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Thought for the Week: The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary. Vidal Sassoon

NEW P.A. IN TOWN

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

She's no stranger to northeast Indiana, either. Trout grew up in the Bluffton area, and still has family there. Since 2007, she has practiced medicine as a physician assistant (PA) in the Fort Wayne area and, more recently, in Markle. Now, she is seeing patients at the Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) – Family Medicine office in Warren.

"We are so pleased that Tammy has joined PPG and will be working out of the Warren office," said Doug Selig, market president, Parkview Health South. "She has a gift for building collaborative, long-term relationships with her patients. I'm confident the residents in this area will really appreciate her substantial experience, listening ear and commitment to partnering on their healthcare."

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

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

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

- Performing physical exams

- Developing and implementing treatment plans
- Ordering and interpreting laboratory tests and diagnostic studies
- Performing in-office procedures such as lesion biopsies, joint injections and cryotherapy
- Treating common medical problems
- Managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure and hypothyroidism
- Providing well-child exams, vaccinations and other pediatric care
- Supporting women's health, from pap smears to osteoporosis treatment
- Evaluating and treating mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety.

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HOMETOWN GRANTS AWARDED

The Warren Hometown Grant Committee is pleased to announce the following 2023 grant recipients:

Boys & Girls Club of Huntington County. With the recent transition to Tower Park, the Club will use these grant funds for purchasing the necessary furniture and technology to complete the space.

Historic Warren. The old night deposit box in front of The Exchange will soon be repurposed with a community bulletin board that keeps residents and visitors informed on things happening in Warren.

First Baptist Church of Warren. As the Little Rebel Store at Salamonie Elementary School opened this past spring, new clothing and hygiene items will be restocked for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Hometown Grant is a program of the Community Foundation of Huntington County. Created in 2022, the program dedicates grant funding to a small town and empowers a committee of local citizens to make the ultimate funding decisions. The program is currently being piloted in Warren with the hopes of expanding to more small towns in the future.

"We love the Warren community and will continue to invest in its future," stated Matt Ditzler, Community Foundation Executive Director. "We could not have imagined a better place to pilot this program."

In addition to the dedicated grant funding, the Community Foundation is offering a \$1 for \$1 match on any contributions made to the Warren Hometown Endowment Fund. This fund was created as a new way for people to support the Town of Warren and ensure the growth of the Hometown Grant program. If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact Matt Ditzler at 260-356-8878 or matt@huntingtonccf.org to learn more.

Updates on past grant recipients include Historic Warren recently completed their tree mural on the southwest side of the Exchange Building on 2nd Street and the Friends of the Warren Library continue to work towards refurbishing their library elevator.



First Baptist Church of Warren- Front Row: Kim Park, church member, Ashton Ousley, church administrative assistant and grant writer, Steve Park, church member, Dawn Collins, Salamonie School principal, Bridget Swaidner, Salamonie School teacher, Brady Smekens and Miranda Bolinger, Community Foundation Volunteers. Second Row: Rusty Strickler, First Baptist Church of Warren Pastor, Martina Cocklin, Salamonie School Administrative Assistant Christy Neunschwander, Salamonie School teacher.



Boys and Girls Club Pictured are (Front Row) Lilly Forney, Nora Forney, Reed Shafer, Mason Shafer, William Dalrymple, Carter Scalf, Cooper Ralston, Madolyn Hunnicutt and Zane Fortney (Middle Row) Claire Fortney, Lucie Dalrymple, Samantha Zavattaro, Lexi Zavattaro, and Elijah Richards (Back Row) Community Foundation Volunteers Brady Smekens and Miranda Bollinger, Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Mandy Reber, and Warren Coordinator Brooklynn Gard. Walking through the door Blaine Brown



Historic Warren: Pictured are Historic Warren Board Members Jeff Souder, Neil Laymon (Vice President), Jessica Sunderman (President), LeAnn Buzzard, Community Foundation Volunteer Brady Smekens, and Historic Warren Secretary/Treasurer Becky Souder.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Hemming

This week Tara and I was able to go to Indy to see what kinda awards we got at the state fair. Out of 14 projects I have 3- first places, a third place, and about 5 honorable mentions and a project that hasn't been turned in yet.

