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Thought for the Week: At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year. Thomas Tusser

WW HOLIDAY HOURS

The Warren Weekly will be closed for the next two weeks due to the holidays. We will be back to work the week of the January 12 issue. All news and advertising will need to be in for that issue on January 9, 2024. If you want to go ahead and send your information in before that, you are welcome to do so. As always, you mail email it to me at editor@warrenweeklyindiana.com or snail mail to Warren Weekly PO Box 695, Warren, IN 46792. You can also drop news/advertising off at Town Hall. There is a basket on the left end of the counter for Warren Weekly drop-offs. They do have a mail slot in the door for after hours drop-offs. Thank you to all who have supported and enjoyed the Warren Weekly. Your support is greatly appreciated and I look forward to what 2024 has in store for all of us. See you next year!

BOARD MEETING CHANGE

The January 2024 meeting of the Warren Public Library Board of Trustees has been moved to Tuesday, January 2nd, and will be held at 7:00 PM. Location remains at the Warren Public Library.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

H&H Disposal will run all routes for Christmas and New Years one day behind your normal pick up day. Town/City Only of Warren will be picked up on Friday of both weeks. Please make sure trash is out the night before by midnight.

SOLDIERS/AIRMEN

EXEMPT

As tax season approaches, Hoosier National Guardsmen, which number approximately 12,000 troops, will no longer pay state income tax starting with their 2023 tax returns.

In April, the Indiana legislature passed the military exemption bill, House Bill 1034, and on May 1, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb signed it into law.

"By completely phasing out state taxes on military veteran retirement in 2022 and eliminating the state income tax for Hoosier Guardsmen in 2023, Indiana continues to demonstrate our state's enduring appreciation for the exemplary women and men who serve our local communities, state and nation in the Indiana National Guard," Gov. Holcomb said.

The tax exemption applies to all Hoosier Guardsmen, which includes traditional members, military technicians and full-time National Guard soldiers and airmen.

"I'm grateful for Gov. Holcomb's and the legislature's meaningful support for Hoosier Guardsmen through this exemption from state income tax," said Maj. Gen. Dale Lyles, Indiana's adjutant general. "Soldiers and airmen in our many uniquely rewarding careers will enjoy the additional benefit of keeping more of what they earn while serving our state and nation."

According to the Indiana Department of Revenue, a member of the National Guard is allowed a deduction

from adjusted gross income for wages earned as a result of the member's military service, including service for National Guard state active-duty missions and federalized overseas missions.

The exemption also includes wages earned as a dual-status military technician. A dual-status technician is one who works full-time for the National Guard and must serve in the National Guard for that employment.

Exemptions do not apply for non dual-status technicians or independent military contractors. Exemptions also do not apply for wages earned from employment outside of military service.

Military personnel are required to file an Indiana income tax return if their gross income exceeds their exemptions. Income from all sources, both military and non-military, excluding military combat zone compensation, should be reported on the Indiana

resident return, Form IT-40, even if the income is deducted in full for Indiana tax purposes.

More information can be found online at <https://www.in.gov/dor/files/reference/ib27.pdf>. Learn more about the Indiana National Guard at NationalGuard.IN.gov.

OPEN BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Nationwide - A League of Our Own Independent Baseball League, is looking for Unsigned and/or Uncommitted baseball players that are looking for the opportunity to continue pursuing their dream of playing baseball.

On January 30, 2024 we will be holding Statewide tryouts at the Mojo-Up Sports indoor Complex in Noblesville, IN. Open to local, national and international baseball players ages 19 years old and older (unlimited age). The season will start Labor Day weekend August 31, 2024 through October 19, 2024. Featuring non-stop baseball

50 games in 50 days in addition to elite barnstorming all-star teams. All interested participants should visit our website and register online today @ www.alooo247.com or contact (205) 264-1468.

SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

The Indiana Senate is now accepting applications for the 2024 Senate Page Program, said State Sen. Andy Zay (R-Huntington).

Through the full-day program, students in grades six through 12 tour Indiana's Statehouse, listen to debates and help staff with age-appropriate tasks. Students also have the opportunity to meet their state senator.

"Getting young Hoosiers involved in our state government is incredibly important to their and our state's future," Zay said. "This is why I hope to see many students from Senate District 17 serve as Senate Pages during the 2024 legislative session."

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Merry Christmas

Wishing You and Yours a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year too!

