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Thought for the Week: I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions. Augusten Burroughs

COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Jerry Caudill called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Katie Freeburn motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; council member Mark Towery seconded. 3-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mark motioned to appoint Jerry Caudill as Council President for the 2025 year; Katie seconded. 2-0.

CITIZENS: Jay Ailes with Jay's Septic Service requested to use the WWTP to dump sewage. Katie motioned to approve; Mark seconded. 3-0. An agreement will be typed up and signed by both parties.

POLICE: Marshal Skyler Beard reported that a couple letters have been sent out for property ordinance violations. The health and safety director from Weaver Popcorn reached out to Skyler and the Fire Chief to give them a tour.

UTILITIES: Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. The north water tower had an alarm reporting that there was a low tower level. The vault was full of water. It was pumped and fixed the alarm. There was a water main break on the 400 block of E. Main that has been repaired. Donnie met with the town's engineer, Eric Woodmansee, to discuss the water main project. Bids will be out soon.

NATURALIST OFFERED

Ouabache State Park will partner with the Friends of Ouabache State Park and Wells County Purdue Extension to host a series of Indiana Master Naturalist classes from March 12 through May 14, all on Wednesdays, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program (IMNP) is an educational/volunteer program developed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue University Extension to provide Hoosiers a chance to learn about the natural environment through hands-on educational opportunities. Class sessions will cover birds, trees, pollinators, rivers, and more.

The mission of the IMNP is to bring together natural resources specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils, and wildlife and to promote volunteer service in local communities.

The fee for the series of classes is \$80. To get a registration form or learn more about the program, contact Jody Heaston, Indiana State Parks Volunteer Coordinator, at jheaston@dnr.IN.gov or 463-203-6562 or visit Wells County Purdue Extension at 4-H Park in Bluffton. Registrations are due by March 3.

The standard park entrance fee will be waived for students during class times.

Ouabache State Park (on.IN.gov/ouabache) is at 4930 E. St. Road 201, Bluffton, 46714.

CLASSES SUPERBOWL WEEKEND, DRIVE SOBER

As Super Bowl weekend approaches, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is urging people to prioritize safety by committing to sober driving.

This year's Super Bowl takes place on Sunday, February 9. As fans plan their watch parties, ICJI is encouraging them to plan for how they'll get home safely.

"The consequences of driving under the influence can last far beyond game day," said Jim Bryan, ICJI's Traffic Safety Director. "If your plans include alcohol, make sure they also include a safe way to get home. Don't turn a night of celebration into a tragedy."

Impaired driving causes thousands of deaths nationwide each year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that in 2022, one person was killed every 39 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads.

Beyond fatalities, drunk driving carries a range of consequences. Help set your team—your friends, family, and other party-goers—up for a night of success with these tips from the NHTSA. There are plenty of options to help impaired drivers get home safely, such as designating a sober driver or calling a taxi or rideshare service.

To help people with their plans over Super Bowl weekend, ICJI is offering \$10 off Uber and Lyft rides from February 8th through February 9th. Up to 1,000 vouchers are available each day. Ride credits are available

between 5 p.m. and 3 a.m. the following day and must originate in, or have a final destination of, Indianapolis or Fort Wayne.

To redeem a ride credit through the program, visit SoberRideIndiana.com. Then, click on "Redeem Ride Credits" and follow the instructions for the ridesharing service being used. Tips are not included in the discount, and users are responsible for any charges exceeding \$10. Possession of the code does not guarantee the availability of the credit.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Parkview Health Foundation is now accepting applications for the Parkview Huntington Spirit of Service Scholarship. This educational funding opportunity is made possible by the generosity of foundation donors and their desire to support students wishing to begin a career in healthcare or advance their current skill level.

Applications are now available and will be accepted through Sunday, Feb. 23.

Parkview Huntington Spirit of Service Scholarship

The Parkview Huntington Spirit of Service Scholarship provides a \$1,500 scholarship (payable directly to the school) to be used exclusively for tuition assistance. Up to three scholarships may be awarded.