So next weekend we will take our brookies down to state fair to the King Arthur same recipe contest. Everyone has to follow the same recipe to a tee and submit it. I just can't imagine trying to judge it, but I'm sure there will be a difference in each one.

Whether you use generic, store brand, popular brand or the high dollar brand there will be a difference in each one. How you layer it, how much you mix it, how you mix it, and of course how much love you put into it. That's the one that gets you every time, the love.

I can remember as a young wife I would try so hard to make my mother in law's same recipes, but they never tasted the same. John longed for a taste of his mom's cooking long after she passed but I could never get it perfect. One day I looked at him and told him, I will never be able to make it taste like moms cause she has a different love than I do.

So my recipe for this week is for the new wives out there. You will never get the same as the mother or mother in law's cause the love they put into each and every dish is different than your love. It's not because it's any more or any less, it's just a different love they haven't experienced yet, but will learn to love.

So with that being said, start your own kinda love in each dish and soon he will love it just the same and who knows one day you may get the wow, that was a real close one to moms or your getting better that it almost tastes like mom made it. Cherish those comments and for goodness sake don't forget how you made it.

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8924S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Steve Nevius, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
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 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
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 260/515-2517
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
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 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
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 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
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 Church School 10:45a.m.</p> | <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
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 765/934-3321 Parsonage
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 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.</p> <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
 www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p>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</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> |
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AREA NEWS

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Troutt said medicine interested her from a young age, but it was a job shadowing experience with a physician assistant during high school that helped her decide to pursue medicine as a profession and become a PA in her own right. She has found that being a primary care provider suits her.

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

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

Troutt is accepting new patients at her office, 470 Bennett Drive in Warren. Call 260-375-3670 for appointment scheduling.

POPCORN FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget the Van Buren Popcorn Festival this weekend. Festivities start Thursday evening (August 3rd) at 6:30pm. Tyler Poe and the Volunteer Railroad will be playing at 8pm. Not to mention the loads of food and other vendors.

Friday brings a Pet Parade at 5:30pm, the Blue Collar Union Band at 6, IGTPA Garden Tractor Pulls at the the Fire Station at 7 and Red-Eye Lorelai at 8:30.

Saturday events include: Fireman's Breakfast 7-11a, Kernel 5K registration starts at 7:30 with the race at 8:30, Chalk Walk 9-3, Lutheran Air will be here at 9:30a, Baby Parade at 11, Mini Golf 11-1, Balloons by Aaron 12-4, Free Throw Contest 1-3, Freddy Fever 1-3, Kids Big Wheel Race at 2, Car Show 2-5, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull at 3, The Cumberland Gap Band 5pm,

Attaboy 6p, Cook and Belle at 8:30 and Fireworks at 10:45. Lots of fun things to see and do - come on out!

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Public Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale, Saturday, August 5 from 10am - 2pm. Bags will be provided by the Library.

There will be selections of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, tween books, teen books, graphic novels and DVDs.

The Library is located at 123 E 3rd St, Warren. Phone number is 375-3450.

124 TO CLOSE FOR CULVERT WORK

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the closure of State Road 124 for multiple culvert replacements.

Starting on or after August 7, crews will be working between State Road 3 and State Road 116. Work on the culvert replacements is expected to take two weeks. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

During the closure, drivers should use the approved detour of S.R. 3 and S.R. 116, or seek an alternate route.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when

traveling in and around all work zones.

ARTS & CRAFTS IN NOVEMBER

The Salamonie Summer Festival (SSF) will sponsor it's First Annual Arts & Crafts Marketplace. To be held Saturday November 11th, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Center, 132 Nancy Street, Warren, IN. This program will help raise funds for future SSF events. The SSF is an annual event for the Warren area.

