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Thought for the Week: All the arts we practice are apprenticeship. The big art is our life. M. C. Richards

ELECTION INFO

There will be no general election in Van Buren this November as the three town council spots and the town clerk would be running unopposed.

PORK CHOP SUPPER

The "McMen" of The Church at McNatt will host a pork chop supper Sat. Oct 14, 2023 from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

The menu will include pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans a variety of desserts and a drink. A free will offering will be taken.

The church is located one mile west of Ind 3 on Wells Co. Rd. 800S.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Beta Delta Chapter is having a Dine-In Luncheon Sunday October 15th from 11 to 1.

We will be serving Baked Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. Free Will Donation.

NATIONAL FIRE

PREVENTION WEEK IS OCT. 8 - 14

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) proudly joins communities nationwide in promoting fire safety awareness. This year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention" emphasizes the importance of kitchen safety in preventing devastating cooking-related fires.

Cooking fires are a leading cause of home fires and injuries according to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA).

"It is easy to get distracted while preparing dinner for

your family. TVs, cell phones and even talking with family members can pull our attention away from what we are doing at the stove. Fire safety cannot be forgotten. It will save you a lot of heartache in the future," said State Fire Marshal Steve Jones.

Quick cooking safety tips

1. Stay alert: Never leave cooking unattended. Whether you are frying, boiling or baking, always keep an eye on the stove or oven. If you need to step away, turn off the heat or set a timer to remind you when to return.

2. Keep flammable items away: Clear the area around your stovetop of flammable materials, such as dish towels, paper towels and oven mitts. Keep a lid nearby when frying, so you can quickly cover a pan if it catches fire, and use a fire extinguisher rated for kitchen fires.

IDHS is committed to raising awareness about fire prevention and encourages everyone to share these tips with their families, friends and neighbors during National Fire Prevention Week.

For more information on fire safety and resources, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

DINING WITH DIABETES

Purdue Extension Huntington County will offer Dining with Diabetes classes beginning November 8th at Noon. This series will be held for four consecutive weeks on November 8, 15, 22, & 29. The classes will be held at The LaFontaine Center in Huntington. The cost for this program will be covered by a

grant received by the Huntington County Health and Wellness Coalition.

This program is for individuals with diabetes, or those at risk for diabetes, and their caregivers. The program is also helpful for friends and family members of those with diabetes or individuals interested in diabetes. In this program, you'll learn how to reduce the health risks of diabetes. Topics covered include food choice, diet planning, healthy cooking, portion control, medical indicator awareness, and healthy activity levels for those with diabetes. Participants will be served a light meal with new recipes to try and take home.

Please reserve a seat by November 1, 2023 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing cneverid@purdue.edu.

SIMPLE & HEALTHY COOKING

Purdue Extension Huntington County will offer Simple & Healthy Cooking classes beginning October 23rd at 6:00 pm at United with Love. The series will be held for 4 consecutive weeks on October 23, 30, November 6, & 13. Attend all 4 classes for only \$5!

This program is for everyone, even kids! We'll be learning how to make simple and healthy meals that even the picky eaters will enjoy! Participants will be served a light meal with new recipes to try and take home. Space is limited - register today!

Please reserve a seat by October 19, 2023 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing cneverid@purdue.edu.

HOOSIERS ARE KEY TO STOPPING POACHING

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Hoosiers to help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) put an end to poaching by reporting potential violations to Turn In a Poacher, Inc. (TIP).

TIP is a nonprofit conservation organization that partners with DNR protects fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

A poacher is a thief who illegally steals wildlife that belongs to all Hoosiers. DNR

manages wildlife for everyone, and every person can help TIP support DNR efforts by reporting potential violations at 1-800-TIP-IDNR (800-847-4367) or tip.IN.gov. Doing so will help conserve wildlife for future generations.

Call TIP if you see, hear, or learn about poaching or another violation regarding fish and wildlife. If your "TIP" leads to an arrest, you may receive as much as a \$500 reward, or you can remain anonymous if you choose. In 2022 TIP received nearly 600 tips and paid thousands of dollars in rewards for tips

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WARREN'S SCARECROW FESTIVAL "ON OCTOBER 27TH" ARE YOU READY?