Huntington County students pursuing post-secondary education in a healthcare-related field of study at any accredited institution of higher learning or technical training – as well as students residing outside Huntington County who are enrolled at

Huntington University – are eligible to apply. Candidates must:

* Submit a completed online application.

* Be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in an accredited post-secondary educational institution to pursue a healthcare-related major/course of study. The recipient must enroll for the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded, or the scholarship award will be revoked.

More about the scholarship The Parkview Huntington Spirit of Service Scholarship continues a long tradition of support for local residents pursuing post-secondary studies in the healthcare field. This scholarship was initially funded by a portion of a legacy gift from the Parkview Huntington Hospital Guild, which ceased operations in 2018. Scholarships have been awarded annually since 2019. The scholarship is sustained by proceeds from the operation of the Parkview Huntington Hospital gift shop.

The scholarship application is available at the Huntington North High School Guidance Office, or it can be via online at

www.parkview.com/parkview-health-foundation/what-we-do/scholarships/parkview-huntington-spirit-of-service-scholarship.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



We had a beautiful Monday this week, but it sure didn't last long. Now we are up for a few ice storms that were to hit midweek and weekend, I'm sure you know by now if it did hit Warren or not.

I'm just not a fan of ice, the only ice I like is In My glass of water or coke. I've been told too many times if I take another hard fall, it might just finish the back for good. So if I can avoid it, you bet I will.

I'm finding out old age just really stinks. About the only thing good about it is the discounts and thought of it is getting close to retirement. Now mine you I will probably have to work till I'm 65 for insurance purposes, but if I can find a way to head out at 62, you bet I will. So I only have 9 more years or 6 if I'm lucky.

John ended up retiring early due to health complications, so he has been trying to get healed up. Which could still be a year yet. He lost 80 to 90 percent of his right arm and has been in physical therapy and occupational therapy, he has improved but not a lot. Dr. Phong finally released him and told him that it may be all he gets back. So he has been trying to do things left handed. He struggles, he gets aggravated, but he does succeed. I just duck when he tries hammering anything. Lol. But as far as his truck driving, the federal government and State of Indiana says he is done. Does he miss it, no not all the hassle, but he misses the travel and the people the most.

It's kinda nice to have him around, he goes and picks up the mail, and he has even done some running for the cemetery for me. Now if I can just convince him that doing dishes and doing laundry would really help me out. Lol. But that's ok I have plans for him, I'm getting ready to remodel my office and stairway and finish up the bathroom and dining room kitchen area. So there will be plenty to do.

So he has plenty to do and of course his barn needs some attention too so we will see what we get accomplished this year.

You all think about those spring projects that you need to get accomplished and I'm sure you will have them completed before I even get a good start. Have a great week and keep thinking "SPRING", even though the rodent says not for 6 more weeks.

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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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 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
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 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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 Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
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 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
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 Monthly Meetings
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 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
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 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
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 Lois Slusher, Supt.
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 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
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 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45
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 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
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 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
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 office@firstccw.net
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 Worship Service
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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
 765-934-1431
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 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:45am
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 Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
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 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
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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

HEART MONTH

During February – American Heart Month – the American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of healthier lives for all, is urging all Hoosier families to learn the lifesaving skill of CPR. More than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrests outside of a hospital every year. Unfortunately, 90% do not survive. Nearly 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, so it is likely that the person who needs CPR will be a family member or friend.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest each year. Nearly 40% of those are related to sports, and nearly 20% occur in infants. By calling on everyday heroes like parents, teachers and coaches who impact the lives of children every day, the Association hopes to create an environment where every child has the best chance of survival in a cardiac emergency.

“The truth is, if you are called to respond in a cardiac emergency, being prepared to step in with CPR may save the life of someone you love, even a child,” said Justin Toussing, a member of the American Heart Association’s board of directors in Indianapolis, who performed CPR to save a family member. “It’s up to all of us to make sure that our families, our students and our athletes are safe when it matters most.”

