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Thought for the Week: When you can't have what you want, it's time to start wanting what you have. Kathleen A. Sutton

COMING IN 2026!

Broadway Senior at Heritage Pointe.

The Pulse Opera House and Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana are partnering in March of 2026 to produce a musical coming Pulse Players with residents. All actors must be 65+ years old.

Auditions will be held in afternoon January with rehearsals throughout January and February. Memorization is not required for the show.

Rehearsals and performances will be held in the chapel, so those not in the show can come and watch. ΑII rehearsals and performances will be held in the afternoon.

In addition to being in the show, we are looking for residents to help with the music, sewing costumers and possible some woodworking. Also could us some help from Pulse volunteers community members who would like to assist.

There will be one performance for Heritage Pointe residents only and two performances open to the public.

Watch for more information as it develops. Exciting new opportunity for community members and residents!

CONCERT FRIDAY

Jai Baker 3 will be performing at Riverside Park this Friday, July 25 at 7pm. Bring a chair or blanket and come listen to a great group.

If it rains the concert will be moved to Knight Bergman Civic Center.

At the early age of 7, Jai began performing with his family's Indiana based band with his big brother, David Baker (lead guitar). 4 years

Bonewitz (drums). The three finals in both. He has opened Council and applicable law. would not only become best or shared the stage with friends but life long brothers. many National Headlining Members, Jai, David and Kevin travelled playing fairs, festivals and family events with Jai and David's parents. This experience proved to be invaluable in the development of Jai Baker's musicality. Jai has played everything from Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash to Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, Matchbox 20 to Pearl Jam and Morgan Wallen to Hardy and everything in between. Variety of songs meant happy customers at the end of the night.

As Jai grew into his High (Warsaw School years Communithy High School, leave the consumer wanting Warsaw, Indiana), he began playing in a Hard Rock band performing original music at various festivals, fairs and concert venues. continued to hone and refine their musical sound. When you hear Jai sing today, all of these influences have created a beautiful amalgamation of color that is uniquely Jai Baker.

Currently, Jai Baker has focused all of his life and musical experiences into the genre of Country touring Throughout the process Jai has realized it's not an easy alwavs road. Persevering through tough personal life struggles and balancing a healthy family life with a music career is never easily accomplished. Climbing over the steep mountains of life and maintaining a musical path simultaneously proves to be an ominous endeavor. Through Jai's perseverance, some momentum has started to occur. In 2010 and 2012, Jai pushed far into American Idol and The Voice television

Green. Mitchell Rufener. Riley Tenpenny and Colt Ford. He recently opened for hip hop the meeting at 10:00 am. artist, Flo Rida at Ruoff Home Mortgage Center Noblesville, Indiana. Jai Baker is a proud artist and partner of Jim Beam Suntory, which **SEE AND BE SEEN ON** has proven to be an amazing is currently alliance. Jai working on their first regional/national release. Mixing Jai's unique, powerful voice with his unique writing style, Jai Baker is sure to

When you take modern Country Music and smash it into a Rock N Roll edge you

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Wednesday, July 16, 2025 in Special Session at 9:45 am in the Room, Council Meeting Assembly Hall, 131 N. Wayne

Those present: Boxell, music. Buzzard, Schweikhardt; Clerk-Treasurer Morrison. Absent: Rufener.

Ordinance 2025-12, An Ordinance to Rezone a Parcel POD to R-4 was submitted for consideration of adoption. Buzzard moved seconded by Schweikhardt adopt Ordinance 2025-12. Yes: Boxell, Buzzard, Schweikhardt. Absent: Rufener.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Town Council of the Town July 16, 2025 in a session called as an Executive Session

later they would meet Kevin programs nearly making the in accordance with rules of

Those present were: Council Steve Buzzard, acts including, Luke Bryan, Michelle Schweikhardt, Ron Justin Moore, Keith Urban, Boxell, Attorney Neizer, Clerk-Faith Hill, Gretchen Wilson, Treasurer: Morrison. Absent:

President Buzzard opened

Agenda Item: Purchase, lease, in transfer, exchange of real property.

RURAL ROADS THIS SUMMER

by Janis Highley, 2nd vice president of Indiana Farm Bureau We all know the old adage "corn is knee high by the Fourth of July," but most farmers know that nowadays, thanks technological advancements, corn is actually find the new world of Jai Baker. much taller than your knee by mid-summer. By late-July, corn should really be more like "head high," or even towering over you at about 7- to 8-feet tall. But with taller corn comes precautions safety that Hoosier farmers must remember.