Vendor Space is available for Pottery, Paintings, Woodworking, GlassWare and De'cor. For an Application or more information please contact the SSF Marketplace Director at 260-366-7533 (call or text).

SHIRT SALE

You may order Lightning-5 and Historic Warren Main Street T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies online through the Bad-Apple Graphics Store. Find links on the Historic Warren Main Street FaceBook page.

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FESTIVAL SHIRTS

Salamonie Summer Festival T-Shirts for 2023 are still available for only \$5, along with multiple sized T-Shirts from previous years 2022, 2021, 2020. Youth Medium & Large; Adult Small, Medium & Large. All T-Shirts are only \$5 and are available at the Warren Pharmacy!

T-shirts are available until sold out!

Pick one up today to support your LOCAL Community events!

SCAM ALERT

Many scams start with an intimidating phone call. A "debt collector" needs you to pay immediately. Or a "police officer" claims to have a warrant for your arrest. The latest variation involves a phony process server and a non-existent court case against you. BBB Scam

Tracker has gotten numerous reports of this new twist. Here's how to spot it.

How the scam works
You receive a call from an unknown or blocked number from a person claiming to be a process server. They might say there is a lien on your home or someone is taking you to court over unpaid medical bills. In other cases, the scammer may be secretive, saying they can't reveal details until your papers are served.

Next, they'll ask you to "confirm" sensitive personal information, such as your date of birth and Social Security number. When you're hesitant to give out this information, they stress the urgency of the matter - after all, you're being taken to court! If you ask too many questions about who is

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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.

Aug 2	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 2	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 8	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 14	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 16	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 23	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 25	6:30p	W - Whoa Man Concert @ Riverside Park
Sep 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Sep 6	0.791	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
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making a complaint or what company the process server works for, the scammer will get angry.

Sometimes, the “process server” may be phishing for information about your family members. According to one target, “I received a call from some lady who... stated that my phone number was provided to them by my mother, and they wanted me to verify her Social Security number and date of birth. I refused and asked her what the phone call was about. She stated that there was a lawsuit pending against my mother, but she declined to state who the complainant was and said there would be a process server coming through to serve papers. They refused to provide my mother with any information regarding a lawsuit against her. We waited for a process server, and of course, none showed up.”

The people behind this scam don't have any legal papers to deliver, they want to get their hands on your personal information to commit identity theft.

How to avoid phishing scams

* Be wary of scare tactics. Scammers love to threaten people with legal action or hefty fines, scaring them into giving up their personal information. They

hope fear will make you act without thinking. Always remember representatives of a reputable business or legal office will be polite and civil, even in a serious situation. They won't pressure you to act immediately “or else.”

* Search your local court website. If you think there's a chance someone has filed a lawsuit against you, check your local court's website. Search your name to see if any lawsuit has been filed. If nothing comes up, you're in the clear.

* The scammer may have some personal information. Don't give them more. Scammers may have some of your personal information already from a previous phishing scam, a data breach, or some other source. They may use these stolen details to get even more information from you. For example, they might read your Social Security number and then ask you to “confirm” your date of birth. Even if someone already has a few details, don't give them any further information unless you are sure you're dealing with someone you trust.

For more information Reading up

on phishing and impostor scams can help you spot a con before it's too late. You may also visit BBB's Spot a Scam page for tips on recognizing scam tactics.

If a scammer contacts you, report your experience to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help us boost consumer awareness and make scammers' tactics less effective.

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STUDENT LOAN SCAM

After more than three years of relief, the payment pause on student loans is coming to an end. The U.S. Department of Education recently announced that student loan interest will resume September 1, 2023, and payments will be due starting in October.

This student loan news affects millions of Americans, which creates an excellent opportunity for scammers. In fact, BBB has already received multiple reports of scams related to student loan repayment citing “new 2023 guidelines.” Get to know the signs of a scam and always be sure to do your research before sharing any personal information.