Joining the Nation of Lifesavers, an American Heart Association initiative focused on doubling the survival rate of cardiac arrest by 2030, is easier than ever with many CPR learning options available.

In Indiana, future lifesavers can:

- * Take an online CPR course
- * Learn and practice with a CPR Anytime Kit
- * Watch a 60-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR
- * Find a Heartsaver™ certification course near them or
- * Attend the Indy Fuel hockey game on Feb. 7

* Attend the Indiana Pacers basketball game on Feb. 23.

There are three main types of CPR: Traditional, Child and Infant, and Hands-Only.

* Traditional CPR is the method that combines chest compressions 2 inches in depth at the rate of 100-120 beats per minute with two breaths.

* Infant and Child CPR is similar to traditional CPR but has some key differences. Child CPR is performed with chest compressions at the depth of two inches with one or two hands, followed by two breaths. Infant CPR is performed with chest compressions at the dept of 1 1/2 inches with two fingers, followed by two breaths and repeat.

* Hands-Only CPR is chest compression-only CPR for adults and teens. It has been shown to be equally effective as traditional CPR in the first few minutes of emergency response. The two steps to save a life with Hands-Only CPR are to call 911, then push hard and fast in the center of the chest until help arrives.

If performed immediately, CPR can double or even triple a cardiac arrest victim’s chance of survival. Yet, 65% of Americans say they would be afraid to step in and help in an emergency. The goal of the Association’s Nation of Lifesavers initiative is to turn bystanders into lifesavers, so that in the face of a cardiac

emergency anyone, anywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR. By 2030, the American Heart Association has pledged to double the cardiac arrest survival rate from just 10% to 20%.

“When parents and other people we look up to like teachers and coaches commit to learning CPR, it creates a culture where awareness is the norm instead of the exception,” Toussing said. “We often think about February as a time to buy flowers and chocolates in heart-shaped boxes. But even more important than making that dinner reservation is scheduling time to learn CPR. It can be as simple as watching a 90 second video, but it could be the difference between life and death for someone you love.”

For more information on how to join the Nation of Lifesavers during American Heart Month this February, visit heart.org/nation.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Attorney General Todd Rokita invited Hoosiers to celebrate National Unclaimed Property Day on February 1 by visiting IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to see whether any treasures await you. Even though that day has passed you can still visit.

“Our team reunited Hoosiers with more money in 2023 and 2024 than ever before, and the process to claim what is rightfully yours has never been easier,” Attorney General Rokita said. “In honor of National Unclaimed Property Day go to indianaunclaimed.gov and search for your name, your loved ones, or your business.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset with no activity by its owner for an extended period of time.

Examples of potential unclaimed property consists of the following:

- * Unclaimed wages or commissions
 - * Money orders
 - * Safety deposit box contents
 - * Savings and checking accounts
 - * Refunds
 - * Overpayments such as: Credit card balances, Cell phone bills, BMV payments,
- Here’s how to make sure your property doesn’t go unclaimed:
- * Keep a record of all bank accounts.
 - * Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.
 - * Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.
 - * Cash all checks promptly.
- Be sure to check IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

In addition to the website, you also may contact the Unclaimed Property Division

at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.in.gov.

IDEM Classroom Presentations To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2025, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is offering free hands-on classroom presentations again this year to elementary students across the state. Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water, and recycling.

Classroom Earth Day presentations are available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. IDEM professionals throughout the state conduct these presentations, sharing their experience and types of careers offered through IDEM. Teachers can choose from several interactive presentations focusing on recycling and reducing trash, how long trash lasts in landfills, watersheds and the water cycle, and air quality.

In-person classroom presentations are available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the month of April, and each school may request up to four presentations. Registration opens Feb. 3 and ends Feb. 21.

For more information on specific programs offered and to request a classroom presentation visit idem.IN.gov/iee.