Many of us know the importance of road safety during planting and harvest season. Accidents involving tractors and other agricultural machinery occur every year. However, less may realize that road safety is critical during the growing season too, specifically at intersections. I farm corn and soybeans with home safely. my family in northeast Indiana. Our corn is well beyond "head high" now, so I understand firsthand the importance of visibility on our rural roads. When you are driving you need of Warren met Wednesday, to make sure you can see and be seen because it could be a matter of life and death.

Intersections along rural county roads often have crops that are so tall and close to the road, that they obscure the views of drivers and farmers in their equipment, leading to potential deadly collisions. Hoosier farmers should keep this in mind when they are planting corn close to road corners in the spring and consider planting their crops farther back. We should also remain vigilant about cutting back corn from intersections, so the crop doesn't obstruct drivers' line of sight. It takes just a few moments to trim back growth and ultimately save lives.

As 2nd vice president of Indiana Farm Bureau, I also have the privilege of chairing the Indiana Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee. The committee is dedicated to keeping Indiana farmers safe by awareness of different aspects farm safety, precautions to take when applying chemicals or working in grain bins, to tips and resources for rural road safety not just during planting and harvest season - but all year round.

Don't forget that everyone both farmers driving equipment and motorists going to and from work should slow down when driving. We are all neighbors, so let's remember to be alert, be patient, watch out for each other, and we will all get

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



First things first, thank you all for entering or attending the 2025 Historic Warren Art Show during the Salamonie Summer Festival. It was very well attended and can't thank you enough to all who helped with the success. Huge thank you to Beckv Souder and the Historic Warren committee for all the help in the sponsorship and use of The Exchange. Tara Bowman and John Flemming for their help in making it possible and of course Ag Express for letting us have some great easels to hang the artwork on. Your work does not go unnoticed and is so much appreciated.

My first week of work has been completed and can't say I worked too hard other than I am doing 10 hours johnny on the spot, which I am fine with, gives me some blow money. Working in the biomedical world is really a whole different world and I am not too sure I was prepared for it, but I am going to make it. I've learned that 63 degrees is very cold when air is blowing and I know germs can't do cold, but for a few days I was thinking I can't either. So, if you see me dressed like it's cold outside I am just coming from work. Sweatpants and sweatshirts and it's 110 degrees, well I am probably thawing out. Just can't wait to see what it's like this winter; I won't have anywhere to go thaw out other than the Jeep. lol

This past Sunday I had the privilege of attending the Joseph E. Allen family reunion and I have attended for the past 3 or 4 years. I have made an appearance as Mrs. Claus the year they did Christmas in July and then last year I was the official BINGO caller for the day. This year I was helping with the horse race at Churchill Downs at their Kentucky Derby reunion. They always seem to make it a special one. The ladies all came with their fascinators on and there were some doozies. It is always a good time, and I am so glad I could be a part of it.

In reality I am a part of the family. Everyone thinks that Tara and I are just friends when we are really relatives. Tara's great, great, great grandma is my great, great aunt, Susanah Beck Allen and that's not all, her aunt was my sister-in-law but many moons ago and times have changed. So that makes Tara's cousins my niece and nephew, but I am not done yet, it just so happens that Tara's uncle married my sister in laws husbands sister, ok that's way to out of the loop, but I know who they are and we speak when we cross paths.

I was also on the receiving end of a family cookbook at the reunion. They had the idea of making a family cookbook and the cost was \$10 now you know me, I am a sucker for a cookbook especially a family cookbook, but looking through it on the quick glance I came across a recipe that my husband has tried to tell me for years how to make but he was unsure of exactly how it was made. So now I know how and in

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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 Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &

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Ron Forsythe, 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

LIBERTY CENTER **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Pastor Diane Samuels Fellowship Time9:00a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m. THE CHURCH AT MCNATT

375-4359

Daniel Tucker, 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. 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages. ...9:00 - 9:45

Worship Service10:00 - 11:00

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468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.

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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 Group ... 4th Sat. 9am

Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

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Mickey Strong, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.

Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m.

Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth: K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm

Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.

Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm **FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-618-0027

Pastor Al Soultz

Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



AREA NEWS

TAHQUAMENON FALLS TRIPS PART 2

by Larry Ryan The first adventure to the Tahquamenon State Park in Upper Michigan, when I was a youth, left lasting impression on me. So, planned a trip, with my wife's approval, to take our three, young children to see the majestic waterfalls.

Of course a boat ride to Mackinac Island was on our way north. There was no car ferry to the island. Motorized vehicles were not permitted. This rule happened years ago because the automobile engine noise scared the horses. And there were many of those animals on the island, plus a multitude of bicycles. You had three choices of onisland transportation: Horsedrawn carriage, bicycle, or walking. After spending a couple of hours of sightseeing on foot, another boat returned us to a Mackinaw City parking lot and our car.