To have fun at Warren's Scarecrow Festival Friday, 6-8 PM October 27th! Come join us for the 20th annual Scarecrow Festival in downtown Warren. The festival will kick off with a costume parade at Wayne Street & 3rd Street at 6pm. Enjoy a Family fun-filled night on Wayne St. with candy, games, scavenger hunt & MORE!

When the Goblins are about...
Lots of fun with Trick or Treating...
When the Merchants all turn out!
You will hardly even know them...
They will gladly dress up too...
Scarecrows will be everywhere...
The real ones will say BOO!!!

At 6:00 PM all children and adults are invited to masquerade in family friendly costumes. Come join in on the Festivities on Wayne Street and don't forget your treat bags and spare money for fun and refreshments!

Sponsored by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce; local businesses are encouraged to organize & participate in the Scarecrow Festival. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a free game or activity and have treats ready for the trick-or-treaters! For more information, booth location, Scarecrow guidelines, and Chili Cook-off details please call Bippus State Bank of Warren @ 260-375-2265. Scarecrow & Chili Cook-off entry forms are due October 20th and will be at Bippus State Bank, Town Hall, & East of Chicago. This is an Outside Event only, weather permitting. The Event is Friday, October 27th, 6-8pm. Check out our Facebook page "Warren Scarecrow Festival" for updates.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Sorry for last week's article, it was the last week of medical leave and I had about 1500 irons in the fire. Sometimes life gets away from ya and then oh crap I forgot. It seems like it has been that way more as I get older. So I don't know if I am just slower and or just because I was off of work and arguing with John what dang day it is. Lol poor guy.

I pretty much decided that retirement isn't for me yet. Now John is all on board but not me. I like to visit with too many people, I'm a people person and need my outsiders to talk too. Now John will tell you, "she knows everybody so plan on talking" BUT, go to the 4-H Fair and who does the talking...yep. We have to stop and talk more to all his people he knows. So I guess we're pretty even steven. He had asked me how the heck do you know so many people, well like I said before when you're a lifer in the Town of Warren, ya just tend to know people. Sometimes more than you really want to know. Lol.

So on to happenings in the Town of Warren. There is so much getting ready to happen or is happening that I almost can't keep up. The last Friday in October is the Harvest Festival in downtown Warren. Tara and I will be there along with some of our Ag Express employees and will be having fun with our Monster Fun Grub. So stop by and get ya some candy cause we will have lots and lots to give out. Also stop by and meet Willie Wiram Good our fellow co-worker hard at work trying to wire up one of the latest new cables, I'm sure the farmers will be standing in line wanting this new gadget and I hope we don't scare them away.

November will start the holiday season and what better way to visit some of the local bazaars or craft show. The big one will be held November 11 at the Knight Bergman Civic Center, the Salamonie Summer Festival will be having a fundraiser craft show and this sounds like a really great show. Billie Horrell will be in charge of this and promises a great amount of vendors will be available. There will also be a luncheon held in the auditorium which will feature a baked potato bar and a bake sale will be held along with the show. So stop by and support those doing shows this year.

November 17th starts the Holiday Walk and Festival of Trees. This is always a special event to usher in the holidays and if you haven't ever been downtown Warren for this, you really need to check this out. It really gets you into the holiday spirit. The Town of Warren along with the businesses, rolls out the mat to welcome in the season. The downtown is lighted up, and so many things to look at. Lots and lots of Christmas trees and gingerbread houses too. So of course stop by and see Ag express and their giant

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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</p> <p>Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
 Handicap Accessible
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517</p> <p>Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 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.</p> <p>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
 www.warrennaz.org
 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
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays:
 Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
 694-6622
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 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.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 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
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.</p> | <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
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 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VAN BUREN CHURCH OF THE VINE
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer Group (Thur) 6:30pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
 Men Serving God Grp-2nd&4th Sat .9am</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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Please Attend The Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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that have led to the arrest of a suspect.

"Concerned citizens are key in assisting Indiana TIP in the fight against poaching and bringing to justice those who violate fish and wildlife laws," said Col. Steve Hunter, director of DNR Law Enforcement.

ARTS & CRAFTS

MARKETPLACE

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, that has been happening for over 50 years.