How the scam works
You receive an email, letter, or phone call from someone claiming you are eligible for “student loan consolidation,” “payment reduction program,” or a similar service. This new benefit is allegedly part of “the new 2023 guidelines,” and the scammer may even claim to represent the Federal Student Aid (FSA) department.

If you respond, the scammer will ask you for personal

information to “confirm your identity” or to “check your eligibility.” This information might include your Social Security number, name and address, and even your FSA.gov login information.

After “verifying your identity” the scammer will offer you an enticing plan to reduce your loan repayment. If you agree, you may end up making payments to a third-party for months or even years. None of your payments will go toward your student loan. And even if you don't make a payment, sharing personal information puts you at risk for identity theft.

Tips to avoid student loan forgiveness scams

* Get to know the terms of your student loan and the relief program before acting. Always do your research before sharing personal information. Be sure to understand the ins and outs of your specific loan and how student loan terms impact you. You may have to research who your current loan servicer is since it may have changed. Reach out to them to explore all your repayment options and make sure your contact information is up to date. For information, go straight to official government websites, such as ED.gov and studentaid.gov.

* Never pay money for a free government program.

Scammers often trick victims into paying for free government programs – or they claim you can get additional benefits, faster benefits, etc., for a fee. A real government agency will not ask for an advanced processing fee. These are all red flags of a scam.

* Be wary of out-of-the-blue calls, emails, or text messages claiming to be from the government. Generally, the government will not contact you using these methods unless you grant permission.

* Watch out for phony government agencies or programs. If you speak to someone claiming to be a government representative offering you student loan relief, research before you agree to anything. Scammers often make up look-alike government websites that sound similar to legitimate agencies or programs.

* Think something seems suspicious? Reach out to the agency directly. If you have any concerns about an alleged government representative's legitimacy, hang up the phone or stop emailing/texting. Then, find the official contact information (look on ED.gov and studentaid.gov or other official sites) and call to verify. Then, report suspicious calls or messages.

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CRAGO

Thomas L. Crago, 66, of Huntington, passed away at 2:28 am Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Thomas was born on March 10, 1957, in Huntington, IN, the son of Charles Crago and Pat (Braden) Crago. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1975 and married Charlotte E Shidler on May 25, 2007, in Huntington, IN. Thomas retired from MSM Trucking of Huntington after 30 years of service and proudly joined the Million Mile Truck Club. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Huntington. Thomas loved to build model cars, work puzzles, golf and ride his scooter.

Survivors include his loving wife, Charlotte E Crago of Huntington, IN; two sons, Travis Crago of Hartford, IN, Trenton (Chelsea) Crago of Warren, IN; two daughters, Tiffany (David) Stafford of Ft. Wayne, IN, Tonya (Kevin) Roenker of Virginia Beach, VA; two step-daughters, Toni (Steven) Mitchell of Andrews, IN, Tracey (Nathan) Suddarth of Ft. Wayne, IN; sister, Terri (Jon) Jennings of Warren, IN; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his four legged friend, Moby.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Crago, mother, Pat Crago, and sister, Jean Cain.

Honoring his wishes there will be no services at this time.

Preferred memorials to the Bailey-Love Mortuary, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

LOSURE

Keith A. Lasure, 58 of Marion, passed away on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 9 p.m. at his home in Marion.



He was born on December 4, 1964, to John Lasure and Catherine Montgomery in Grant County.

Keith married Beth (Byer) Lasure on October 23, 1995.

He attended Eastbrook High School, Marion.

Keith worked for Toler Cartage as a truck driver. He also worked for E.N.T. and then Rock Leasing, most recently.

Keith enjoyed his job and relaxing at home. He loved his family and his Shih Tzu puppy dog, Sophie.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, John Lasure, and brothers, Bill Lasure and Rory Lasure.

