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Thought for the Week: Good manners are just a way of showing other people that we have respect for them. Bill Kelly

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Next week I will be putting together the Christmas Issue of the Warren Weekly. There are a few deadlines that need to be met to help facilitate things. If you are planning to put your bows on the town's Christmas Tree and want your name listed in the "Bow List", you need to get your names into the ladies at Town Hall by Tuesday at 11 a.m. Also, all advertising and news for next week's issue will need to be in by 11 a.m. You can drop off news/advertising at Town Hall (in the basket on the counter), or email it to me at editor@warrenweeklyindiana.com, or snail mail to Warren Weekly, PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792.

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(full color) are also available - \$24 per year. These issues are emailed directly to your Kindle each week on Wednesday. All information regarding subscriptions is available on the website at warrenweeklyindiana.com/subscribe. These make great last minute gift ideas for friends and family.

### COOKIES WITH SANTA

Santa and Mrs Claus will be at the Van Buren Fire Station this Saturday, December 16, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Come with your lists for Santa, sit on Santa's lap and enjoy cocoa and cookies!

### H&H DISPOSAL UPDATE

H&H Disposal now has an Automated Truck that is helping on pick-up routes. When placing your Tote for pick-up, please take it right to the edge of the road and leave it sit just like that. The bar/handle should be facing towards your house, please do not overload totes as this can cause them to crack or break. Please also remember to bag all trash using 30-35 gallon bags.

### RECYCLING UPDATE

Word has been received that the pick up of recycling containers will now be done on Mondays and Thursdays. In addition, drivers are not allowed to get out of the truck to clean the area, as has been being done. Please, do not place items outside of the bins.

The recycling program is administered by Huntington County Solid Waste.

Most styrofoam is not recyclable.

### BE CAUTIOUS OF DISCOUNT OFFERS FOR INSURANCE PLANS

Open enrollment ends on January 15.

Indianapolis – The Indiana Department of Insurance is issuing a warning to Hoosiers seeking health insurance coverage through the Federal Marketplace.

The department advises caution regarding websites offering rewards like debit or cash cards in exchange for signing up through them. These "lead generating" websites collect users' personal information and may provide inaccurate information about insurance coverage. The department urges Indiana residents to exercise skepticism regarding third-party websites promoting marketplace health plans and incentives.

"Consumers should verify information directly through official marketplace resources before entering any personal details or selecting a plan," stated Alexandria Peck, Indiana Department of Insurance Chief Deputy Commissioner of Compliance. If you suspect fraud, contact the Indiana Attorney General's office at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division.

"If you need assistance, an Indiana Navigator can assist you with the process of signing up for marketplace coverage or you can contact an insurance agent," Peck stated. You may work with an Indiana Navigator in any county in Indiana free of charge. Find a Navigator in your area.

The Indiana Department of Insurance provides a

Marketplace Insurance Providers Map to help you determine what insurance providers are in your county. Hoosiers may be entitled to enhanced financial assistance and subsidies via the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Visit Healthcare.gov to learn about the different types of plans offered through the marketplace.

Important Dates  
\* December 15, 2023: Last day to enroll in or change plans and pay the first month's premium for coverage to start January 1, 2023.

\* January 15, 2024: Last day to enroll in or change a 2024 health plan and pay the first month's premium for coverage to start February 1, 2024. After January 15, 2024, you can enroll in or change plans only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

### SHINING A LIGHT ON SEASONAL DEPRESSION

For some, depression is as predictable as the changing of the seasons.

Depression comes in many forms. Some work to overcome depression all year round. Some experience depression triggered by certain events like the loss of a loved one, losing a job or going through a relationship issue. For many, the darker, shorter days of Fall and Winter can be difficult, bringing with them the urge to oversleep, overeat and generally withdraw and "hibernate" rather than engage fully in life.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that comes and goes with the seasons, with symptoms typically starting in the late

fall and early winter and going away during the spring and summer. Affecting about one in five people, SAD is not a case of "the holiday blues," brought on by high levels of stress and anxiety but is the result of the seasonal decrease in sunlight that leads to changes in our brain chemistry.