By 1957, a 5 mile long bridge was successfully constructed faster and more for convenient travel across the Mackinac Straits. Ferry boat travel became nonexistent across the 4 x 30 miles strait. After paying a crossing fee and **SUCCESS** motoring above this body of St. Ignace, Michigan.

I located Highway # 123 in north. The Chippewa County line was crossed before heading west on Highway # 23. Just inside of Luce County, the little railroad town of Soo Junction was the location to board the Toonerville Trolley. This open-air, narrow gauge rail line took us for a 35 minute ride through the wilderness to the Tahquamenon River. The area was advertised to include deer, black bear, coyote, otter, fox, woodpeckers, and occasions, an eagle and a moose. Beech, sugar maple, eastern hemlock, and birch trees were abundant. A few birds were visible, but no wildlife. Too early morning for them?

Upstream from the Upper Tahquamenon Falls was the double-decker boat, Hiawatha waiting to take us for a two hour ride to the Upper Falls. Luckily an inside compartment provided some warmth against the brisk atmosphere. The trail to the falls was narrow and slippery. I carried my youngest daughter as we made our way along a path until we were actually behind the water plummeting downward from above us. As the gushing stream plunged onto the rocks 50 feet below, 10,000 tries before he finally barrage of foam mushroomed. The "soft" water condition created such.

We did not hike the 4 miles downstream to the Lower Falls. That formation consisted of five smaller falls that surrounded an island. Both of the falls can be reached by were on a 6 ½ hour round trip schedule. The Hiawatha was again waiting for our return before retracing the river voyage back to the Toonerville Trolley. The train ride to Soo Junction was a little warmer that the earlier one, but not

My children still remember books. that vacation trip.

FAIL YOUR WAY TO

by Bryan Golden water, we stayed overnight in Fear of failure is one of the biggest fears people have. Ironically, failure is an integral Mackinac County and headed component of the success There are two process.

failure. Absolute failure is start the process over again. when you give up. Successful

you attempt works out as planned. When striving for a goal, you will likely discover many ways which don't work Successful as anticipated. people throughout history experienced this have phenomenon.

It took Thomas Edison discovered workable formula for a commercially viable lightbulb. When asked how it felt to fail so many times, Edison explained that he hadn't failed at all. Instead, he had discovered 9,999 ways a light bulb wouldn't work.

Henry Ford went bankrupt trails from Highway # 123. We twice before his third attempt at a successful automobile manufacturing company finally took hold. R. H. Macy went bankrupt three times before he came up with a successful business model. Dr. Seuss was rejected by 23 publishers before the 24th publisher sold millions of his

> Most job seekers go through this process before landing a position they want. They fail their way to success by sending out hundreds resumes. Their goal is to get one or more interviews which ultimately lead to at least one job offer. Then, if the job doesn't meet their

You learned to walk by failing failure is when you get back up. your way to success. Each Of course, not everything time you fell down, you struggled to get back up. Each iteration of this process taught you muscle control and You ultimately balance. learned to walk because you refused to give up.

> examples of people who have manageable failed their way to success. example, opening a people who have failed and fraught with challenges. then given up. It's up to you you have little or successful failure, or absolute failure increase. failure.

success. First, accept failure one step closer to your more readily recoverable. objective. Failure is a learning opportunity which what requires adjustment.

what went wrong and look for Success requires continuous by getting right up whenever learning. Seek to constantly you fall down. add to your skills and knowledge. Study successful to people to determine what Contact from unsuccessful what not to do.

Taking action is crucial for Golden producing results. Always be in motion working towards your objective. Keep trying new approaches until you find a working formula. Get up right away each time you stumble or fall.

Leave your comfort zone. You've got to try things you

the distinctly different types of expectations, they have to have not done before. When what you are doing is not working, you must make positive changes. This requires venturing into the unknown.

> Failure is likely if you take steps which are too big. Big steps are difficult to manage and complete. Big steps should be broken down into a There are countless other number of smaller, steps. large Yet, there are also even more restaurant from scratch is whether you will experience experience, your chances of

> Instead, start with a small Here are some strategies to sandwich shop. As you gain use in order to fail your way to success and experience, you could expand your business. as a necessary ingredient for By taking smaller, more success. Each failure gets you manageable steps, failures are

> Don't fear failure. Embrace shows successful failure as essential for goal attainment. Use each After each failure, determine failure as the invaluable learning tool it is. The way ways to make improvements. you fail yourself to success 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.

Jul 25	7:00p	W - Jai Baker 3 Concert @ Riverside Park
Aug 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 7-9		V - Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 11	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 29	7:00p	W - Soul Shot & Cannonball Brass @ Riverside Pa

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.con

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

BEING TREATED RIGHT

by Daris Howard Jan worked at a fast-food restaurant. Most of the workers were like hercollege students with very little money, trying to make ends meet. She didn't mind the long hours and hard work. Most of the other employees were kind, and they got along well. But there was one thing that she really hated. It was when a customer came along who acted like she, or one of her coworkers, was nothing because they had to work at this type of job.

