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Thought for the Week: Time cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours. Mark Twain

### SCHEDULED POWER

#### OUTAGE

I&M has had a failure of the metering for the Town of Warren and has scheduled an outage for August 28th to begin at 12:30 pm and last for approximately four hours to allow for replacement of equipment. Updates will be given if any changes. Everyone on the Town of Warren Municipal Electric system will be affected.

### GET RECOGNIZED

In commemoration of the Hoosier Homestead Award Program, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture is endorsing a new commemorative book celebrating the state's award-winning century farms. Acclaim Press, one of our nation's leading publisher of commemorative history books, is overseeing this landmark project.

The book will feature a special section showcasing Indiana award-winning farms. Your farm, as a member of this prestigious group, can be featured in this upcoming publication. This feature will include a historical profile of your farm and a photograph, both offered at no cost to you!

It is easy to participate, and sample farm histories and a simple fill-in-the-blank questionnaire are located inside the brochure found at <https://www.acclaimpress.co>

m/books/indianas-century-farms/ and then scroll down to find the brochure.

Deadline is August 31, 2021 to be included in this book.

Over 5,800 farms have been awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award which is given to any farm in the Hoosier State still owned and operated by the same family for 100, 150 or 200 years.

"Indiana has a rich history in agriculture," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The prospect of this book is very exciting and will further preserve our state's heritage and the Hoosier farm family's longstanding commitment to Indiana, agriculture and community."

### ADAMSWELLS PHONE BOOK

Copies of your local 2020-2021 AdamsWells Phone Book are available at the Warren Pharmacy. This Adams & Wells Counties Telephone directory covers Berne, Bluffton, Craigville, Decatur, Geneva, Keystone, Liberty Center, Linn Grove, Markle, Monroe, Monroeville, Montpelier, Ossian, Petroleum, Pleasant Mills, Poe-Hoagland, Preble, Tocsin, Uniondale, Warren & Zanesville. What a great resource of Business and Residential phone numbers to have at home and in your vehicle.

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### COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 9, 2021 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Carrie Miller, Steve Buzzard, Tavis Surfus: Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison, Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler, Brian Sills: others.

President Stivers opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Minutes of the July 26 minutes were approved as submitted.

Marshal Spitler submitted the monthly activity report.

\* In a discussion regarding reinstatement of vacation days and by consensus, Assistant Marshal Caley was given two days. In discussion of the same issue, and with agreement from Sills, his vacation will be calculated by calendar year instead of by the policy currently in place which will continue to be used by all other employees.

\* Fire Chief Poulson submitted the monthly activity report. Also reported was that the Department had received an anonymous donation of \$15,000 which will be used toward purchase

of equipment. As for the cost of replacing the repeater, no quotes have been received by Huntington County Dispatch. A training will be held at Salamonie School for Huntington County Fire Departments and Samaritan will be landing during that time.

\* Warren Area Chamber has two events upcoming: Taste of Warren and Scarecrow Festival.

\* Historic Warren has one event upcoming: The Holiday Walk.

\* Stivers reported that there were no announcements or action to be taken in regard to the Executive Meeting held prior to the Regular Meeting.

\* ADA Compliance – Sills is to be in contact with Ben Adams, engineer.

\* Morrison reported no additional invoices since the last meeting in regard to Water Upgrade Project. Sills reported no activity just now but underline equipment has been installed.

\* Morrison reported that development of the Town's Comprehensive Plan continues by 3A Development District as work is being done on the zoning and planning sections of the document.

\* Submitted for Council review was an outline of services and amended charges as provided by Invoice Cloud, a system which would allow online

payments of utility bills at the choice of the customer and at a cost to the consumer, and additional services such as notifications by emails of events or announcements, 24/7 access to personal utility accounts, and more. As Invoice Cloud already interfaces with the existing Utility Billing Software, the set up cost has been waived. Following further review and discussion, Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to move forward with Invoice Cloud.

Miller, Buzzard, Stivers voting for, Surfus voting against. Morrison noted it will be a few months before the system will be operational.

\* Morrison reported that the 2021 draw of ARP funds in the amount of \$136,705.27 has been deposited in a Town Account from the Indiana Finance Authority. The second payment in the same amount is scheduled for August of 2022.

\* In discussion of the situation with the Scout Cabin and conflict as to ownership of the cabin and following discussion, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to move forward with legal procedures under advice of legal consul. The motion was approved unanimously.

\* In further discussion regarding establishment of a Stormwater Utility, Morrison reported that a review of other communities showed

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There are a lot of changes happening in our small town. The waterway has a new look now that the interurban pillars are gone and Commodity Blenders are getting close to finishing the new mill operation out at the Hemp Mill. The new water tower is still a work in progress too. But you can see where it's new home will be. So much going on, people selling homes because the market is so high right now, it's just amazing how much houses are going for.