Showcasing: Wooden items; Signs, Quote Blocks, Snowmen, Christmas Trees, Blown Glass, Pottery(+demo). Door Decor, Handmade cards, Watercolor paintings, Stamping Projects, Paper crafts, Lanterns, Wreaths, Jewelry, Crochet, Soaps, Color Street, Tupperware and much more!

Hope to see you there!

SHIRT SALES

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.

<https://bad-apple-graphics-483da1f4-cde6-4fec-ae2b-d45f529d7304.printavo.com/merch/historicwarren/>

Stop by the Warren Pharmacy and look through the PRINTED catalog which has been made for your viewing!

Salamonie Summer Festival T-Shirts for 2023 are still available for only \$5, along with multiple sized t-shirts from previous years 2022, 2021 and 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!

MEDICARE OPEN

ENROLLMENT PERIOD

What you need to know about Open Enrollment in 2023

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (OEP) begins October 15 and ends December 7. This is the one time each year when ALL people with Medicare have an open enrollment period to make changes to their Medicare Advantage health and Part D prescription drug plans for the next year.

During the Open Enrollment Period, you can make changes to various aspects of your coverage.

* You can switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa.

* You can switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another, or from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another.

* If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during the Open Enrollment Period, although a late enrollment penalty may apply.

It is important for Medicare beneficiaries to pay close attention to the mail they receive this Fall. You may

receive several important letters from your current insurance company, Social Security, and Medicare.

If your health insurance or prescription plan has made changes to your co-pays or your premiums, you should receive a letter from the company in October stating the changes. You may also receive letters concerning actions you need to take about your eligibility for State and Federal assistance programs relating to your health or prescription drug plans or coverage.

Medicare offers an online plan comparison tool that can help you compare Advantage and Part D plans side-by-side at www.medicare.gov. If you purchase a new Medicare Advantage and/or Part D plan or switch plans during the Open Enrollment Period, the changes will begin January 1, 2024.

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period then begins January 1 and ends March 31 every year. The changes you can make during this period are limited. These changes will begin the first day of the following month.

* You can switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan

* You can drop your Medicare Advantage plan

* You can return to Original Medicare.

* You can add a standalone Part D plan, but only if you dropped your Medicare Advantage plan and returned to Original Medicare.

SHIP has more than 75 sites throughout Indiana. Look for a SHIP site near you at www.in.gov/ship/find-an-indiana-ship-location/. Our counselors can assist you in person, by phone, or virtually. SHIP participates in educational events throughout Indiana. SHIP coordinates assistance and educational events throughout Indiana. Check out our list of state-wide events at www.in.gov/ship/ship-presentations-and-events/.

Follow SHIP on social media for informative Medicare related videos, updates, and announcements. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Last Thursday's Senior Scramble League results are as follows:

1st place: John Morrison, John Vickrey, and Howard Dehaven

Closest to PIN: #3 Howard Dehaven, #6 Clyde Griffith, #7 Ez Harris

Longest Putt: Rich Batterson
Last Thursday was also John Morrison's 70th Birthday. Happy Birthday John!

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter is having a Dine-In Luncheon Sunday October 15, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see you there!!

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Business Meeting Tuesday October 3,

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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.

Oct 16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Oct 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Oct 27	6:00p	W - Scarecrow Festival
Oct 31		HALLOWEEN
Nov 1	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce luncheon @ KBC
Nov 1	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Nov 7		ELECTION DAY
Nov 11		VETERANS DAY
Nov 11	9a-	SSF Arts & Craft Marketplace @ KBC

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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 2023 at 7pm at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. President Claudia Boxell called the meeting to order with 9 members present: Sandy Booher, Lorie Fiock, Dawn Fowler, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick, Shelly Melchi, Beth Ostermeyer, Betty Yoder and Carol Fair, an inactive member was also present. Kelly Jones, Tara Korporal, Pam Rudy, Jamie Straley, Victoria Thompson and Sondra Zabel were excused. Light refreshments were served by Dawn and Betty.

Recording Secretary Aide Beth took roll call and read the minutes from the September Business Meeting, with correcting the Finance balance. Treasurer Dawn paid our Insurance and reported our balance. Editor Beth passed the sheet for Alpha Bits News, read correspondence from Alpha Province Editor Mara Jo Williams. Also stated that she will need to turn in something by the 15th of October for the December Buddie. Historian Shelly asked if anyone took pictures at our Bingo in July, if so please send to her.