The worst person was a man who went by the name of Guy. Jan knew that wasn't his real name. He was a state politician and felt that made him privileged. Jan had seen Guy's impatience when the line was long. Even though they were moving through quickly, Guy still felt it was the worker's fault when he had to wait more than a couple of minutes.

Jan knew she wasn't the only one who dreaded dealing with Guy. The minute he came in the door, everyone immediately found something to do so they wouldn't have to take his order. But this time, when Guy came in, Jan was the only one on ordering, and she knew she would have to deal with him.

To make matters worse, there was a new manager. Word was that Tess had been a manager in a tough, inner-city restaurant and had transferred here to go to school. So, Jan was sure Tess had never met Guy before. Managers experienced with Guy would not take his negative remarks about an employee seriously. But a new manager might, and she might put that in the employee file.

Guy came to the ordering counter. Even though her heart was trembling, Jan put on her best smile and asked, "What can I get for you?"

Guy ordered, and Jan read the order back to him. True to form, he was annoyed.

"Can't you people get anything right? I ordered a large fry."

again read it back to him. He rolled his eyes and spoke in a loud, demeaning voice.

"Are you stupid or something? You didn't mark extra ketchup like I said."

Guy then proceeded to berate Jan, saying that her uselessness was why she worked there and would never work anywhere else. Jan knew Guy had said nothing about ketchup. She tried to speak, to tell him she would correct it, but her voice wouldn't work. She could feel her emotions getting the best finished the order without of her as she tried not to cry.

Suddenly, Tess was by Jan's said, "What did you call her?"

Guy unashamedly said, "I said she was stupid and And that she would never do anything but a worthless job like this. If it weren't for people like me, people like you wouldn't even have a job."

"You've got that wrong, mister," Tess said. "If there weren't people like us serving food and doing this kind of work, there wouldn't be like you. people And furthermore, we don't have to take your abuse. You can just go somewhere else to eat."

Guy was furious. "I want to talk to your manager!"

"I am the manager!" Tess replied. "And you can just take your hoity-toity attitude and leave! And if you get hungry, you can just chew on your better-than-others feelings until you get full of yourself, which shouldn't take long, because you appear to be mostly there already!"

met his glare with one of her own and didn't back down, Prevention. even though she was half his

Jan knew for sure he hadn't, happened. Another regular with but she punched it in. She customer, who had seen this play out with Guy many times, take the following actions: stood and began to clap for Tess. Others in the restaurant joined him.

> If there was one thing that could change the attitude of someone like Guy, it was community disapproval. When he saw how others felt about his treatment of Jan, he looked like he could crawl into a hole in the floor. When the clapping died down, Guy even apologized. Then he asked, "May I please still order?"

Tess nodded to Jan, and Jan another word from Guy.

And Jan knew that she and side. She looked at Guy and Tess were going to be best friends.

(Daris Howard, awardwinning, syndicated columnist, couldn't get the order right. playwright, and author, can be contacted daris@darishoward.com; visit his website http://www.publishinginspirat ion.com, to buy his books.)

HOW SUPPORT AND CONNECTION CAN IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AS YOU AGE

(StatePoint) Mental health issues, such as stress, anxiety and depression, are common among older adults, and can be exacerbated by declining health, loss of loved ones, walk and a dose of sunshine. financial challenges and latein-life regrets.

can impact overall health, quality of life, and in some cases, even be life-threatening. Americans aged 75 and older Guy glared at Tess, but Tess according to the Centers for American Control Disease

age. But then something else Zia Wahid, medical director substance

Cigna's Medicare inpatient business, encourages you to settings

Nurture Research has found that loneliness can have negative health consequences as impactful as smoking 15 finding connection is essential. you Check with your what activities, classes and advice and resources. social events they offer. Faithinterests are also great ways helpful. enough to strengthen bonds, services are offered virtually. and emotional resilience.

can improve strength and medications, be a powerful way to boost effective your mood and ease anxiety certain forms of exercise appropriate for every ability age, and free many communities. Your (MA) Medicare Advantage plan may also offer fitness benefits that can help you move more and stay connected. Group fitness not

Avoid substance misuse: Substance use disorder is confidential Unfortunately, these issues common among older adults, available 24/7 nationwide in and can intensify mental health challenges. One in 11 adults over age 60 had a The suicide rate among substance use disorder in health, 2022, and that number is on cignamedicareinformation. is the highest of any age group, the rise, according to the **Psychological** Check and Association. Medicare plan. It may cover have to be part of aging. If you're an older adult, Dr. treatment for alcoholism and

and outpatient

Schedule a doctor's visit: relationships: Mental health, just like physical health, requires your attention and care. If you're experiencing mental health concerns, schedule a doctor's cigarettes a day. That's why appointment. They can refer to a psychologist, local psychiatrist or clinical social community center to find out worker, or provide additional

