dave, Gary, and Paul Fate.

Family will be receiving friends and family to celebrate the life of Rex on Friday, April 10, 2026, from 2:00 until 6:00 PM, at the Twin Bridge Conservation Club of Mt Zion, 6374 S. 600 W. Warren, IN, 46792

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wells County 4-H Horse and Pony Club

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for their monthly payments once repayment begins. You should also compare rates and terms and prioritize lenders with good customer service. To run the numbers ahead of time so you can borrow smarter and with more confidence, use College Ave's student loan calculator found at collegeave.com/calculator.

"Taking the time to carefully compare all your options, then moving forward with a well-considered plan can make this exciting time less stressful and more joyful," says Colatriano.

WHAT TO KNOW THIS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

(SPM Wire) April is Parkinson's Awareness Month, an annual opportunity to improve the lives of those affected by the disease.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive brain disorder that damages dopamine-producing neurons, leading to symptoms like tremor, stiffness, slow movement and non-movement issues like depression and sleep issues.

Though no cure exists, treatments can help improve quality of life. Researchers are also working to identify biomarkers for Parkinson's that can lead to earlier diagnosis and more tailored treatments to slow down the disease process.

New tools are helping connect impacted individuals and families with information. In addition to the Parkinson's Foundation's traditional resources, the organization also has a new AI-powered chat tool, Ask PAM, designed to provide answers about Parkinson's. To access these resources and to learn more about the research closing gaps in Parkinson's knowledge, visit Parkinson.org.

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