Finance, Lorie reported that she had the same balance. We will need to be at the KBC Saturday October 14th around 9am to cook and then Sunday October 15th by 10am. Beth reported that the Scouts

will be there to help out. Claudia was approached by the Historic Warren committee to see if we would be interested in serving at the Holiday Walk Friday November 17th for them. They will provide all the necessary items but just need some organization to serve. They will get with us as to what is going to be served. This will be a volunteer situation as this will be a service project for us and this will be a fundraiser for Historic Warren. The consensus was yes we would like to help. Claudia will be in touch with more information.

Sandy sent a birthday card to Peggy Sue Clark, she will be 91 years young!! Claudia reported that the Salamonie Summer Festival will be July 4, 5, 6 and 7 with the Parade on the 5th and the Fireworks on the 7th. The theme is Warren A Small Hidden Treasure. Claudia read correspondence from Pam McIntyre our Alpha Province Organizer. Unfinished Business, Claudia purchased Lemonade and cups for the Boys and Girls Club to have at the Scarecrow Festival. There will be no social for the month of October. Claudia closed the meeting until we meet Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 7pm.

Claudia received two other correspondences after our meeting from the

International ByLaw Committee and International President Pat Drexler. She included those in an email to the membership.

A TRIP AROUND LAKES HURON & SUPERIOR DAYS # 7 & 8

by Larry Ryan
 Pike Bay Lodge, the main building, did not have any other guests while we were visiting. Was this planned for our behalf, so our visitation would not be interrupted? Maybe it also served as a respite for the owners.

The morning was spent relaxing. At noon, the four of us boarded their pontoon boat for a ride across a section of Lake Vermilion to a lakeside restaurant. Their menu featured lake fish. What else? I was encouraged to try the Walleye entrée. That was a first. Wow! I discovered another favorite meal.

After a restful return cruise on the large lake and with the boat securely docked, a leisure afternoon was enjoyed by all. Of course we caught up on information about our families and activities. As the sun began to slip away, the four of us traveled the four and half miles into the town of Tower for dinner.

We had planned to leave for home after breakfast the next morning. My friend had a meeting planned downstate that morning also. During the meal he lamented the fact that a roofing job on the floating apartment had progressed very slowly. Apparently the local labor force was unpredictable, especially the young residents. I volunteered to help this morning if his business appointment could be changed. It happened. Very quickly, I found myself in borrowed work clothes and perched on the flat roof portion of the houseboat, loosening shingles. The asphalt sections were then tossed onto a make-shift basket that was attached to a front loader for the owner to discard. We made good progress before he had to leave for his rescheduled appointment.

Our goodbyes and appreciations were passed on to the hosts and the rested automobile headed south. We passed through Virginia, Independence and Duluth, MN via US Highway # 53. The car followed the same highway until reaching Eau Claire, WI where I-94 ushered us southeast towards Madison. Just north of that city, I-39 diverted us south past Janesville, WI and Rockford, IL. At Bloomington, IL, we finally turned east onto I-74 for the last part of the homeward journey. It was a long day. We enjoyed the trip and our automobile survived.

A few years later, I met a local man who was wearing a Pike Bay Lodge T-shirt. A remark was made that the wording on his shirt matched my Pike Bay Lodge-lettered ball cap. The discovery was

that this man had been a guest there also. He was a friend of the male owner's brother. Small world. Happy Traveling!

SHOULD YOU USE A DEBT CONSOLIDATION APP?

From the Northern Indiana BBB
 If you are working on managing your money better and paying down your debts, a debt consolidation app can help you track and manage what you owe. However, each app takes a slightly different approach. Before you invest time (and potentially money) in one, get to know how they work, and which will best help you. The BBB has the following tips for picking the right debt consolidation app:

Research debt payoff strategies and choose an app that supports your preferred method. Some debt consolidation apps focus on taking a snowball approach (i.e. paying off your smallest debts firsts), while others use the avalanche approach (i.e. paying off debt with the higher interest rate first). Other apps give you the option to choose which one you want to use or even create a personalized payoff plan. Before you pick an app, think about what debt strategy will motivate you the most to stay on track.