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Weekly Specials
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- Hawaiian Kettle Cooked Chips
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- EE Selected Instant Oatmeal
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Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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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.

Feb 5	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 5	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 10	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Feb 11	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 17	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Feb 19	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 24	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Mar 5	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ 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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Educators may direct questions to IDEM's Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator at education@idem.IN.gov or 317-234-3165.

BIBLE CHALLENGE

Terry and Melinda Daniels of The Warren Pharmacy had grandchildren visit over the New Year holiday. Our 11 year old granddaughter, Winter Pfuelb, came up with a Bible Challenge.

She asks that during this month (which includes January and February, if needed) you read through the Book of Proverbs. (There are 31 chapters, so even one chapter daily is possible). But, then, the First Person who finishes the Book and memorizes at least ONE Verse, and knows who wrote that verse, and then calls the Warren Pharmacy at 260-375-2135, will win \$5. (She put her own \$5 bill into an envelope for us to give to the winner).

This was her original version of the challenge (she sounded out the words, that she did not know how to spell).

"In this month I invite You to reide in the BIBLE in the book of PROVERBS. THE ferst pursun to finesh the book and calls in to the WARREN PHARMACY and ansers 2 qwike qweshtes and 1. 1. what did you lern well reideing this book?

2. whow is the riter ? and you must qwowt 1 vers. will win \$5"

Call 260-375-2135, when you complete the Winter Bible Challenge

BRANSON CHRISTMAS TRIP DAY 4, PART 2

by Larry Ryan
After filling the bus with the remaining travelers who opted to stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian rather than take the morning bus tour of the Branson area, the driver headed north. With the additional passengers onboard, the bus struggled somewhat to climb the mountainous Highway # 65.

The Ozark "Shooter" (a clay Pigeon practice range) was passed. Lambert's Café in Ozark, Missouri was the destination for the lunch stop. It was 12:40 pm. Even though the establishment was expecting us, it was a long wait for tables of 6 or 8 patrons. The lobby was so crowded with hungry customers that both outside, double doors remained open the majority of time. Cold air was constantly cooling our backsides. My wife remained on the warm bus. Lucky her! I had carry-out instructions to bring fried okra, fried apples, and soup back to the bus for my spouse. Being a single, I was ushered to the front of the line earlier than was expected and seated to complete a table of eight.

After catching a tossed, hot-buttered roll (that is their signature activity), I ordered salmon patties, a green vegetable, and corn bread. The latter needed no additional butter. It was delicious. Much better than in Branson. The wife's carry-out items and my left-overs were secured and joined the well-fed group who boarded the bus at 2:20 pm.

Fifteen minutes later we sped past Springfield, MO, Battlefield Rd., a Costco with a full parking lot, and a Husky

Bus Line vehicle before entering I-44 East. Finally, flat land was discovered. An abandoned, medium-sized RV was spotted stuck in the middle of a field. GPS malfunctioned? More Black Angus cattle observed our moving vehicle while two, romping calves were not paying any attention to us.

Near Phillipsburg, MO the much-advertised, "Candy Factory" was avoided. There was an abundance of chocolate onboard already. Anyway, I had already won a candy bar for a winning score on a bus game. It was exchanged it for two, small packets of Trail Mix. Fortunately these were not opened as the bus was bouncing on a rough section of I-44, which reminded me of crossing railroad tracks!

It was still 28 degrees when the bus rolled past two cell towers that could not have been more than 200 yards apart. Competition? I spotted the first "Stuckey's billboard and one advertising the "Mad Hatters Emporium." Next, was a sign for the Home of the Tigers; not Detroit or the University of Missouri, but a local high school.

A Road Ranger Plaza was a rest (relief) stop at 3:45 near St. James, MO. The tour director involved the riders in several games of "Bus BINGO." More sweets were awarded. Our cards were duds, thankfully. Sugar avoided. It was after sundown when the bus skirted past St. Louis and arrived at the Drury Inn in Collinsville, Illinois. It was 6:10 when the room keys were passed out.