Loving survivors include his wife, Beth Lasure, of Marion; mother, Catherine Montgomery; siblings, Jackie Wolfgang, John (Cathy) Lasure, Tim (Tina) Lasure, Gene Lasure, Marvin (Kimberly) Montgomery and Eva Hackworth; sister-in-law, Debbie Bosworth; lots of nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Van Buren Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall, 105 S. 2nd St., Van Buren, on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m.

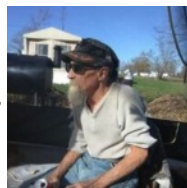
Interment will be at a later time at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home to assist with expenses. Mail to P.O. Box 366, Warren, IN 46792.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren.

BANTER

Roger Wayne Banter, 62, of Van Buren, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at his home in Van Buren.



He was born on June 20, 1961, to Joseph W. Banter and Mary Elizabeth Bowman in Marion.

Roger married Donita J. (Hale) Banter on November 18, 1994. She preceded him in death on January 13, 2019.

He attended Eastbrook High School, Marion.

Roger worked for Peyton's, Bluffton, did construction

and also Taylor Well Drilling for a few years.


A true outdoorsman, he enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, trapping and gardening. Roger was very proud of his family, especially his granddaughters who he would talk about to everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and siblings, Priscilla Banter and Bobby Davis.

Loving survivors include his children, Jacob Banter, Jessica (Josh Bullard) Banter, Leonard King and Mack King; grandchildren, Alexis, Scarlett and Aaron; siblings, Chuck (Leslie) Banter, Diana (Pete) Korporal, Rick (Robin) Banter, Tammy (Arnie) Reneer, Julia (Gary) Martin, Tim (Debbie) Davis, Debbie (Phil) Davis, Cathy (Randy Stower) Rowell, Paula Earl and Betty Grice.

In honor of Roger's wishes, a memorial service will be at a later date.

MARSHALL

 Donald Kay Marshall, 85 of Warren and formerly of Markle passed away at Parkview Huntington Hospital on Thursday July 27, 2023.

He attended Liberty Center High School. Don served his country in the U.S. Army. He served on the Markle Fire Department and the Markle Police Department for several years. He worked at Agrain Grain in Markle for 43 years. Don was a member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He loved driving his gator around town and giving candy to the local kids. He was an avid IU Basketball fan, he enjoyed woodworking and in his early years he was known for the personal poems he wrote.

Donald was born on December 8, 1937 in Wells County, the son of the late Isaac and Beulah (Carroll) Marshall.

He was united in marriage to Delphia Lahr on October 6, 1957 in Warren. His wife survives

Additional survivors include a son: Mark (Cindy) Marshall of Huntington; three daughters: Lesa (Rick) Asher of Huntington, Marla (Gary) McWater of Sugarhill, GA, Loriann Marshall of Defiance, OH; a sister: Roberta (Bill) Myers of Elwood, IN; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Rosemary Cole, two brothers: Jim Marshall, George Marshall and a great-great granddaughter: Mayleigh Bennett.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel. Located at 415 N. Lee Street, Markle IN 46770.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel.

Interment will take place at Markle Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made out to Ride to Provide or Markle Fire Department both in care of Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

LEITNER

Carol Leitner, 88, of Bluffton passed away Friday, July 28, 2023 at Lutheran Life Villages at Pine Valley in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 27, 1934 in Wells County, Ind. to Paul W. and Ethel Berniece (Murray) Mussleman. Carol graduated from Chester Center High School in 1952 and was the valedictorian of her graduating class. She was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton where she worked as the secretary for over 20 years.

Carol retired from Bi-County Services in 1999 after working in the group homes and helping clients in the workshop. She enjoyed reading, was always ready to go play BINGO and her favorite title was that of loving grandma and great-grandmother!

On Oct. 21, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Carol

and Joseph "Joe" John Leitner were married. They shared 53 years together before he preceded her in death Nov. 13, 2014.