Decide how a debt consolidation app will help you. Some apps are best used for managing credit cards, while others focus on student loans. Some apps automate payments, while others are more about providing motivation to get debt free. Some help you to budget, while others help

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BROWN

Janice M. Brown, 78, of Marion, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at Rolling Meadows Health & Rehabilitation Center, LaFontaine.

She was born in Essex, England, on Friday, March 2, 1945.

Janice graduated from Mississinewa High School, Gas City.

She worked in housekeeping at Marion General Hospital.

Janice loved horses as well as watching soap operas.

She is survived by her son, Phillip Horn, of Marion; daughter, Penny M. Brown, of Marion; grandsons, Matthew (Jenni) Brown, of Van Buren, Skyler Leffingwell, Kevin Silver and Jeff Silver; granddaughters, Heather Horn, Brittany Williams and Megan Horn.

Janice was preceded in death by her mother, Florence Middleton, and two sons, Mike Horn and William Horn.

There will be no public visitation or funeral service for Janice.

LAYMAN

Gregory S. "Greg" Layman, 54, of Van Buren, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at Marion Health.

He was born in Anderson on Wednesday, May 21, 1969, to Delma "Joe" and Ada (Young) Layman.

On June 11, 1994, Greg married Michelle Catron.

He graduated from Madison Heights High School, Anderson, in 1987 and went on to graduate from Purdue University, West Lafayette, with a bachelor's in arts with an emphasis in secondary education.

Greg worked as an Eligibility Analyst for Maximus and the State of Indiana. He had attended classes through the Nazarene Church to be a minister, and his faith was something that he was extremely proud of.

Greg enjoyed hobby farming and gardening.

He liked hiking, especially with his dogs.

Greg was a big sports fan and especially enjoyed watching Purdue.

He liked woodworking, gaming, playing horseshoes and cornhole.

Greg loved to learn new things and spent a lot of his time reading.

He was a Godly man who still had a great sense of humor and unwavering amount of patience.

Survivors include his loving wife, Michelle Catron Layman, of Van Buren; daughter, Elise (Zacharia) Gillihan, of Hartford City; sons, Kevin (Selena) Layman, of Upland, Alexander Layman, of Van Buren, Jaden Layman, of Van Buren, Hayden Layman, of Van Buren, and Caleb Layman, of Van Buren; grandchildren, Kassie, Becca, J.D., Brody, Oakley, Ada and Weston; plus one grandchild on the way, Colter; brothers, Stan (Denise) Wilson and Doug (Kim) Layman; father-in-law, Keith (Linda) Catron; sisters-in-law, Lisa (Glen) Shaw and Melanie Catron; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; his beloved corgi, Tucker; his dogs, Cooper and Ella; his cats, Pepper, Nutmeg and Ginger; several ducks and chickens.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Delma "Joe" and Ada Layman, brother, Ricky Wilson, and mother-in-law, Jane Catron.

The family will receive visitors from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Gregory's life will begin at 3 p.m. with Pastor Phil Rogers officiating.

Memorial contributions in Greg's name may be made to Marion Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

KEPLINGER

Paul D. Keplinger Jr., 56, of Warren, passed away at 1:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at his residence.

He was born on December 18, 1966, in Huntington the son of Paul Keplinger Sr. and Kay (Vogleman) Millican.

Paul graduated from Huntington North High School with Class of 1985.

He then married Angie S. Wolf on July 20, 1991, in Huntington.

Paul worked for Dayton Freight Lines, Markle, for 12 years and truly loved his job as a truck driver.

He was a motorcycle enthusiast and loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Paul loved spending time camping at Art's Country Park, going fishing and watching the Indianapolis Colts.

Survivors include mother, Kay (Rick) Millican, of Huntington; wife, Angie S. Keplinger, of Warren; three sons, Paul D. (Diamond) Keplinger III, of Huntington, Matthew A. Keplinger, of Greenwood, and Zachary E. Keplinger, of Warren; two grandsons, Vincent and Dezmond; sister, Brenda K. (Michael) Lintz, of Huntington.

Paul is preceded in death by his father, Paul D. Keplinger Sr.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington.

Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with the Rev. Timothy Lorenz officiating.

Preferred memorials may be made to Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center to go toward the research of pancreatic cancer in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN, 46750.