Get it off your chest: Talking organizations, about your feelings with neighborhood gatherings, and friends, family, or even a clubs based on common trained professional can be Medicare to meet people and stay individual and group therapy engaged. A simple phone call with doctors or licensed with a loved one is often clinicians, and some of these

Consider medication: Get moving: Physical activity Antidepressants, anti-anxiety antipsychotics agility as you age. It can also and mood stabilizers, can be treatments for mental health and depression. From chair conditions. A Part D plan yoga to water aerobics, there either standalone or within an MA plan - covers many of these prescriptions. Before or starting a new medication, be inexpensive classes offered in sure to talk to your doctor about possible side effects and interactions with drugs you're currently taking.

Don't wait: If you someone you know experiencing a mental health your thing? Consider just crisis, immediately call or text getting outdoors for a short the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 to reach a trained crisis counselor. This free, service is both English and Spanish.

> For more information about Medicare benefits and mental visit

"Depression and other your mental health concerns don't

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GENEALOGY REPORT

HOOVER

On Monday, June 23, 2025, Randy Wayne Hoover passed from his earthly home to his heavenly home at the age of

born in Randy was Huntington, Indiana, October 5, 1956, to Herb and Vonnie Hoover. He graduated from Huntington North High School in 1975.

Randy worked with his father in their family owned business, Hoover the Mover, for many years. In addition, he worked in the police and sheriff's departments as an ordinance officer and other capacities.

As a city councilman, Randy worked to make the city of Huntington a better place for its citizens, even running for mayor once.

He often spoke proudly of the 28 years he portrayed Santa Claus in the area, his huge laugh and personality being a perfect fit.

Randy retired from Pendleton Prison in Indiana, where he had served as a correctional officer for seven years.

After living the majority of his life in the Huntington area, including some other nearby towns, he made the move to Tennessee in September, 2014. Shortly after, he met and fell in love with Cynthia Jantz. Realizing almost immediately that God had brought them together, Randy and Cindy married on June 15, 2015, in ROYCE Mackinaw City, Michigan, on Carolyn Jean (Ancil) Royce, 88 throughout their marriage.

Randy advocated for others during her final hours. his entire life. The years he domestic violence center, a suicide organization, along sharing food and other things side for nearly 67 years. with people and families who touched his heart. He loved Buren High School in 1955. making children and adults expense. Children always held a soft spot in his heart. Randy cars, Big Foot, UFOs, and the her beautiful voice. unknown. He also had a love

for all things Amish, visiting times, always saying he loved the simple life and the clippity clop of the horses. He loved music, especially the music Marion Easter Pageant. from his youth. His faith was Being a Baptist from the time he accepted Christ many years ago, he had been attending church with his wife at St. performing in various cities. Cumberland Presbyterian Church Madison, Tennessee, until the of 1953. time of his passing.

Randy was preceded in death the Liberty by his parents, Herbert and Lillian Yvonne (Detwiler) Hoover, and his sister Nancy Hoover Caverly.

He is survived by his loving wife of only ten years, Cynthia telephone Jantz Hoover (Hendersonville, Tennessee); sister, Kathy Connolly (Mel); son, Justin Hoover (Jill), daughter, Haley (Michael); and grandchildren, Ryenne, Vince, Audrey, Liam, and Tristan (all a from Indiana). Randy wished consultant. to be cremated.

service to be announced at with others. St.Luke Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 901 W. parties as well as cooking with Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, her grandchildren and sharing Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, their pictures. feel free to make a donation to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's children's and grandchildren's Hospital at Vanderbilt or St. many activities and sporting Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

the bank of Lake Huron. Their of Warren, previously from marriage was a covenant LaFontaine, passed away at between God and the two of 5:40 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, them. They held God first 2025, at Heritage Pointe of Warren surrounded by family

She was born in Fort Wayne spent in Tennessee included on Wednesday, May 26, 1937, volunteering with hospice, a to Ira and Bernice (Smith) Ancil. On October 5, 1957, Carolyn prevention married Cary R. "Bob" Royce. with They were by each other's

She graduated from Van

Carolyn was a long-time laugh. often at this own member of LaFontaine United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed singing and had an avid interest in classic bringing joy to people with

Church choir and Mississinewa Valley Music Association and sang several years in the

She also was a member of always foremost in his life. the United Methodist Church Sounds of Hope Concert Choir, death by her parents and her Brown Armstrong-Ramler (Tim, where she toured Europe, loving husband, Cary R. "Bob" deceased), and Di Brown along with her husband, Bob, Royce.