"Do you know when you start getting drowsy at night? That's melatonin," said Dr. Siquilla Liebetrau Bowen Center Vice President of Clinical Services. "Melatonin is a hormone naturally produced by the brain in response to darkness." It helps regulate our internal clock and sleep habits. Shorter and darker days cause the brain to release more melatonin than needed, resulting in lower energy and depressed mood.

Being aware of your environment and different therapies can help most people improve their situation when dealing with SAD.

"Sitting in a dark house is very bad for you, especially if you have seasonal affective disorder," says Dr. Liebetrau. She suggests developing habits of opening curtains and getting outside as much as possible during the day.

Some people find relief by using a light box; a therapeutic, full spectrum, 10,000 lux light that filters out harmful UV light. Sitting with the proper type of light daily for 20 minutes can lead to improvement within two weeks.

"While using a light box can help, don't forget to still try and get as much natural light as you can," said Dr. Liebetrau.

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*Treva's*  
**Recipe Box**  
 by Treva Flemming

When I first started experimenting with alcoholic beverages in my baked goods, my first recipe was rum balls. At the time John was working at Wayne Metal in Markle and I made some for John to take to work to share with the guys. I made a single batch and thought that would be plenty, boy was I wrong. It was requested that the next time I make a triple batch, so every year I had a standing order for rum balls by the multitudes.

So this year I will be doing them a little different and instead of rum I'll be making fireballs.

**FIREBALL WHISKEY BALLS**

- 1-12 oz. box vanilla wafers, finely crushed
- 1 c. fine chopped pecans toasted
- 1c. powdered sugar
- ¼ c. cocoa
- ½ c. fireball whiskey
- 2 ½ tbs. corn syrup, light

In a bowl mix together vanilla wafer, pecans, powdered sugar, and cocoa. In a small bowl, mix together whiskey and corn syrup until well blended. Gradually stir whiskey into the cookie crumb mixture. Shape into balls and roll in powdered sugar. Chill for 1 hour. Place in a ziploc bag for them to ripen for 2 days.

You can use this same recipe for the rum balls: just substitute the rum for the Fireball whiskey and use English walnuts for the pecans.

Please remember these can knock you on your duff, so eat wisely. Probably not as bad as the spiked cherries I'm making, those things are powerful. lol

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 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8924S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Steve Nevius, Pastor  
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at Switchup Handicap Accessible  
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**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 727 N Wayne St, Warren  
 260-375-2811  
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net  
 Pator Rusty Strickler  
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30  
 Eklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Pastor Steven Spencer  
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 www.warrennaz.org  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 John Boyanowski, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 765.524.3390  
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays:  
 Bible Study & Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.  
 Monthly Meetings  
 1st Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
 4th Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm

**LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Pastor Diane Samuels  
 Fellowship Time ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**THE CHURCH AT MCNATT**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.  
 Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:00 - 9:45  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 - 11:00  
 Everyone is Welcome

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN**  
 375-2102  
 www.firstccw.net  
 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor  
 Takarra Myers, Youth Director  
 office@firstccw.net  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday School during Worship Service  
 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor  
 Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB CHURCH OF THE VINE**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Brad Hensley  
 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer Group (Thur) ..... 6:30pm  
 Men Serving God Grp 2nd & 4th Sat . 9am  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister  
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister  
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.  
 Tara Bower - Secretary  
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org  
 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:50 a.m.  
 Youth:  
 K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor Al Soultz  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm



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# AREA NEWS

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Vitamin D supplements can also be helpful, replacing the vitamin D we naturally obtain from sunlight. Eating well-balanced, healthy meals is important as always. Make sure to stick to your schedule in order to stay socially engaged and physically active. As always, if your situation interferes with daily life, talk with your doctor about seeking therapy or medication.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2023 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 Tony Manry motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes; council member Mark Towery seconded. 3-0. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**CITIZENS:** Mark Wolfgang let the council know that he now owns part of the lot where the old Weaver building was. He is hoping to eventually build a new building there for his business.

**POLICE:** Marshal Skyler Beard reported that he has been working on ordinances regarding animals and getting properties cleaned up. 412 E. Main has been vacated.