SMITH

Mary Lou Smith, age 96, of Bluffton, IN, and formerly of Huntington, IN, passed away on Friday, October 6, 2023, at River Terrace Retirement Community in Bluffton, IN.

Mary Lou was born on March 8, 1927, in Huntington, IN, to the late Harry Martin and Bertha (Fox) Bowers. She married Donald E. Smith on October 2, 1948, at St. Mary Catholic Church and he preceded her in death on August 30, 2019.

Mary Lou was a retired teacher and librarian with the Huntington and Warsaw schools. She graduated from Huntington High School and then received a Bachelor of Science degree from Huntington College where she also served as librarian. Mrs. Smith holds two master degrees from Ball State University. For many years she taught swimming in Huntington and South Padre Island, Texas. While in Huntington she was a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra and later the Chicago Civic Symphony. Her biography appears in numerous reference books.

Mary Lou was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntington where she served as a parish council member. She volunteered at the Senior Center and at Victory Noll in pastoral care. She was past President of the Child Conservation Club, past President of the Huntington County Bridge Association, Board of Directors for Council on Aging, and recipient of the International Woman of the Year award given in Cambridge, England by the International Biographical Center.

Mary Lou is survived by two sons, Larry (Paula) Smith, Huntertown, IN, Michael (Patty) Smith, Indianapolis, IN; one daughter, Lynn (Randy) Worch, Warren, IN; five grandchildren, Sky (Christian) Fuller, New Berlin, WI, Jordan Nordvik, Fort Wayne, IN, Arin Grissam, Albion, IN, Cody Worch, Warren, IN, Tim Smith,

Philadelphia, PA; and five great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one son, Sam Smith; one brother, Ralph Bowers; two sisters, Ann Bond, Alice Jane James; and one great-grandson, Mason Grissam.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. followed by the calling hours from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Additional calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN, with Fr. Thomas Zehr presiding.

Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to either of the following, St. Mary Catholic Church, Rosary Sodality, or Open Door in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

RYAN

Burr N. Ryan, 77, of Marion, IN, passed away at 10:33 AM on Sunday,



October 8, 2023 at Twin City Nursing Home in Gas City, IN.

He was born on Tuesday, February 19, 1946, in Marion, IN. He married Gloria "Jeane" (Borrer) Ryan on Saturday, July 14, 1973 in Montpelier, IN. Burr was a graduate of Marion High School. He had worked for Sheller Globe in Montpelier for 20 plus years and later retired from Bele Fibre in Marion. He was a member of the Gas City VFW, Jonesboro American Legion, and the Marion Amvets. Burr was a gun enthusiast and loved to go hunting. He loved being outdoors and was known to be a prankster.

Burr will be sadly missed by his Wife of 50 years - Gloria

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"Jeane" (Borrer) Ryan, Marion, IN, Sons - Richard (Debbie Gribben) Hicks, Kokomo, IN, Ronald Hicks, Hartford City, IN, Daughter - Cindie Mounsey, Liberty Center, IN, Brother - Charles Ryan, Jr., San Antonio, TX, 8 Grandchildren, 14 Great Grandchildren, his Great Friend and one of the last dinosaurs - George Hall, and extended family, Randy Mounsey & Lea Anna Hicks.

He was preceded in death by his Father - Charles F. Ryan, Mother - Dorothy (Coppock) Ryan, Son - William Ryan, and Grandson - Jerod Hicks.

The family will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.

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you calculate early payoff savings. Think about how you expect a debt consolidation app to help you with your debt and what tools you need to achieve your financial goals.

Consider connecting your financial accounts. Many debt consolidation apps allow you to connect your financial accounts or automate payments. If this feature appeals to you, choose an app that offers it. However, keep in mind that some apps limit how many accounts you can connect. Also, make sure the app is reputable and won't share or misuse your sensitive information.

Research trusted debt consolidation apps. Once you have an idea of how you want to get rid of your debts, it will be easier to compare apps and their functions. Some apps simply help you to track what you owe. Others automate your payments and connect to your financial accounts. Still others help you pay down debt quicker by rounding up your purchases and putting the extra few cents towards your debts. Choose a few that work with your situation

and compare their functions and availability.

Compare interest rates. Some apps offer lines of credit with interest rates that may be lower than what your credit cards offer. You will need a reasonable credit score to take advantage of this service but depending on what you owe and how much interest you are currently paying each month, it might help save you money.