This hotel is noted for its "Kick Back," complimentary evening, limited food service. Chicken Noodle soup was placed in an insulted cup by a

helpful, food service employee and taken it to the room for my wife. My left-over salmon patties and corn bread from lunch disappeared before I spent the evening reading a novel.

We have been promised to see reindeer tomorrow! I wonder if they are the kind of reindeer that fly? I hope that this question will not keep me awake tonight.

ANOTHER ER VISIT

by Larry Ryan
This is a nonfictional story. Again, gastric distress created another trip to a hospital emergency room. The situation occurred on a day when I had just had an early morning, physical therapy appointment for a shoulder issue. Leaving that area of the building, I passed three pool tables in another room of the retirement building. Being instructed by the therapist to "keep active," I had a momentary vision of sometime joining the real pool sharks if I started practicing that sport. I think it is a sport, but very little energy is expended from what little experience that I have had in observing the activity. Twenty minutes of practicing was disappointing.

Soon after arriving at home on that morning of January 27, 2025, stomach cramping struck me. I cannot genuinely blame the condition on the two stops made prior to the discomfort, but the coincidence was questionable. A normal lunch was consumed hoping that regaining a normal health standard would reveal itself. But, the distress only progressed in the other direction and my wife transported me to a hospital emergency section in midafternoon.

Of course I chose the only day of the month when a multitude of people had the same destination in mind. I quickly signed in and was told to have a seat and wait for my name to be called for an examination. After sitting for the first hour, my legs begged to be exercised. With each periodic, cramping episode, I

would stop walking and bend over while squeezing my abdomen. I must have looked like I was trying to buck-the-line with that acting job, but no one of the other waiting-in-line patients offered to give up their place-in-line. I did not blame anyone as we had overheard conversations about a much longer wait than I had had.

After what seemed like three hours, my name was called and I was ushered into a small, private emergency room where a nurse took my medical history and another inserted an IV line into the soft tissue opposite my right elbow. It seemed as though that I was being prepped for surgery without signing any operation papers. Realization set in as morphine and Ondansetron (Zofran) were being infused via the IV. The first one was administered to lessen the pain and prevent screaming which would frighten the other patients, of which some were little children. The second item was to lower the possibility of a major upchuck.

From there I was rolled down the hall on a gurney to Radiology for a CT scan of my belly. With that information diagnosing an intestinal blockage, a night (yes, it was night time by then) surgery team met with me and gave me three treatment options. The first was to have a Japanese sumo wrestler bounce up & down on my abdomen to relieve the pressure. Not true. I made that up.

The second option was exploratory surgery which would be a repeat of what I went through ten years ago. And the third proposition was the use of a "flushing" medication to soften and dislodge the stationary plug. The name of that item sounded like, "Gutzo" which

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MICKLEY

Wanda B. Mickley, 101, of Warren, passed away on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

She was born on January 31, 1923, to Roman and Helena (Gemmer) Schenkel in Bippus.

Wanda married Donald E. Mickley on April 5, 1942. He preceded her in death on December 23, 2000.

She was a graduate of Lancaster High School in 1941.

Wanda was a former member of East State Street Church, Huntington.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Kathy (Al) Shockley, of Huntington; five grandchildren, Ross Nosker, Lori (Dan) Schreck, Kevin Mickley, Kendall (Lori) Mickley and Troy (Vicki) Mickley, all of Huntington; eight great-grandchildren, Erica Nosker, Nicholas Schreck, Zackory Schreck, Leah Schreck, Chase Mickley, Maggie Mickley, Katie Mickley and Barrett Mickley.


Along with her husband and parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her son, Barry L. Mickley, her daughter, Connie Nosker, son-in-law, Ron Nosker, five brothers, Harold Schenkel, Donald Schenkel, Warren Schenkel, Dale E. Schenkel and Ardin Schenkel, and three sisters, Ruby Zirkle, Mary Francis McBride and Melba Richardson.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a Funeral Service at noon at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren.