Thank you for your support in 2023. We're looking forward to 2024. Warren Weekly & the Zoda Family

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Since it's the last article before Christmas, I'll do something a little fun. I'll tell you about the top 5 best Christmas's I had. I'm sure you have all heard a little about each one but here it goes.

#5 "Baby's first Christmas" - when Christmas came around and Kendra was only 7 months old. I, like any other first-time parent, went overboard on buying Christmas presents. Then of course all of the aunts and uncles chimed in with presents too. By the time Christmas morning came along, those presents were in the multitudes. I thought we would never get them all opened. Now you would think I learned my lesson when the granddaughter came along. Are you kidding, it was much worse cause now Kendra had all her presents she bought Kylynn, along comes over hoard buying granny (that's me) with my ship load of presents. Kylynn had so many presents that she literally got bored with unwrapping her presents. Kendra politely told me to ease up next year. Well, I really do try to not buy so much, but boy is it hard.

#4 "The fireplace mantel"- The year we finally talked mom into putting all 12 socks around the mantle of the fireplace. When they redid the mantle, I thought they anchored it completely to the fireplace instead of just setting it on the fireplace. So, mom had it all decorated up with greenery and bows and the antique mantle clock was sitting in its normal place and all the socks hanging around the fireplace. It was every family's job to put one item in each sock, so you know me by now, I'm putting more than one item in the socks. So, I go down to mom's Christmas morning and add all my stocking stuffers to the socks, the girls got girlie stuff and the guys got guy stuff mainly small 12"crow bars that I had found on sale. So, I stuffed the socks and went home, when about an hour later I had this phone call from my mom, I needed to get my butt down there and sort all this Christmas mess out, the mantle fell off the fireplace, antique mantle clock and all the decorations and socks went flying. Then came the question, "what in the heck (edited for printing) did you put in those socks?" Yep it was a very tense Christmas that year but one that will definitely be remembered for quite a while.

#3 "The ring"- Every girls dream to get an engagement ring at Christmas and that's when I got mine, I had no clue John even thought about getting me an engagement ring. So, Christmas morning he came in and joined the family for Christmas morning tradition of breakfast and unwrapping the gifts. He brought in two presents for me, one was my fuzzy dog slippers I wanted and the other was this big box. So, I started unwrapping the big box and of course the box had another box, then another box, you know how it goes. Now

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 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
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 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
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 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
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 Sunday School 10:45 am
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 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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The Senate Page Program will begin in January and run through February. Pages are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session. They begin their day at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school. Positions fill quickly, so it is important to apply early.

For more information or to apply, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Page-Program.

HOLIDAY EMOTIONS

As much as we look forward to the holidays—perhaps because we do—they can be a difficult time.

It is very common to feel added stress during the holidays. Navigating high expectations, emotional landmines and changes in our daily schedule requires extra emotional effort.

The “Holiday Blues” can be sparked by a variety of things: stress over current events, personal grief, loneliness, economic concerns, separation from family members and relationship issues like separation or divorce. This is not a form of mental illness, and in most cases, symptoms are temporary, but they can be serious if they last for more than two weeks.

“One of the kindest things we can do for ourselves over the winter holidays is check in with ourselves,” says Bowen Center Director of

Clinical Services Esther Wilcox, LMFT, MS. Ed. “Ask ‘Am I giving myself enough space?’ or ‘Am I spending time on the things that truly matter to me, or with the people that truly matter to me?’”

The best defense against stress during the holiday season is knowing what choices you have if (and when) you are overwhelmed. “No one is exempt when it comes to holiday stressors,” says Ms. Wilcox. “There are so many extra sources of both positive and negative chaos that draw our attention! Remember to notice it, name it, and decide how you want to respond to it.” Below are other strategies for supporting your mental health during the holidays:

Pay attention to your emotions: Remember that it is okay to feel unhappy during the holidays. Recognizing your feelings is the first step to addressing and nurturing them.

Have a plan for difficult times: Feeling stressed, sad, or lonely can be more manageable when you know your options. This may

include taking time out to call a friend or family member, going for a walk, watching a favorite movie, or anything that allows you to refocus.

Keep your regular healthy habits: Start with the necessities, including eating a balanced diet, getting plenty of sleep, and finding time for exercise. Wake up and go to sleep when you need to. When possible, do things that recharge your mind and body. This may include reading a good book, spending time outside, and practicing relaxation skills like deep breathing, meditation, and mindfulness.