**UTILITY:** Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. He stated the town's engineer, Eric Woodmansee, is working on project costs. They are working on getting gravel in alleys. Laborer, Jeremy Shaw, completed and passed the first semester of his apprenticeship. The Ram needs the heater core and reservoir tank replaced.

**BETA DELTA**

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their December Business meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

Claudia Boxell, President, opened the meeting with 12 members and 1 inactive

member present and repeating our Creed. Members present were: Sondra Zabel, Jamie Straley, Pam Rudy, Beth Ostermeyer, Tara Korporal, Kelly Jones, Carol Irick, Sharon Gebhart, Dawn Fowler, Lorie Fiock and Sandy Booher. Inactive member present was Carol Fair. Members excused were Shelly Melchi, Victoria Thompson and Betty Yoder. Roll call was taken and the minutes from our November meeting were read by Beth Ostermeyer, Recording Secretary Aide.

Dawn, Treasurer, reported an ending balance. Vice President Kelly, passed out our new ByLaws and thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Service for Jan Ramp. Claudia read correspondence from our International Organizer, Colleen Criswell. Service Secretary Jamie, passed the worksheet for November hours. We discussed several families and children to help for Christmas. Also sending a small token to our Scholarship recipient, Taylor Jordan. Beth, Editor, passed the sheet for Alpha Bits News.

Our Social will be Tuesday, December 19th at 7 p.m. If you are attending please bring a wrapped gift.

Corresponding Secretary Sandy, read two Sympathy Cars from Alpha Delta Chapter and Epsilon Zeta Chapter. She will be sending

Christmas Cards to Barb Ruble, Peggy Sue Clark, Mary Emma Holmes and Alice Williams. She also purchased a gift for Shelly Melchi, for the loss of her Momma, Jan Ramp.

Pam Rudy sent Scholarship information to the Guidance Offices at Huntington North High School and Southern Wells High School. Lorie, Finance Chair, reported an ending balance.

Our next luncheon will be Sunday, April 14, 2024. Please mark your calendars.

Claudia read additional correspondence from Alpha Province Organizer Mara Jo Williams and Alpha Province President Misty Clugh. International Convention will be June 19 - 23 in Portland Maine.

No Unfinished Business and No New Business. Bills were presented. Chaplain Sondra Zabel closed the meeting with prayer until we meet next, Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

**CHAUTAUQUA**

On December 1, 2023, 12 members and 1 guest enjoyed the Chautauqua meeting held at the First Christian Church. Mary Sell introduced her daughter-in-law, Peggy Sell, before the Collect was repeated and Roll Call was answered with "A female musician you delight in hearing their music". The Secretary and Treasurer

reports were given, and a Thank You note from the Bonnie Meyers family for Ann Brauchla's Memorial donation to the Knight Center was read.

Sandy Thompson and Elf Assistant Jean presented the program- "A Gift of Christmas".

"Everything was in place, all preparations finished, cocoa and cookies waiting by the fireplace for Santa. However, when he arrived, there was a feeling of SOMETHING MISSING! Then, as I awoke from my nap, there was Santa Clause by the tree, but looking very sad and disappointed. I asked Santa what was wrong.' It's the Children! They seem to have missed out on the true meaning of Christmas, although not their fault! The of Christmas! Teach them

that the part of Christmas we can see, hear, and touch is much more than meets the eyes. The symbolism behind the customs we observe show what they truly represent.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE –the evergreen, represents the hope of eternal life in Jesus. The needles point heavenward, reminding us that our thoughts should too. THE SHINING STAR—is the heavenly sign of the Promise that God provided, A Saviour for the World. His Promise is fulfilled with the birth of Jesus Christ.

RED –is the color of Christmas! The red ornament is the color of the life-giving blood that flows through our veins—the symbol of God's greatest gift!

THE SILVER BELL— The lost sheep were guided by the sound of the bell. Teach the

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Dec 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Dec 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 21		FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS
Dec 31		NEW YEARS EVE
Jan 1		NEW YEARS DAY - Welcome 2024
Jan 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Jan 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall

*Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;*

*Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC*

*These Events Can Also Be Found at [www.warrenweeklyindiana.com](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)*



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Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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Children to follow the true Shepherd who gave his life for the Sheep.