A private burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to donor's choice in care of McElhanev Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

WINDSOR

 Randall "Randy" Ray Windsor, 69, of Warren, passed away at 9:16 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, at his residence in Warren.

He was born on December 29, 1955, to James "Bill" and

Wilma Mae (Schrader) Windsor in Wabash.

Randy was a 1974 graduate of Wabash High School.

After his schooling, he served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1978.

Randy worked as a maintenance man for 35 years at a variety of different factories in Indiana.

He held a membership with Moose Lodge, Wabash.

Randy was also an avid card player, woodworker and Indianapolis Colts fan.

He is survived by his brother, Bruce Windsor, of Wabash; eight nieces and nephews.

Randy is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Wilma Windsor, one brother, W. Jay Windsor, and one sister, Kay Windsor.

Per Randy's request, there will be no services.

WOLFGANG

Mark K Wolfgang, 66, affectionately known as "Wolfie," left this world on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025, in Fort Wayne, where he had spent the final moments of his vibrant life.

Born on September 17, 1958, in Marion, his roots were deeply intertwined with the community that cherished him.

Mark's professional journey bore testimony to his multifaceted talents and unyielding spirit.

He carved his niche as the proud owner of Wolfie's Time Out Tavern, Van Buren, a beloved gathering spot that embodied warmth, camaraderie and laughter.

Prior to this endeavor, Mark exhibited his tenacity and dedication as a truck driver for Jack Cooper, a profession that allowed him to travel and connect with people, a theme that resonated throughout his life.

He was not just a businessman. He was a nurturer of joy.

Mark found profound happiness in riding his Harley-Davidson and playing golf, pursuits that mirrored his free spirit and zest for life.

But his true essence shone through in moments shared with children, as he went to

great lengths to see them smile, often using candy as a delightful bribe.

Mark's heart was as big as his smile and laugh, evident in the charity events he hosted, with "Help The Hopeful" holding a special place in his heart.

His legacy as a dedicated community member is underscored by his role as president of Grant County Tavern Association and as a proud Teamster.

Mark's influence expanded as he became one of the founders of Grant County Bar Pool Association, a testament to his leadership and vision.

An avid pool player and a revered crew chief with Lil' Heathen Motorsports, he also was a respected member of Masonic Lodge #711, Van Buren.

Mark's family was his heartbeat. He was a very proud grandfather of United States Marine Brandon Wolfgang, who honored the values of service and family instilled by his grandfather.

He is survived by his devoted daughter, Crystal Huston, and her husband, Doug; along with his cherished grandchildren, Janessa "Scooterbutt" Wolfgang, Brandon "Punkinhead" Wolfgang, Noah Lovell and Houston Lovell; his brother, Keith (Kris) Wolfgang; sister-in-law, Becky Wolfgang; alongside his niece, Angie (John) Daly; nephews, Craig (Annette) Wolfgang and Aaron (Jill) Wolfgang; share his legacy with several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Additionally, Mark leaves behind a halfsister, Lisa; together with his stepsiblings, Chris, Bruce, Nancy and Diane.

Mark's passing brings sorrow, yet it is matched by the laughter and warmth he imparted throughout his life.

He now joins his parents, Kenneth and Ruthalene (Needler) Wolfgang, and siblings, Neil and Julene, in eternal rest.

A visitation for Mark will be on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, from noon to 4 p.m. followed by a funeral service commencing at 4 p.m., both

at Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion.

In every heart he touched, Mark K Wolfgang will remain a guiding light - a beacon of kindness, humor and undying love. His spirit will forever ride alongside those who knew and adored him.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made in Mark's memory to Help the Hopeful, 2721 W. Chapel Pike, Marion, IN 46952.

STANFIELD

Robert "Bob" L. Stanfield Jr., 71, of Warren, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025.