Explore your community: If you can’t be near loved ones during the holidays, finding a supportive community through support groups, community centers, and faith communities can help reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Reach out: Check in on loved ones who may be struggling during the holiday season. Helping a friend or neighbor not only gives joy to others, but it can improve your own outlook on life.

Recognize seasonal mood changes: Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a condition in which people experience symptoms of depression triggered by the change in seasons as the days get shorter. Treatment is effective and may include light therapy, antidepressant medication, and/or talk therapy.

Avoid alcohol and drugs: Remember that any “support” offered by substances is, at best, short-lived. Although it can be tempting to “take the edge off,” alcohol and drugs can make anxiety worse. Having a plan for navigating social events and feelings of loneliness can reduce the risk of substance use.

Ask for help: It’s okay to say “No”. If you’re overwhelmed or dreading upcoming tasks, ask for support. If someone offers to take something off

your overflowing to-do list, let them. There’s no need to feel guilty for accepting someone else’s kindness. It gives those around you permission to do the same if they find themselves in a similar situation.

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Laurie “Kitts” Detweller, former Eastbrook Graduate! She was among 18 ladies that have been named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame’s 2024 Silver Anniversary Team, based on outstanding accomplishments as a senior basketball player 25 years ago.

2024 Women’s Silver Anniversary Team members will be honored at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame’s 22nd Women’s Awards Banquet on Saturday,

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Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your support in 2023! It's been our pleasure to serve the Warren Community and look forward to an even better 2024.

- Jeff

Our Holiday Hours:
Sunday, Dec. 24th Closed
Monday, Dec. 25th Closed
 Tuesday, Dec. 26th 11am till 6pm
 Wednesday, Dec. 27th 11am till 6pm
 Thursday, Dec. 28th 11am till 7pm
 Friday, Dec. 29th 11 am till 6 pm
 Saturday, Dec. 30th 11 am till 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 31st Closed
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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.

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
Jan 8	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly 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

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

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 April 27, 2024.
 A midday reception, free and open to the public, will be held at the Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle. The evening banquet will take place at the Primo Banquet Hall, which is located on the south side of Indianapolis.

AT THE PHARMACY

The Warren Pharmacy has received the new 2024 Farmers Almanac. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions for all of 2024 and many helpful insights that affect your life, including "the best days to get your hair cut", and the best days to fish. It was astronomy information about the rotation of the moon and planets, along with basic eclipse information

Best of all, it is free when you fill a prescription at the

Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

The Warren Pharmacy also has 2024 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planners. Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each calendar starts with January 2024, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each planner has pages for some of your medical information and standard medical information for blood pressure, BMI and cholesterol.

The planners are available as a free gift at the Warren Pharmacy.

MEMORIAL BOWS

Memorial bows added to the Town of Warren Christmas Tree this year are listed below.

White bows of Remembrance: Clyde Fiock,

Marjorie Fiock, Bill Williams, Ben Williams, Ty Allen, Hugh Shafer, Lou Ann Shafer, William Cramer, Frances Cramer, Dan Marshall, Michele Stafford, Bert Forst, Marguerite Forst, Bob Zimmerman, George & Helen Bentley, Fred & Lelo Zimmerman, Vern & Maribelle Sparks, Dan Sparks, Jay Schlotter, Dink, Ron & Bikki Twibell, Chad Batten, Barb Chapman, Bo Lloyd, Clayton Berry, Bonnie Lloyd, Frank Simons, Betha Simons, Wesley Lloyd, Lloyd Morrison, Martha Morrison, Leander Morrison, Elsie Morrison, Paul Ruble, Ada Ruble, Brad Morrison, Margie Harshman, Georgina G Laymon, Ruskin Laymon, Lucy E Laymon, David B Laymon, Janet Gifford, Heaston Family, Maud & Erle Nuss, Carl & Pauline Scheib, Lloyd & Gwen Mains, Mike Coolman, Bob Stucky, Grandpa Bill Lows, Angel Marie, Roy & Cleo Stuber, Erle & Doris Stuber, Jerry Boyer, Don & Maxine Pinkerton, Fay Cartwright, Warren & Louise Keene, Phil & Bert Tinkle, Kenny & Wilma Wilson, Harold Brauchla, Ann Brauchla, Marvin & Linda Gephart, Cecil & Edith Schwob, Dale & Willadean Schwob, Homer & Ann Margaret, Bud & Shirley Miller, Jimmy Schwob, David Miller, Jerry Gephart, George Sliger, Rick Staton, Patty Stuton Butler, Carl Hamilton,