The glow of THE CANDLE ON THE MANTLE shows how people came to give Thanks for the gift of God's Son at Christmas time. Teach the Children to follow in God's footsteps and shine their light before all people to Glorify God. Twinkling lights are for all to see.

RED AND WHITE STRIPED CANDY CANE --is a stick of hard white candy---white is to symbolize the Virgin's birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the foundation of the Church. The "J" represents the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd's crook. The original cane had 3 little red stripes to represent the scourging Jesus received when we are healed, and the large Red stripe is the shed blood of Jesus so that we can have the Promise of eternal life.

"Teach these to the Children!"

WREATH --the wreath emphasizes the bonds of perfection "LOVE" It contains the colors red and green, needles pointing upward, a big red bow that tells the story of "Good Will to all!" The Circle is God's Love--"without beginning and without end."

SANTA--I am the symbol of the Spirit of family fun, the joys of giving and receiving You are a Believer If you don't teach the Children these things, then Who Will?

>>>>>"These are the Gifts of Christmas!" Merry Christmas to All!"

Delicious refreshments were served to Carmen Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Sharon Gebhart, Jean Grasmik, Linda Howell, Suellen Jones, Bonnie Meyers, Sandy Schwarzkopf, Mary Sell, Ann Spahr, Sandy Thompson, Betty Yoder, and guest Peggy Sell.

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**2024 JAY COUNTY FAIR**

Portland, IN: The Jay County Fair board is ecstatic to announce the grandstand entertainment for the 152nd Jay County Fair! There will be racing, demo derbies, autocross, concerts, rodeo events, a carnival and more, stretched over eight days at the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland, Indiana!

The music headliners kick off on Thursday, July 11, 2024, with the Christian Music artist Cochren & Company! Cochren & Company is a 2023 Dove Award Nominee for new artist of the year and since 2021 has had 4 top 10 hits including "Running Home," "Church (Take Me Back)," "One Day," and "Who Can."

Headlining the grandstand on Friday, July 12th is fairgoers will be entertained by the rapper, singer, and Florida native, whose breakout single "Low" was number one for 10 weeks in the United States and broke the record for digital download sales at the time of its release and since then has sold over 80 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling music artists of all time. FLO RIDA! Flo Rida will be joined by DJ Kronik who will be opening the show.

Tickets for all grandstand events will go on sale to the public on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 8 AM EST. They will be available online at [www.jaycountyfair.com](http://www.jaycountyfair.com)

Fair Stockholders can pre purchase their tickets at the fair office this year, prior to tickets being available to the public. The office will be open for stockholder sales on Saturday, December 16th from 8 AM to Noon.

**HOW YOU CAN DONATE PLASMA AND SAVE A LIFE**

(StatePoint) Millions of people around the world rely on plasma to treat a range of conditions, including rare inherited diseases, severe burns and trauma, liver disorders, and for cancer supportive care.

"Plasma-derived medicines are often the only therapies available for patients with many rare, chronic and potentially debilitating and life-threatening diseases," says Anita Brikman, president and chief executive officer of the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association. "In short, donating plasma helps save lives."

To encourage individuals to learn more and to donate plasma, if they are eligible, the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association is sharing patient insights, along with answers to some frequently asked questions about the uses of plasma in healthcare and why we need more of it:

Q: What is plasma and why is it so useful in treating such a broad range of health conditions?

A: Plasma is the single largest component of human blood, making up about 55% of blood volume. Plasma proteins help the body fight infection, clot blood and regulate blood pressure. Patients with certain genetic disorders are unable to make some of those critical proteins and antibodies, but they can be isolated from donated plasma and help compensate for that shortfall. Plasma-derived medicines can also be beneficial for individuals with a compromised immune system due to treatment for cancer or an organ transplant.

Q: Who benefits from plasma donations?

A: Medicines made from donated plasma help those with certain neurological,

lung, bleeding and immune system disorders lead to healthy, productive lives. Some of these rare conditions can be life-threatening without the right treatment.

After noticing that it was hard to breathe during tasks such as shoveling snow and mowing the lawn, military veteran Dan Coffin was tested for and diagnosed with Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, an incurable, inherited disorder that may cause lung disease and liver disease.