Bells Home Extension Club and LaFontaine Literary Club.

Carolyn's first job was in her parents' grocery store followed by working as a switchboard operator.

She worked as both a reading teacher and the school secretary LaFontaine at 5 Elementary School.

> Carolyn enjoyed her time as Longaberger

She loved her family and There will be a memorial friends and loved conversing

Carolyn enjoyed having tea

She truly loved attending her events.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy (Mark) Richmond, of Fort Wayne, and Susan (Gregory) Jue, of Lakewood, Calif.; grandsons, Kyle (Lauren) Richmond, of Fishers, and Logan Richmond, Brooklyn, granddaughters, Meagan Jue, of Santa Barbara, Calif., Emily

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Carolyn was a member of the Jue. of Lakewood. Calif., and Calif.; Emma Richmond; grandson, Luke Richmond; Swayzee.

The family will receive LaFontaine.

celebrate Carolyn's life will Asa begin at 1 p.m.

Memorial Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Sjogren's several nieces and nephews. Foundation, 10701 Parkridge Blvd., Ste. 170, Reston, VA Bob 20191 (www.sjogrens.org) or LaFontaine United Methodist Church, 2 W. Kendall St., Jeannette (Charlie) Douglas LaFontaine, IN 46940.

BROWN

Margaret Marie (Hix) Brown, 96, of LaFontaine, formerly of Marion, passed away at 4:26 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 2025, at Rolling Meadows Health & Rehabilitation Center, LaFontaine.

She was born in Grant County on Thursday, Jan. 31,

Margaret will be laid to rest at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, next to her husband, Harry "Dick" Grant Brown Jr., with whom she shared 49 wonderful years of marriage.

She and Dick built their on Bocock Road, home Marion, in 1950, where they lovingly raised their family.

Margaret was a devoted wife, Shipshewana, Indiana, many LaFontaine United Methodist Abigail Jue, of Lakewood, mother, grandmother, greatgreat-granddaughter, grandmother, friend, sister great- and mother-in-law.

> They raised four children, sister, Kay (Ancil) Lake, of Richard G. (Sharon) Brown (both deceased), Peggy Brown Carolyn was preceded in Swan (Tom, deceased), Debra Finnegan (Frank, deceased).

Margaret was a loving and Carolyn was crowned the visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. cherished grandmother to in Grant County 4-H Fair Queen on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at Richard L. Brown, Jay Brown LaFontaine United Methodist (Angie), Brian Brown (Maria), She a long-time member of Church, 2 W. Kendall St., Scott Brown, James Brown. Teresa Swan, Thomas Swan, Immediately following the Tracy Swan, Lilly Armstrong time of visitation, a service to Fields, Paul Armstrong (Sarah), Armstrong, Frank Finnegan Ш and Flora Burial will take place at Grant Finnegan Sanchez (Adrian); a Park Cemetery, proud great-grandmother to 14 great-grandchildren.

She also leaves behind

Margaret was the sister of (Becky) Hix (both deceased), Gene Hix (Jondajane, deceased) and (both deceased).

She was a lifelong, active member of Hanfield United Methodist Church, Marion, and was devoted to her faith and community.

Margaret also was a member of the United Methodist Women's Group, who contributed to various charities through baking and by collecting donations.

She supported the missionaries overseas and was a champion for the Humane

Margaret also was an excellent seamstress for her family and community.

She loved hosting cookouts and Sunday dinners for friends and family in her home.

Margaret also loved the simple pleasures of life, such

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her back porch swing and #85, Huntington. taking walks with her husband and family.

She and Dick were avid Pathfinder Services. gardeners of flowers and in canning their harvest for Allred. the winter.

cherished by all who knew her. nephews, She will be deeply missed.

The family received visitors Allred, of Huntington. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Chapel, 1341 Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the favorite food, tacos, time of visitation, a service to served. celebrate Margaret's life was Banker officiating.

of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952.

Allred

Jessica Allred, 35, of Warren, passed away at her home Tuesday, July 8, 2025.



1990, in Huntington to Kirk 1985. and Jeannine (McMeans) Allred.

Huntington North in 2009.

and loved to watch movies.

swimming and Taco Bell.

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She was a member of the Logan,

Jessica enjoyed spending time with her friends at

She was preceded in death vegetables, and she took pride by her grandfather, Lloyd

Loving survivors include her Margaret's legacy of love, parents, Kirk and Jeannine on July 28, 2025, at Liberty faith and community service Allred, of Warren; sister, Center will be remembered and Ashley Allred, of Warren; Brayden and Nicholas; grandmother, Donna

Needham-Storey -Wampner Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the officiate Galen's Celebration Funeral & Cremation Service, American Legion Post #85, service. N. 1410 Jefferson S. St., Huntington, where Jessica's may be given to the Church.

conducted with Pastor Curtis memory of Jessica may make Galen's short illness. donations Ronald Burial took place at Gardens McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

KING

Galen Lee King of after Bluffton passed away Markle Healthcare following a spirit. short illness.