Waldo Knight, Mark Knight, Margret Knight, Athalene Rice, Nathan Mills, Paul Plasterer, George Emby, Judy Skaros, Joseph & Martha Shokome, Joseph & Virginia Sumwalt, Gerald Sheets, Maxine Sheets, John Buzzard, Eloise Evans, William Evans, Jackie Williams, Alan Brown, Morry Zeller, Paul & Ruth Yount, Will & Irene Zeller, WillaDene Schwob, Madge Hudson, Dorman Hudson, Kathron Minnich, Barbara Brown, Janice Brown, Brett Kiel, John Tetrick, Holland & Esther Ruble, Harry & Agnes Crawl, Charles Crawl, Mom, Robert Wilkerson, Mary Wilkerson, Robert Rice, Mary Rice, Violet Lewis, Joe Wilkerson, Robert Steward, Jody Murray, Tracy Lemler, Dennis Miller, Ralph & Opal

Highley, Elwood & Lula Miller, Jim Miller, Cathy Kay Miller.

Red bows for honor the living: Alyce Tinkel, Kahlen & Cooper Lows, Curly Boxell, Pat Boxell, Scott Embry, Brooke Worley, Derek Ruble, Doyle & Charleen Ruble, Gracie, Garry & Lisa & Cindy & Connie.

Yellow bows for veterans (living or deceased): Roger Horrell, Wayne Herring, Roger Krumel, Russel Heinen, Monty Taylor, Bruce Laymon, Jennifer Bergman, Bud Lee, Burton & Elizabeth Gebhart, J. Ben & Elizabeth Good, John & Lana Stuber, F. Sam Stuber, Bernard K. Gebhart, Jon Ridenour, Ken Harris, Bob Rice, Paul Slagel, Robert Embry, Richard Embry, Paul

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Joy to you and yours at this wonder of all seasons.



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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GENEALOGY REPORT

PROFFITT

Alice Faye Proffitt, 82, of Wabash, passed away at 1:58 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at her daughter's home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Marion on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1941, to Arltain and Anita (Madley) Jefferies.

On October 23, 1959, she married Donald L. Proffitt, who preceded her in death.

In 1959, Alice graduated from Van Buren High School.

She embraced a fulfilling life as a dedicated homemaker with a passion for meticulous housekeeping.

Renowned for her culinary skills, Alice delighted family and friends with her impressive cooking and love for entertaining.

Her devotion extended beyond her home as she passionately shared the Gospel and was a devoted prayer warrior, diligently reading scripture.

Alice's spiritual journey unfolded over three decades at Immanuel Baptist Church, where she taught children's Sunday School and served as their director.

She continued her spiritual journey at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Wabash, where she was renowned for her homemade cinnamon rolls.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice (Tim) Harter, of Columbia City; sons, Jerry (Sheri) Proffitt, of Wabash, and Greg Proffitt (Treccia Proffitt), of Wabash; brothers,

Richard (Betsy) Jefferies, of Jonesboro, and Rick (Suanne) Jefferies, of Marion; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Derek) Mysliwicz, Kimberly (Adam) Parker, Tanner Proffitt, Tyler Proffitt, Jessica (Ryan) Fishback, MaKayla (Skylar Hall) Proffitt and MaKenna Proffitt; great-grandchildren, Alexia Wyse, Austin Wyse, Allison Parker, Madison Parker, Mason Fishback, Ella Fishback and River Hall.

Alice also was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Bob Jefferies and Glenn Jefferies.

The family will receive visitors from 4 to 7 p.m. on

Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, a funeral service to celebrate Alice's life will take place at North Chapel at 11 a.m. with Pastor Dean Pickett officiating.

An additional hour of visitation will begin one hour prior to the service.

Burial will follow at LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 2806 Theater Ave., #A, Huntington, IN 46750.

RUDIG

Thomas "Tom" F. Rudig, 84, of Warren, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

He was born on July 3, 1939, to the late Frank Arthur and Tressia (Leaf) Rudig. Tom married M. Jerrine Buzzard on March 24, 1961. She survives and resides in Warren.


He worked at United REMC for 40 plus years.

Tom was a member of Warren First Baptist Church.