"I went from being extremely physically fit to having trouble with simple tasks in the yard. The plasma protein therapy infusions I receive, thanks to the generosity of donors, make it possible for me to live an active and healthy life again," says Coffin.

Many others also benefit from plasma-derived therapies, such as trauma patients, organ transplant recipients, children with HIV, and anyone who has ever received a rabies or tetanus shot. Both treatments, which are often delivered after incidents such as being bitten by a wild animal or stepping on a rusty nail, are made from plasma that contains antibodies to those pathogens. Additionally, for some mothers and babies, an incompatibility in blood type

can result in severe anemia and jaundice in newborns unless the mother receives Rho(D) immune globulin made from plasma.

Q: Why are plasma-derived medicines unique?

A: Plasma-derived medicines are not like other pharmaceuticals. Plasma can't be made in a lab and it is not an infinite resource. It often takes hundreds of individual donations to collect enough plasma to create the medicine needed for a single patient each year. That's why patients who rely on these therapies are so dependent on donors.

Q: How can people donate plasma?

A: To learn more about donor eligibility and the donation process, and to find a local licensed and certified plasma donation center, visit [donatingplasma.org](http://donatingplasma.org).

"So many people know about donating blood, but they don't know about the need for donated plasma," says Brikman. "Plasma donations are vital in helping patients who rely on plasma-derived medicines to improve or save their lives. Donate plasma today and give someone the chance to live a happier and healthier life."

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## SIMONS

The daughter of the late William Wayne Tomlinson and June Elizabeth Hanna, Almetta Joan Simons was born on May 10, 1939, and went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023.

She married Charles A. "Chuck" Simons on August 7, 1964.

Almetta was the manager of Van Buren Sons of American Legion Post #368, for 20 years until her retirement in 1998.

She attended First Christian Church, Marion, and Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, Marion, as well as Northview Church, Carmel.

Almetta was a member of Elk's Country Club and Marion Moose.

She also was in the Winnebago Club and had traveled all across the United States.

Almetta loved playing games, especially Phase Ten (which she usually won), reading, crossword puzzles and spending time with her family.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Almetta will be greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her daughters, Sherry (Jim) McAfee, of Noblesville, Natalie (Eric) Wasson, of Carmel, and Joanne (Richard) Olsen, of Beaverton, Ore.; a son, Charles A. Simons II, of Glendale, California; 15 grandchildren, Brad Maddox, Todd Maddox, Tyler McAfee, Briana McAfee, Karlee McAfee, Richie Olsen, Jeremy Olsen, Charlie Simons, Sirene Simons, Phillip Conn, Owen Conn, Hanna (Jameason) Flint, Adam Wasson, Mairin Wasson and Amelia Wasson; six great-grandchildren, Alana (Austin) Billings, Kaitlyn McAfee, James McAfee, Alexis McAfee, Lennon Covey and Syllas Covey.

Almetta was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. "Chuck" Simons, a son, Mitchell W. Simons, a daughter, Debbie L. Maddox,

and two brothers, Bill Tomlinson and Jim Tomlinson.

There will be a private service on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, her late husband Chuck's birthday.

Memorial contributions can be made to AseraCare Hospice Care in Carmel by donating at [www.Inkiy.in/Almetta](http://www.Inkiy.in/Almetta) or by mailing a check to Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

## REINECK

Madelyn Reineck, 93, of Bluffton, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 6, 2023, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

Madelyn was born in Bluffton on Dec. 16, 1929, to Gerald and Lucile (McCleery) Moon. She married Dale L. Reineck in Bluffton on Feb. 20, 1949. Dale preceded her in death on Mar. 18, 2006.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy (Jack) Girod of Bluffton; two sons, Jake (Teresa) Reineck of Bluffton and Kit (Deb) Reineck of Liberty Center; along with 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Madelyn was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Moon and John "Jack" Moon.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, followed immediately by a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Pastor Zach Ruble will officiate. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

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## TAYLOR

Samuel Harry Taylor, 76, of Van Buren, rural Huntington County, Indiana,



passed away at his home on Friday, December 8, 2023.