Think about the cost. Some debt consolidation apps are free, but others require a monthly or yearly subscription fee. Be sure that the app will save you more money than you'll spend on it. Otherwise, you'll be working against your financial goals.

Know when it's time for credit counseling. Apps can be a convenient and effective way to consolidate and pay off your debt. However, if you don't qualify for debt consolidation or you are struggling to make even the minimum payments on what you owe, consider credit counseling. Remember that a trustworthy credit counseling agency should give you information about services and the agency itself without asking for any of your personal or financial details upfront.

Be careful with your personal information. Debt consolidation apps will ask you for sensitive financial information, especially if you decide to connect your financial accounts. Double and triple-check that you are dealing with a reputable app before you hand over this kind of information.

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Parkview Huntington Hospital has been recognized as a top community hospital performer in the 2023 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient, Inc.

Parkview Huntington was recognized among 333 community hospitals rated by Vizient for demonstrating excellence in delivering high-quality care based on the Vizient Quality and Accountability Study, conducted annually since 2005. Parkview Noble Hospital, Parkview Whitley Hospital and Parkview DeKalb Hospital were also among the 22 hospitals recognized as top performers in Vizient's community hospitals category.

The rating measured performance on the quality of patient care in six domains: safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness and equity. The recognition factors in measures from the Vizient Clinical Data Base and includes performance data from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network.

The Vizient Quality and Accountability Ranking helps participating hospitals and health systems understand their performance against their peers and identifies structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity. The recognition period is for work spanning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

"Parkview Huntington Hospital is proud to be recognized by Vizient for our commitment to quality care, patient safety and an excellent experience," said Doug Selig, market president, Parkview Health South. "Being one of four Parkview community hospitals ranked as a Vizient top performer

shows the commitment to quality our system has to providing care in rural areas like Huntington County."

"Parkview Huntington Hospital has demonstrated high-level commitment to the continuous improvement that is necessary to succeed in today's evolving healthcare environment," said David Levine, group senior vice president, advanced analytics and data science for Vizient. "The

annual ranking leverages a unique, comprehensive and timely metrics-based methodology to recognize hospitals that achieve results on key measures that define quality patient care and delivery. Congratulations, Parkview, on this prestigious honor."

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Christmas tree. We will be reeling in the holiday spirit and handing out some good stuff too. This event is put on by Historic Warren.

I will once again build a gingerbread house of a local building and we will see if you can figure out what I will be doing. This years hint: a business that has changed hands a few times but still makes the same thing. It should be pretty simple.

November 24, I do believe we all know who will be coming to town...SANTA!!! So you better start being extra good to make up for the not so good summer antics cause he will really be watching now. So get those lists ready to tell him what you want for Christmas. I got mine started. I'm sure Santa will be taking in those requests throughout the evening.

My winter has become a three ring circus at our house, cause we will be planning a wedding for our daughter Kendra. So we are already in wedding mode and will be ready for it when summer gets here. So much to do and so little time but we are off to a good start.

If you haven't read on Facebook, Tower Park is getting a nice facelift. Mike and Stacy Haggerty have been heading up a group of volunteers and have made leaps and bounds in getting the park beautified. THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE AND IT SHOWS. So if you see any of the volunteers or wish to volunteer give Mike a holler and he will have you some work lined up.

You know volunteering is a wonderful thing to do. It takes those people to make this world go round. Many towns need volunteers to do many things and I am sure there is always room for volunteers whether it's during the festivals, on town boards or on various organizations that we have right here in Warren. It takes those volunteers to make things happen and all the above items I have listed in this article require volunteers to help put them on. So if you see them at these events give them a pat on the back for a job well done. They appreciate it much when you do, it makes your heart feel good knowing you made an impact. If you are interested in volunteering give me a call and we can talk about what YOU can do to make an impact. What YOU are interested in doing and I'll see what I can come up with. You will be amazed how much is available for you to donate your time.

Have a great week and I just heard the weatherman, and I don't believe he is anybody's friend right now. It sounds like frost is in the forecast already. I guess it is better than the s word. Jeff's Farm Market is supposed to be getting a report on what the persimmon seed says, and I'm not so sure I'm ready for the report. So when I find out I'll let you all know.

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