There will be a private family Celebration at a later date.

McElhane Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is in charge of arrangements.

PENROD

 Wayne E. Penrod, 92, of Poneto, passed away on Thursday morning, Dec. 14, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 8, 1931, in Jackson Township, Wells County, to Ray E. and Helen M. (Bird) Penrod.

Wayne graduated from Jackson Center High School. Following graduation, he served his country in the Korean War.

Wayne worked for International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #242, Warren, American Legion Post #111, Bluffton, Eastern Star #48,

Bluffton, and Poneto Faith Community Church.

On September 7, 1953, Wayne and Patricia Ann (Safewright) were married in Clinton, S. C. Together they shared 58 years of marriage before her passing on January 5, 2012.

Survivors include his granddaughters, Casey (Mike) Householder, of North Judson, Jessica and Erika, of Florida; a grandson, Logan (Anne) Gerber, of Fort Wayne; along with three great-grandchildren, Emiley Householder, Michael Householder and Alyssa Householder; a brother, Lester (Pat) Penrod, of Carrollton, Ky.; a son-in-law, Kevin Ivins, of Bluffton; a daughter-in-law, Stacy Penrod, of Bluffton.

Wayne is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Patti, his daughter, Lavon Ivins, and his son, Richard R. Penrod.

A memorial service will be at a future date with Pastor Roy Nevil officiating. Service details will be updated as soon as they are available.

Burial will take place at Grove Cemetery, Poneto.

Memorials may be given to Poneto Faith Community Church, 36 E. Walnut St., Poneto, IN 46781.

REED

Hazel Faye Reed, 93, formerly of Marion, and The Waters of Wabash East, peacefully entered heaven on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023.

She was born in Kokomo on April 14, 1930.

On December 31, 1964, Hazel was lovingly married to Robert E. Reed.

She was employed in banking for numerous years.

Upon retirement, Hazel and Robert moved to Sebring, Fla., enjoying the sunshine.

In her spare time, she enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs, shopping, playing bingo and listening to gospel music. Hazel was a member of Grace Community Church, Marion.

Robert preceded her in death on July 6, 2018, after 53 years together.

Hazel is survived by a daughter, LuAnn (Michael) Scanlon, of Indianapolis; step-daughters, Robin J. Reed, of Marion, and Terri L. Reed, of Fort Wayne; daughter-in-law, Robin A. (Steven L.) Johnson, of Van Buren; granddaughter, Dr. Kelly E. (MJ) Klinker, of Fort Wayne; several grand and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, John Elofson.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Steven L. Johnson and Brian S. Johnson, her sister, Bertha M. Elofson, and brother, John Wolfe.

The family also extends heartfelt appreciation to special nieces, Rhonda McGown and Sharon Spence.


Funeral services will be at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Chapel of Serenity at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, 11201 S. Marion Rd. 35, Marion. Pastor Tom Mansbarger will officiate.

Entombment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Friends may call one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Community Church, Marion.

RUBLE

 Jon A. Ruble, 76, of Akron, passed away at 1:40 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

He was born on January 28, 1947, in Marion, the son of James and Lois (Lewis) Ruble Jr.

Jon graduated from Van Buren High School, Class of 1965. He proudly joined the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Vietnam War.

On April 1, 1978, in Huntington, Jon married Peggy (Palmer) Ruble, and she survives.

He worked as a salesman in various industries, including recently promoting bowling advertising. Previously, Jon had been a tool route distributor, as well as owning his own bar and convenience store. He was a member of the American Legion.


Survivors include his wife, Peggy Ruble, of Warren; step-children, Rab Miller, of Huntington, and Ange Miller, of Warren; brother, William Ruble, of Hamilton, Ohio; sisters, Karen Burton, of Palm Desert, Calif., Jayne Ruble, of Erlanger, Ky., and Patty Tedder, of Upland.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester.

WOLF

 Mary Lou Wolf, 82, of Huntington, passed away at 12:00 am Friday, December 15, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, IN.

Mary Lou was born on September 1, 1941, in West Leipsic, OH, the daughter of Wilford Henry and Mae (Spurgoun) Henry.

She earned her GED and proudly enlisted in the United States Army. Mary Lou married the love of her life Eugene Wolf on January 7, 1962, in Folkston, Georgia. They shared 41 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on July 16, 2003.