Carol is survived by her children, Deborah Leitner of Fort Wayne, Lisa (Stephen) Bye of Harrisburg, Pa., Joseph Leitner of Bluffton, Valerie Leitner of Greenfield, Ind., Kimberly (Steven) Weachock of Columbia City, Ind., and Charles Leitner of Fort Wayne. She was a proud grandma to 7 grandchildren: Matthew, Kaitlyn, Rachel, Andrew, Travis, Molly, and Makenna; and great-grandmother to 2 great-grandchildren, Marceline and Magnolia.

She is also survived by a sister, Judy Canady of Warren; sister-in-law, Becky Musselman of Bluffton; and brother-in-law, Merlin Lemke of Wis.; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe; and two brothers, Paul Musselman and Dale Musselman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. Burial will follow in the Garden of the Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling Hours will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with a rosary service at the conclusion of calling hours.

Memorials may be made in Carol's memory to Lutheran Life Villages at Pine Valley.

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If you've spotted a student loan forgiveness scam (whether or not you've lost money), report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

SENIOR GOLF

Results from the Thursday Senior Scramble are as follows:

1st Place: Keith Duckwall, Jeff Souder, Howard DeHaven, Dave Stamper

Closest to Pin: #3 Matt Schweikhardt, #6 Dean Lemler, #7 Rodney Glesean

Longest Putt: Bruce Holmes

HOLLAND MICHIGAN TULIP TRIP DAY 1

by Larry Ryan

The air temperature was 40 degrees when the bus driver loaded our two suitcases at the 7:30 am., Warren location on May 2, 2023. Our worst fear was that it would probably be even colder traveling north to Michigan. Besides that, a light rain had commenced. Would the tulips be frozen? Should I have packed another sweatshirt? However, packed were gloves and a sock cap. Yes, both used.

Already onboard were passengers from the Marion pick-up place. These people had homes in Anderson, Richmond, Rushville, Tennessee, and Texas. The latter two, obviously, wanted

to see tulips badly! Bucket list possibly? More persons joined us in Fort Wayne. By 9 am the bus was motoring north on I-69 toward Michigan. The 50 passenger bus had only two unoccupied seats. A selective, complimentary breakfast was served onboard for those who slept late.

The bus immediately passed under Auburn, Wallen, and Dupont Roads. After overtaking a truck from Laredo, Texas, we sped past exits to Garrett, Waterloo, Kendalville, LaGrange, and Angola. A billboard advertising "Carusoo's Italian Restaurant" caught my attention. However, everybody was stuffed from breakfast! After avoiding Crooked Lake and Lake James exits, signs listed the toll road as six miles ahead. The famous, Winn Shuler's Restaurant at Marshall, Michigan was ahead of us.

At 9:40 the bus crossed the state line and a very large lake appeared on the right side of the bus. No, it was not Lake Erie! I checked the map. Rain was helping to fill this lake. Our driver exited onto State Highway # 96 and into Battle Creek for a rest stop at 10:20. In doing so, we traveled by "Fire Keepers Hotel & Casino." Afterwards our driver out-raced a Wheel King truck with the painted side claiming that "Wheels Keep the World Moving." Then, I-94 was accessed in the westward direction toward Chicago. We ran into a work zone, so the driver chose Highway # 89. Somewhere along this route I spotted a young deer counting cars and a sign for "Papa Murphy's" Chicken Restaurant. In the town of Otsego, was "Maude's" Tap House. Guess what that is.

Red Bud trees were starting to show their color as we crossed the Kalamazoo River in Otsego. The "Renewed Earth" business was housed in a small, old, red brick schoolhouse. The old and the new. I glimpsed three, black ducks resting in a front yard. I think that they were real. At another property, a

prominent, 5th wheel RV was the exact same size as the house! We crossed the Kalamazoo River twice at Allegan before joining Highway # 40. Holland was only 22 miles away.

It was 12:10 pm when the bus crossed I-196 and into the renowned city of Holland, Michigan. We were a week ahead of their festival, so traffic was not a problem. My first sighting in this city was a business named, Mad Cheetah Warehouse and one swan on a pond. Where are the tulips? Quickly, the bus passed the "Wooden Shoe Antique Mall." We were getting warmer.