Sam was born on May 26, 1947, the only child to Harry D. and Catharine (Goodmiller) Taylor. Sam graduated from Warren High School and went onto graduate from Huntington College with a bachelor's degree in education. He taught at South Adams for several years before working for the Adams County Welfare Department. He had a heartfelt passion for his job and was deeply driven to help many families, especially children, find the resources needed for a brighter future.

After retirement and the passing of his mother, Sam moved back home to the family farm. He always said he was a farm boy through and through, and nothing beat living out in the country.

He had a love for International Harvester equipment and tractors, loved to talk politics, and was deeply rooted in his beliefs. Recently he had been attending Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene in Warren, where he was shown kindness and support during some recent health issues.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Harry D. Taylor on October 7, 1992, and Catharine Taylor on January 30, 2019.

He is survived by his extended family and several friends.

A graveside service at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington County will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 2pm with Chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 402 E 1st St. Warren, IN 46792.

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

## HOW TO BE A PHILANTHROPIST WHEN MONEY IS TIGHT

(StatePoint) While contributing to a worthwhile cause is a common aspiration, actually doing so right now may feel unrealistic if you're struggling with your own finances.

According to an April 2023 Gallup study, 61% of U.S. adults said recent price increases have caused financial hardship for their household—this is up from 55% in November 2022, and the highest since Gallup's first reading on the measure in November 2021.

"With so many people financially challenged, one may assume that being philanthropic is reserved solely for the wealthy," says Stephanie Buckley, Head of Trust Philanthropic Services for Wells Fargo's Wealth & Investment Management division. "Yet, financial support is just one way of being charitable. If you reframe what philanthropy is, you'll realize you don't have to be ultra-wealthy to give in a meaningful way."

According to Buckley, just about anyone can give one of the Five T's of Philanthropy, which she explains further here:

1. Time: Volunteer hours, mentoring.

2. Talent: Professional, leadership skills.

3. Treasure: Donating goods to a nonprofit organization.

4. Ties: Leveraging your relationships to help others.

5. Testimony: Being an advocate of a charity.

No matter how you go about giving back, you can help maximize your impact with these tips from Buckley:

- Share your experiences: Did you have a great experience volunteering? Is there a cause that's particularly meaningful to you? Tell your friends and family. Whether you're on a coffee date or at your child's soccer game, spreading the word face-to-face is an effective way of advocating for a charity.

- Comb your closet: You likely have more possessions than you actually need or want. Do a thorough clean-out of your home and donate the items or the profits from the sale of the items to a local nonprofit. Not only are you contributing to a worthy cause, you may gain a tax benefit that doesn't involve opening your wallet. Just be sure to ask for a receipt.

- Pass it on: Children will always remember time spent with their family helping others. From planting trees to participating in a walkathon, there are plenty of family-friendly ways to

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instill the habit of giving back.

- Be creative: If your days are busy, creatively build giving back into your current schedule. For example, if you're teaching your teen to drive, incorporate delivering meals to the elderly or infirm into their practice hours on the road. If you're providing professional advice or tutoring, build video conference meetings into your lunch hour once a week.

- Create an estate plan: Incorporate philanthropy into your legacy through your estate plan in a tax-advantaged way. One smart way to do so, whether you have significant wealth or not, is through your retirement assets. An added benefit from this giving tactic is that nonprofit organizations do not pay taxes on gifts sourced from a pre-tax retirement plan, as your family would. Consider gifting your heirs other assets such as stock or real estate instead.

For additional resources, visit [wellsfargo.com](https://wellsfargo.com).

"Nonprofits need more than cash to operate," says Buckley. "When a financial contribution is out of the question, consider making a meaningful difference by sharing your time and talents instead."

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Tips to Lower Your Energy Costs This Winter

(StatePoint) The U.S. Department of Energy reports that low-income households face an energy burden – the portion of income spent on home energy costs – three times higher than other households, leading to tough budgeting decisions for many Americans.

Energy efficiency is an important way to tackle home energy costs and can also support sustainability. Knowing that these issues are important to their customers and communities, Wells Fargo contributed more than \$19 million last year to nonprofits that aim to advance sustainability, including a \$500,000 grant to the Beneficial Electrification League.