Mary Lou had many work talents, she worked as an assistant at H&R Block, a production worker, and had her own day-care for several years. Her true passion was taking care of others, she felt blessed to work as a CNA at Victory Noll and retired after 10 years of service. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, crafts, cooking, and gardening. She loved her pets, grandchildren, and great grandchildren more than anything.

Survivors include her three Daughters, Angelia S. Keplinger of Warren, IN, Lounnette (Brian) Knauff of Macy, IN, Nannette (R.B.) Jones of Huntington, IN; Two Sisters, Sue DiMeco, Judie

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Dishong; Two Brothers, Sam Henry, Ed Henry; Five Grandchildren; Nine Great Grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her Father, Wilford Henry, Mother, Mae Henry, Husband, Eugene Wolfe, Son, Donald "Joey" Wolf, Brother, Harry Henry, and Son-in-Law, Paul Keplinger Jr.

There will be no services at this time.

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

PEARSON

Bernita E. Pearson, 95, of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 7:58 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center, Marion.

She was born in Marion on Thursday, March 22, 1928, to Ralph and Wilma (Little) Phillabaum.

On June 7, 1947, Bernita married James E. Pearson, and he preceded her in death on August 8, 2004.

She graduated from Marion High School Bernita worked at First National Bank, Marion, until her retirement. She was a member of First Christian Church, Marion.

Bernita enjoyed putting her creativity to use in a variety of crafts. She especially loved to quilt. She also enjoyed watching hummingbirds, butterflies and cardinals. More than anything, Bernita loved being with her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra K. (Everett) Briggs, of Marion; granddaughter, Stacie B. (Dennis) Watson, of Marion; grandson, Christopher (Peggy) Briggs, of Marion; great-granddaughters, Kaytlin (Darren) Swick, of Lafayette, and Elissa (Zachary) Frank, of Athens, Ohio; great-grandson, Colin Briggs, of Marion; great-great-granddaughter, Elena Swick; sister, Ermajean Shaw, of Fort Myers, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

Bernita also was preceded in death by her parents,

sister, Bernadine Brankle, and brothers-in-law, Donald "Bud" Brankle and James Shaw.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

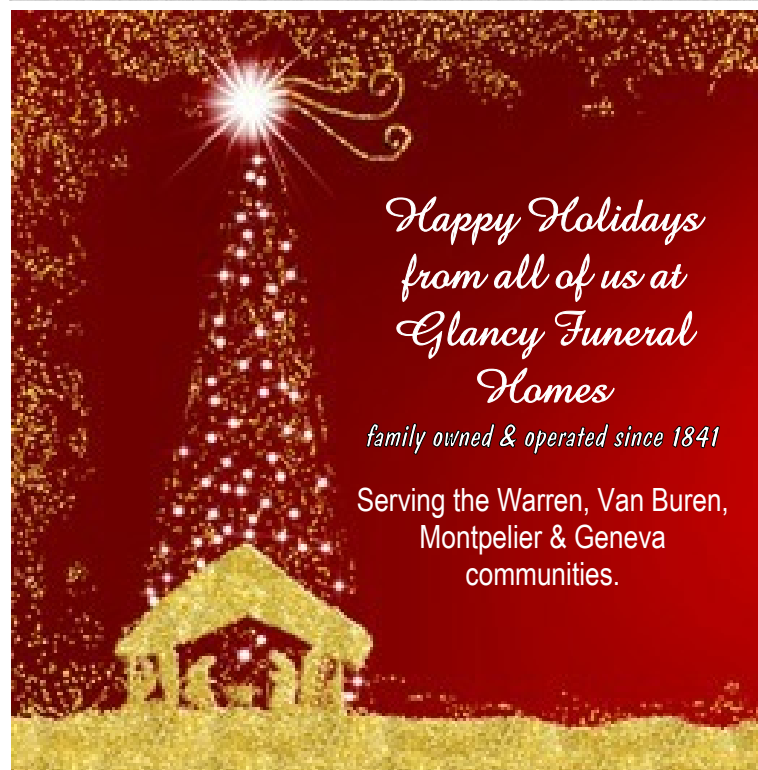
Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Bernita's life will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Haley Asberry officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First Christian Church, 1970 N. Wabash Rd., Marion, IN 46952.

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Embry, Carl Pursifull, L. Gene Souder, Herb May, Jake & Doris Douglas, Tom Brodbeck, PeeWee Miller, Jon Ruble, Jim Joyce, Dale Schwob, Dale Brown, Allen Morehead, Roger & Jen Ruble.