He was born on January 27, 1954, to Robert L. and Shirley (Huber) Stanfield Sr., in Lafayette.

Bob married Barbara "Barb" Stanfield in 2005.

He graduated from Jefferson High School and continued his education at Ivy Tech studying motor mechanics. B

Bob loved golfing and making in-scale model trains.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Torrance Elliott.

Loving survivors include his wife, Barb Stanfield, of Warren; children, Sheila Hunter, of Fort Wayne, Amber Elliott, of California, Travis (Mary Beth) Elliott, of Hartford City, Amanda Elliott, of Bluffton, Seabrook Elliott, of California, and Houston Elliott, of Plainfield; sisters, Kathleen Parker, of Lafayette, and Barb Rogers, of Texas.

STORY

E. Darlene Story, 81, of rural Bluffton, IN, passed away at 10:40 AM on Thursday, January 30, 2025 with her family by her side at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, February 24, 1943, in Grange City, KY. She married Nelson "Tom" Story on Tuesday, May 20, 1958 in Grange City, Kentucky. Darlene was a 1962 graduate of Fleming Co. High School in Fleming Co. KY. She and Nelson moved to Indiana

and first lived in Marion, then Van Buren and also Chester Township in Wells County. She was a homemaker and formerly owned Country Place Florist in Wells Co. Darlene had also worked at Franklin Electric for 5 years, was a nursing assistant at Caylor Nickel, and was a private health care nurse. Darlene attended Dillman United Brethren Church and enjoyed playing Yahtzee and spending time with her cat, Cutie.

She will be forever missed by her Daughter - Peggy (husband, Dave) Lovell, Bluffton, IN, Sons - Barry (wife, Cherry) Story, Bluffton, IN, Gary (wife, Cindy) Story, Portland, TN, Daughter - Tina (husband, Devin) Keplinger, Chillicothe, OH, Grandchildren, Jasmine Jones of North Manchester, IN, Summer Aschliman of Uniondale, IN, Tayler Story of Indianapolis, IN, Landon Story of Nashville, TN, Derek Story of Charlotte, NC, Holly Hiller of Chillicothe, OH, Heather Cottrell of Chillicothe, OH, Renae Hedelius of Bluffton, IN and Phillip Lovell of Bluffton, SC, and 19 Great Grandchildren with the 20th on the way.

She was preceded in death by her Husband - Nelson "Tom" Story, Father - Lloyd Royse, Mother - Anna Belle (Humphries) Royse, and Sister - Oleta Royse.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN 47359 on Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 1pm to 7pm and from 10am to 11am on Monday, February 3, 2025. A funeral service will begin at 11am on Monday with Pastor Matt Kennedy officiating. Burial will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Preferred memorials: Dillman Church 8888 S. 1100 W-90 Warren, IN 46792.

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JAMISON

James A. Jamison, 71, passed away Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2025.

James was born in Bluffton on June 3, 1953, to James L. Jamison and Emma L. (Stotlar); both parents preceded him in death.

Jim is survived by two sons, Shawn Allen Jamison and James A. Jamison of Florida, a brother, Gary (Rochelle) Jamison of Bluffton and a sister, Diane (Rick) Reynolds of Warren.

In accordance with Jim's wishes, no public services will be held. Burial will take place at the Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center.

GRIZZLE

Charles Allen Grizzle, 68, of Warren, IN, passed away on Saturday afternoon, February 1, 2025, at his home after a battle with cancer.

He was born on Sunday, March 11, 1956, in Martinsville, IN to Henry Charles & Hazel B. Grizzle. Charles was a 1974 graduate



of Southwood High School. He retired from Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) of the Fort Wayne Local 213.