Our first stop was at the Nelis' Dutch Village where lunch was consumed in the "Hungry Dutchman Café." This featured area contained several shops, such as the Thirsty Dutchman Pub with a Welkom sign and the Nutty Dutchman Fudge Shop. Long neck tulips were present amongst the buildings. Yes, my first tulip sighting! My wife and I were coerced, by the tour guide, to take a ride on the circulating, swinging chairs named the "Zweefmolen." It was cold and my gloves were in the suitcase, but we obliged. Then it was back inside to get warm and watch a short demonstration about wooden shoemaking.

The bus pulled in at the Hampton Inn at 3:30 and left for dinner at 5:30. We crossed the Unity Bridge over a section of Lake Macatawa and enjoyed a buffet on the Holland Princess while cruising this lake for two hours. The boat motored past the inlet to Lake Michigan, the Heinz Pickle Factory, the Eldean Shipyards, several beautiful homes, and many yachts. Returned to the hotel at 8:30.

COMMUNITY TEAMWORK

by Daris Howard

Too often it seems like all the news we hear is bad; at least a high percentage of it is negative. That's why I always look for positive, uplifting stories. There was an event

that occurred over the last few weeks in our community that is worth retelling.

During this time of year in the West, we are often faced with dry conditions leading to major wildfires. This year, here in Idaho, we had an extremely wet spring. That is great for getting the crops off to a good start. But toward the middle to the end of June, the weather turned hot and dry. We hadn't had a good rain for a month or more.

The problem with this set of events is that the heavy spring rains also made the grass and shrubbery proliferate. But then when the rains quit, and the sun heated everything, the grass and shrubs dried and became tinder for a fire. It made for a dangerous situation. Add to that dry lightning storms, with lightning strikes and no rain to quell the sparks, and the fire season turned explosive.

The dry rangeland to the north of us, thousands of acres of sagebrush and prairie grass, was in this exact situation. Fires started, presumably from some dry lightning strikes. Soon, the fire was burning at high speed across the range. The fire crews rushed to save a small town that was in the fire's path. They didn't have resources to try to save the cattle that grazed this land.

This is where the wonderful part of the story comes together. The ranchers, farmers, and anyone else who could rushed to help those in need. People who work the land are often independent and determined to take care of their own needs, but what nature was throwing at them was more than anyone could face on their own.

Everyone involved came together and made a plan. It was determined what land would be most defensible. All cattle would be driven there and fenced in together. The concern of separating whose animals were whose would have to be dealt with later. While horse riders set out to bring in all the cattle

that could be found, farmers took tractors and disks and harrowed the perimeter of the area where the cattle would be detained, determined to make a stand against the fire. By the time the cattle were rounded up and brought to the protected pastures, a large amount of soil had been turned to cover anything that would burn.

The fire came and burned through, sweeping everything in its path, but it could not cross the harrowed fields. The smoke was heavy and caused the sun to glow red if it showed at all. Farmers with tractors also helped the firefighters, harrowing to create fire breaks around towns and homes in the path of the fire. For a week it was hard to breathe as the fire burned, but when it was finally brought under control, the damage was minimal compared to what it could have been.

This valley is known for the early settlers coming into an arid, inhospitable land and working together to dig canals that would bring the life-saving water to the crops. To survive, neighbor helped neighbor. No single man could do it alone. And when the work was finished, everyone benefited as the water flowed to all.

The people of this valley showed themselves to be worthy descendants of those early settlers. Even those whose land and homes were in well-irrigated areas and were not threatened by the fire worked as if their own land and subsistence were at stake. Everyone who was not needed on the front lines worked as support. It was a wonderful story of community teamwork.

When all is said and done, there are few stories more worth retelling than one of community teamwork.

(Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist, playwright, and author, can be contacted at daris@darishoward.com; or visit his website at <http://www.darishoward.com>, to buy his books.)

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