He was born on Feb. 17, determination 1950, in Bluffton to Harold Jr ranging talents, Jay had a gift She was born on May 28, Deborah Dumpert on Nov. 22, leading as President of a

Galen was a 1968 graduate Jessica graduated from proudly served our country in mind to mastering a new skill, She was always a happy kid 1969-1975. He worked at excellence. Independent and Jessica loved dancing, years before working at own compass—always steady, Peyton's Northern for 17 years. always strong. He attended Liberty Center Baptist Church.

the VFW Auxiliary. He was also a longtime Packer and good deeds. Yankee fan.

Surviving Galen are his wife, life, he was supported by his and children, Terri (Brian) King, devoted wife, Tara Buzzard, Scott (Debra) King and Kasey who stood faithfully by his (Ed) Osborn. He is also side with love, strength, and

Conner, as enjoying the weather on American Legion Auxiliary Post Morgan and Sylvia and three illness. Their bond was one of great-grandchildren. Galen's siblings are Richard King, Sid King, Sarah Jewell and sisterin-law Celinda King. Predeceasing Galen are his parents and his brother, Dave

> Baptist Church. Visitation is from 3-5 p.m. with the service at 5 p.m. Military Rites are entrusted American Legion Post 111, and A celebration of life was on Pastor Aaron Westfall will

> was We thank Markle Healthcare for their exceptional nursing Those wishing to donate in staff, especially Shanna during

BUZZARD

Jay Alan Buzzard, 63, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, facing



cancer with on July 8, 2025, at strength and a courageous

of quiet man Normal Jean for excelling at everything he (Norton) King. He married touched. Whether it was manufacturing company, succeeding in a later career in of Southern Wells and he sales, or simply setting his the Army National Guard from he did it with focus, pride, and Kmart Corporation for 27 deeply private, he lived by his

Jay had a passion for the outdoors and found great joy A doting Pappio, he attended in hunting and cycling, and his grandchildren's events, but was never more content than the world stopped every year when surrounded by nature on Oct. 1 for deer season. He or accompanied by his was an avid sportsman and a beloved dogs. A kind-hearted lifetime member of the North man, Jay often helped others American Hunting Club and behind the scenes, never seeking recognition for his

Through the Journey of his survived by his grandchildren, unwavering care—especially

Andrew, during the hardest days of his deep respect, resilience, and

Of all his roles in life, perhaps none meant more to Jay than being a father. His heart broke with the loss of his only son just nine months before his A Celebration of Life will be own passing, a sorrow he carried with quiet grace.

> Jay will be remembered for his integrity, his grit, and his deep love for those closest to him. His absence leaves an immeasurable void, but his memory will continue inspire all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife,

In lieu of flowers, memorials Tara Buzzard of Warren, IN; Six Sisters, Linda (Gale) Evard of Huntington, IN, Jan (Jan) Tinkle of Huntington, IN, Jean Bartrom of Huntington, IN, Laura Buzzard of Huntington, Shelley Brooks of Huntington, IN, Mary (Paul) Thompson of Greencastle, IN; Three Brothers, Steve (LeAnn) Buzzard of Warren, IN, Larry (Rise) Buzzard of Huntington, IN, Brian Buzzard Huntington, IN; Daughter-In-Law, Ann Buzzard of Charlotte, NC; Sister-in-Law, Tonya (Tony) Martin of Huntington, IN; Brother-in-law, Troy (Amanda) Boyer of Bluffton, IN; Mother-Boyer of in-Law, Glenda Huntington, IN; Numerous Nieces Nephews. Jay is preceded in death by his Son, Jayson Buzzard, Father, Jack Buzzard, Mother, Martha Buzzard, and Father-in-Law, Rex Boyer. Jay will be dearly missed by friends, colleagues, and all whose lives he touched.

> We will be holding a casual Celebration of Life for Jay on Sunday, July 20th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at 6739 S 50 W, Warren, IN 46792— the place where he grew up. Please join us as we share memories, laughter, and love in honor of his life.

Dress is casual, just as Jay would have wanted.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Jay to Pathfinders Services, in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, Drive, West Park Huntington, IN, 46750.

GREEN

Larry E. Green, age 86, of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 8:45 AM on Monday, July



14, 2025, at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana.