Whether your motivations are economic, sustainability-related or both, Keith Dennis, president of the Beneficial Electrification League, offers these smart tips to help you curb your energy consumption this winter:

1. Give energy-efficient holiday gifts. Leverage holiday spending on items that can help you save down the line by giving energy-efficient gifts to members of your household this holiday season. Look for gas alternative products like electric lawn tools, bikes and scooters, smart devices and appliances. Energy-efficient electric products offer good results, are often more cost efficient and support

sustainability. Certain retrofits, updates and upgrades may even qualify your household for additional savings via a rebate, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

2. Request an energy audit of your home. With a home energy audit, you can obtain your Energy Star rating, important information regarding your energy usage, and identify sources of energy loss, which you can then take actions to correct. Resources for obtaining a professional energy audit or conducting one yourself can be found at [energy.gov](https://energy.gov).

3. Beat the peak. Ask your utility provider about discounted rates. Some offer cheaper rates during parts of the day when general usage is down – think early in the day or late at night. Strategically tackle your energy bills by doing laundry and other energy-intensive chores at off-peak times.

4. Take advantage of tax credits. Making energy improvements to your home? The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 expanded the tax credit amounts and types of qualifying expenses available. Look for tax credits on items like new energy-efficient exterior doors, windows, central air conditioners, water heaters, furnaces, boilers and heat pumps.

5. Utilize electric technology. Consider installing a smart thermostat, smart switches, or smart home devices for energy-intensive household items like, lights and heating systems. Smart technology is designed to automatically adjust to your needs, helping you save energy and money.

During a long cold winter, energy-efficient technologies and updates can help you weather the season, for a cozier home and a lower-carbon future.

### RSV CAN IMPACT ADULTS TOO. HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW

(StatePoint) Each year, it's estimated that more than 160,000 U.S. adults are hospitalized and 10,000 of them die due to Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, a common respiratory virus. While most people only develop mild symptoms similar to that of a common cold, RSV can be dangerous for certain people at high risk, including some adults.

The American Lung Association's campaign to educate people living in the United States about RSV in adults is supported in part by a grant from GSK. As part of the campaign, they are sharing patient insights, along with information about the risk of severe complications from RSV, and steps people can take to help protect themselves.

#### Risk Factors

Adults 65 years and older are at higher risk of RSV that can be severe and even life threatening. Also at high risk are adults with chronic heart or lung disease, and adults with weakened immune systems. RSV in some cases may worsen asthma or COPD symptoms, lead to pneumonia or bronchiolitis, or even result in congestive heart failure. Adults at high risk need to be especially vigilant during RSV season, which is occurring in the United States right now.

Michele D.'s childhood memories of medical visits and treatments for her asthma helped shape her path in life, inspiring her to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist so that she could care for and educate others also living with asthma or other lung diseases. Even with Michele's extensive knowledge of respiratory diseases and her lived experience of growing up with asthma, her severe bout of RSV in December 2022, which hospitalized her and lead to pneumonia, took her by surprise.

"I'm a respiratory therapist, and I know RSV can be serious, but I wasn't expecting it to impact me the way that it did and for as long as it did," says Michele. "I don't think most people living with chronic lung disease realize how an RSV infection can impact their lives. I didn't."

#### Prevention

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to lower your risk of severe RSV:

- Keep up to date on all recommended vaccinations. In June 2023, the CDC recommended RSV vaccination for adults 60 and older who have discussed with their healthcare provider whether it's right for them.

- If you live with a chronic lung disease, such as asthma or COPD, work with your healthcare team to keep the condition under control so your lungs can better heal from infectious respiratory diseases.

- When possible, stay away from individuals who are sick with respiratory infections to reduce your chance of becoming ill.

- Wash your hands often and try not to touch your face with unwashed hands as that is a common route for infections to occur.

For more information and prevention resources, and to learn your risk for RSV complications, visit [Lung.org/RSV](https://Lung.org/RSV).

"I know how important it is, living with asthma, to reduce my likelihood of getting sick with a respiratory infection," Michele shares. "If there is a way to help prevent getting that sick again, I'm in."





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