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I'm down to this little box, with still no idea, then I opened it. He didn't even get the chance to get down on his knees, I had that ring out of the box and on my finger before he could even think about it, and it even fit me to the tee and by the way he didn't ask and I didn't answer it was pretty much cut and dry, we were getting married.

#2 "The surprise of a lifetime"- We decided we wanted to treat Kendra and Kylynn to a trip to Disney World, but we needed Kendra involved with this plan, so we decided that we would work out a date, so everyone had plenty of time to save up for the trip. On Christmas, everything worked out like clockwork, Kylynn had a tower of presents all together wrapped with a big ribbon setting under the tree. As she prepared to unwrap them, we told her she had to start at the top and unwrap each gift and do as it says. So, the first gift was a puzzle she had to put together that had the next clue.

That was the longest 24 piece puzzle I had ever seen, it was very intense. Once she got that put together her next presents was fairly easy. We loaded riddles in each box and along with all sorts of Disney items in each box. Finally, she got to the last box and it was a shirt that said "I'm going to Disney world" It took a minute to sink in, then she said Oh my gosh, am I going to Disney world? Kendra said yes we are. "When we going?" Kendra told her, Tomorrow, she was out the door and going home to pack, with about 10 bounces in her steps.

And the #1 best Christmas was "The visit "- Back in the day I had lots of stuff in my room, I have lots of stuff now just more organized in the house, but back then walking through my room was like risking your own life trying to get to the other side. So, one night, Mom and Dad went uptown to get some last-minute shopping done and just happened to come across Santa walking down the street. My mom asks Santa if he could walk down to the house and ask that Treva if she got her room cleaned up yet. So, Santa, who just happened to be one of the Huffman Girls, walked down to our house and rang the doorbell. Gayle and I were in the kitchen doing dishes, well I should say Gayle was doing dishes. I was there for moral support. I piped up and said I'll get that so I went running to the door and opened it and low and behold there he stood, Mr Claus, himself. "well Treva, just who I was coming to see, do you have your room cleaned up, you know Christmas is just a few days away and if you don't have that room cleaned up, then I'm not going to leave you any presents. My classic response was "Well I'll get right on that!!" Santa had a hard time keeping a straight face, so he asked Gayle if she had been behaving and keeping her room clean and of course her response was "well yes I am!!" So, Santa turns back to me and says well ok but Treva you got to clean your room up if you want any presents. "Oh I will!! I think I told my sister to finish dishes, I had to go clean my room or I wasn't getting anything from Santa and off like a shot I went, up stairs and like my mom said she never seen a years worth of junk go flying like she did that night, and yes Santa did come to the house Christmas eve and left me some presents just like he said he would.

So there you have it, my top 5 Christmas memories with each one very dear to my heart. I hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and make those precious memories with your family and friends and enjoy each other's company, but always remember the true meaning of why we celebrate.

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WATERFOWL WORKSHOP

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) annual Waterfowl Workshop will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

Attendance will qualify contractors to conduct waterfowl control for hire in Indiana during 2024. All first-time waterfowl control operators (WCOs) are required to attend the workshop, which runs from noon to 3:30 p.m. ET.

Registration by Jan. 19 is required. To register, or for more information on becoming a WCO, contact Jessica Merkling, urban wildlife biologist, jmerkling@dnr.IN.gov, 260-244-6805.

Attendance is encouraged for all WCOs, but those who have attended the workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Those interested in taking the test should contact Debbie Walter,

dwalter@dnr.IN.gov, 812-789-2724. The 2024 exam will be available Feb. 1.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the training, but only those individuals physically conducting waterfowl control for hire are required to attend.

MILLER FOR STATE REP.

Republican and current Huntington County Commissioner announced today that he will run for House District 50 in the May 2024 primary. The district includes all of Wabash and Huntington Counties, as well as some precincts in Miami and Wells County. Miller, who is currently serving his ninth year as Huntington County Commissioner District 1, has additional

experience as a public servant consisting of 31 years as a career firefighter for the city of Huntington with 8 years as Fire Chief and 4 years as a County Councilman.

Miller states, "Local government is the most efficient and purest form of government." Miller will continue his lifelong commitment to home rule and local government control for rural communities as State Representative.

Miller's focus will be on addressing the needs of the 70,000 residents of District 50.

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