He was born in Van Buren to Edward R. Green and Vivian "Isabelle" (Endicott) Green on January 3, 1939. A 1957 graduate of Van Buren High School, Larry went on to work for Indiana Bell (AT&T), where he dedicated 34 years of service before retiring. On August 8, 1958, he married the love of his life, Elsie Mae (Cunningham), and shared a beautiful marriage until her passing on December 19, 2020.

Larry was a devoted member of Farrville Community Church for approximately 54 years, where he served faithfully and built lasting friendships rooted in faith and kindness. He was a man of quiet strength and gentle wisdom hearted, easy to talk to, and always ready to lend a helping hand. His generous nature support for community made him a trusted friend to many.

One of Larry's greatest joys in life was riding motorcycles. He and Elsie loved taking spontaneous road trips together, often heading out on adventures with no specific destination—just the open road and each other. After her passing, Larry continued to ride and remained actively involved in the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) for 35 years. He held memberships in both Indiana chapters, Florida participating in countless rides and enjoying many winters in Sarasota, Florida. He was proud to be CMA Member #33,827 and cherished the community and ministry the group brought into his life. His loyal companion and special friend in later years was Shirley Chapman of Marion, Indiana.

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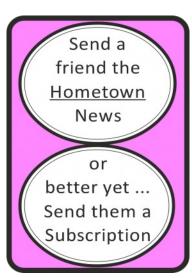
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Larry is survived by his children: Ed Green and wife Patti of Livonia, Michigan, and Mark Green and wife Sharon of Huntington, Indiana. His grandchildren include Eric Green of Livonia, Michigan, Oct. 1, 1953, in Bluffton. Laura Green of Knoxville, Tennessee, Zachary Green and his wife Mady Gearhart of Huntington, Indiana, Alex and her husband Ryan Beeching of Andrews, Indiana, Samantha and her husband Branden Holder of Noblesville, Indiana and sister in law, Sandra Green of Syracuse, IN. Larry was also the proud greatgrandfather of ten greatgranddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Green, daughter Greenwalt, Connie Sue brother Richard A. "Dick" Green and sister Sara S. O'Neil.

A celebration of Larry's life will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Farrville Community Church, located at 11044 E 200 N, Marion, Indiana, 46952. Visitation will begin at 3:00 PM with a memorial service to follow at 4:00 PM, officiated by Pastor Al Soultz. All are welcome to remain for a fellowship dinner at the church following the service. Larry will be laid to rest at a later date at Van Buren Cemetery. He was able to have his last wishes fulfilled by donating his body to IU School of Medicine, where he will help current students further their education.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Farrville Community Church, 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 46952, or to the Christian Motorcyclists Association Run for the Son, P.O. Box 9, Hatfield, AR 71945. Please note that donations given in Larry's name should include his CMA Member Number: 33,827.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

SUTTON

1:18 p.m. on Wednesday, July Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born on Thursday, Dr. Wahid. Barbara married Steven Leon 3 WAYS TO TIGHTEN UP Sutton on Saturday, July 18, 1970, in Liberty Center. She was a 1971 graduate of Southern Wells High School and a member of The New Beginning Church, Bluffton. Barbara worked for Sheller-Globe and BRC both in enjoyed Montpelier. She crocheting, riding motorcycles and doing activities at the church where she was known as "Mom".

She will be sadly missed by her husband of 55 years, Sutton, Steven Leon Montpelier; daughters, Amy Jean Bower, Fairmount, Rebecca Rena Hasenbeck, Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren, R.J. Hasenbeck and Sarah great-grandchildren, Skye and Loki; and a brother, Mike (Joyce) Dulworth, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her father, E.J. Dulworth; mother, (Vaughn) Lucille Dulworth; brothers, Jerry Dulworth and **James** Dulworth; sisters, Judy Boyd, **Phyllis** Baublet, Linda Dulworth and Joyce Bailey; and grandson, Christopher Sutton.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

A service to celebrate Barbara's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025 with Rev. Charles Aikens officiating. Interment will follow in the Miller Cemetery in Wells County.

Preferred memorials: New Beginning Church 2187 West SR 218 Bluffton, IN. 46714.

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Barbara J. Sutton, 71, of Treating these conditions can Montpelier, passed away at put you on the path toward a more fulfilling life, so that you 16, 2025, at IU Health-Ball can enjoy this chapter of life with confidence and joy," says

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conversation I came across the original version that he has tried to explain to me how to make, so now I am very educated on how to make "Sea Soup", so I will have to make it this fall when its a little colder.

But for now I better get his supper ready for tonight, I got some steaks marinating and making some oven browned potatoes and corn on the cob, sounds perfect for a Sunday supper. Have a great week and next week I will report on our adventures at the Huntington County fair and maybe even a few insights to the Indiana State Fair, hmmm I wonder what I am taking this year?

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