Loving survivors include his son Chuck (Jamie) Grizzle, Huntington, IN Grandchildren - Brayden Charles Grizzle, Makalya Grizzle, Madison Grizzle, 4 great grandchildren, brother Danny (Joann) Grizzle, Lagro, IN, nieces and nephews Jeanne (Mike) Rehak, Daniel Grizzle, Tom (LeeAnn) Grizzle, Darrell Grizzle, Joanne (Aaron) Parks, Joe (Bethany) Grizzle, Jason (Saundria) Grizzle, Mandy (Josh) Nordman, Ashley (Jason) Dale, Aaron (Natalie) Grizzle, and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his, father Henry Charles Grizzle, mother Hazel B. (Smith) Grizzle, sister Sherry Cramer and brother Larry Grizzle.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, located at 203 N. Matilda Street in Warren on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Burial will follow in the Mt. Etna Cemetery in rural Huntington County, Indiana.

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reminded me of another popular clog-remover named, Drano. I dismissed the surgery choice!

The third plan was set in motion with a nurse inserting a catheter through my nasal passage and down my throat to the stomach. I aided this procedure by sipping cold water to open the esophagus for the catheter to enter. Going down the windpipe would be a mistake. An X-ray was exposed to verify the successful placement. Initially this tubing was utilized to decompress the bloating in the stomach. After several minutes, the "Gutzo" was forced down this same pathway to the stomach and into the small intestine.

Thankfully, the latter option was chosen and successfully accomplished the desired result. Outside of feeling like a pin cushion from the regularly, hospital-required blood draws, I am without pain and back to normal. But back to those blood draws, the amount supplied from my veins could transfuse a dozen people. Well, it seemed to be a plentiful amount for other uses. Maybe the hospital had a contract with the local Blood Bank?!

Now I am back home opening mail that has been accumulating for three days!

EXPLORING THE ORIGINS OF AN AMERICAN

STATESMAN

(StatePoint) Visiting Abraham Lincoln's birthplace and early childhood home within the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park in Kentucky, allows visitors to step back in time and imagine the humble beginnings of a man who would go on to lead the nation through its greatest crisis.

Lincoln was born to Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln on February 12, 1809, just south of Hodgenville in a one-room log cabin. The cabin was situated on a hill overlooking a piece of land known as Sinking Spring. On that hill today is the neo-classical Memorial Building resembling

the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. It houses a symbolic log cabin—a replica of the one in which Lincoln was born.

The Memorial Building features 16 windows, 16 ceiling rosettes and 16 fence poles, signifying Lincoln's place as the 16th president. The 56 steps leading up to the building entrance represent his age at his death.

When the president was 2 years old, his family moved from Sinking Spring to a cabin a few miles northeast of Hodgenville on Knob Creek. Lincoln and his family remained on that farm until he was 8, when they moved to Indiana and then to Illinois, the location of his last personal residence.

Kentucky's Lincoln sites allow visitors to connect with a pivotal period in American history. History buffs can learn about the social and political climate of the time, understand the issues that confronted Lincoln and the nation, and gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who fought to preserve the Union.

Today the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park hosts approximately 200,000 visitors annually. The Birthplace and its visitor center are open year-round and contain fascinating exhibits, including the Lincoln family bible, a short movie: "Abraham Lincoln: The Kentucky Years," and the park store.

At Knob Creek, visitors can walk in the boyhood footsteps of the president. The Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek has a diversity of plants, wildlife and topography that will delight nature lovers and history buffs alike. National Park Service personnel plant a garden each spring that is representative of what the Lincolns might have planted. Knob Creek also offers wonderful opportunities for bird watching and other wildlife viewing. A nature trail is maintained along the pristine waters of Knob Creek, and a trail takes hikers to the top of an adjacent knob

where an overlook allows a magnificent view of the surrounding valley.

Beyond its historical significance, Hodgenville is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts with opportunities for hiking, fishing, and exploring the rolling hills of the Kentucky countryside. The city's charming downtown area features the Lincoln Museum, Lincoln statues, local shops, restaurants, and a warm, welcoming community.

Visit www.kentuckytourism.com for more information on this or any other historical site in the Bluegrass State.

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