This week I'm taking an extra day off to go do "girls day" at the fair. Tara is competing in the Hoosier Heritage recipe contest at the state fair. I'm going to see how it is done so I can decide if I want to do it next year. Kendra is going cause it just happens to be \$3.00 Thursday, so really to be honest that's when you get the best deals on food. Vendors run specials on some of the famous fair food, deep fried Oreos, donut holes, sandwiches etc. And of course I got my lottery tickets to cash in for more lottery tickets. Don't let them fool ya, the girls play the lottery to0, so I'm not alone. Lol

Went to Toledo Jeep Fest this past weekend to help celebrate Jeeps 80th anniversary. It was a nice get away. I prefer Pigeon Forge cause there is so much more to do, but it was fun. Took mom with us and dropped her off at her lifelong friend's house. I think they had more fun than we did. What could two little old ladies possibly do that was so much fun?? Well they claimed they did a lot of talking and alot of eating. So I suspect this is probably true. I probably wouldn't have got a word in inch wise if I was around. But they have over 80 years of friendship together, so I'm sure much was reminiscing. They both grew up in their own little town of Andrews and I'm sure their life in a small town was much simpler than ours, but it was their memories that they could look back on that they enjoy.

Have a great week, looks like the weekend is going to be fantastic, enjoy it.

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 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.

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

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp  
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Pastor Steven Spencer  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.warrennaz.org](http://www.warrennaz.org)  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

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

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

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Diane Samuels  
 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

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

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.  
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**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
[www.warrenucc.net](http://www.warrenucc.net)  
 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor  
 Terry Lee Miller, Youth Pastor  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday School during Worship Service  
 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Brad Hensley  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenmc.org](http://www.vanburenmc.org)

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister  
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister  
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.  
 Tara Bower - Secretary  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://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

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 260-228-9084  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor Al Sultz  
 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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residential rates in the amount of \$5.00 to \$12.00. Morrison also reported that the Town's Financial Consultant had recommended a residential rate of \$5.00 ten years ago and that the Town Engineer had recommended \$6.25 in a report recently reviewed by Council.

Following discussion, Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to institute a Stormwater Utility with a Residential rate of \$6.25 per month with a cap of \$50.00. Users other than residential would have rates determined through size of building and impervious area. Miller, Surfus, Buzzard voting in the affirmative, Stivers voting against.

\* A Letter of Notice from Indiana DNR and the Division of Fish and Wildlife was reviewed in which the Salamonie River project/grant project has been closed. Morrison further reported that the Department of the Army had also signed off.

\* Morrison reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan by providing documents from the most recent plan. Along with the utility project planning part of the plan, Sills will also need to provide a project list of equipment, vehicle replace, maintenance schedules, etc. The Fire Department Board will also need to update their schedule that was submitted in 2020 as the Comprehensive Plan was not completed as planned in 2020.

The Police and Park Departments will also be included.

\* The TRECS program (Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System) has deposited just over \$1,000 in the Town's Trust Indiana Account. The monies are collected from delinquent utility customers through Individual State Income Tax filings.

\* Morrison reported that she, Sills, and Scheiman had met with a representative of Wolverine Power, the current supplier of Electricity to the Town to review the local

system, to learn more about Wolverine Power, and to plan for future planning to improve the Town system.

\* Introduced was Ordinance 2021-17, an Ordinance to establish a budget for 2022. Morrison reviewed and asked for any comments. As the budget had been discussed at previous meetings, there were none. The Public Hearing and Adoption of the Budget is set for August 23.

\* In regard to a request from AT&T to place a generator at the Eleventh Street Water Tower which would possibly need a revision of the lease, Morrison reported she had replied requesting a copy of the most recent lease and stating that the area would not be available for some time due to work on the Tower. No response has been received.

\* Morrison reviewed the process of Ordinance Codification, a collection of all ordinances into one volume, and requested approval to continue that update of the current Code Book which is also online. Council approved by consensus. Cost will be determined after American Legal receives documents

and will then be submitted for Council final approval.

\* Stivers read a letter from the Warren Public Library Board requesting that David Swanson be reappointed for a term from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025. Stivers moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the request. Motion approved unanimously.

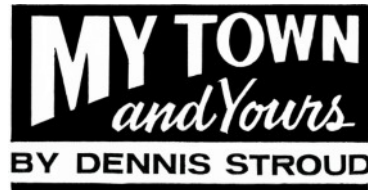
\* Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$125,390.19 was approved by consensus as submitted.

\* Sills, Utility Manager, submitted the Monthly Activity Report, Buzzard reminded that quotes had not been submitted for tree trimming project has planned. Stivers requested a project planning update. Sills reported it should be available by next meeting.

By consensus of Council, Connor Miller is to be offered continued summer employment in 2022, pending his availability. Discussed was disposal of sports lights which will be removed from the Tower Park Diamonds and Tennis Court in late fall. As previous lighting fixtures had been donated to a not for profit, the same method was approved by consensus with

notices to be sent out to other Towns.

The next regular meeting of Town Council is scheduled for August 23.



**GAS PIPELINE**

It was in the autumn of 1889 that people were told that Warren was to have natural gas for fuel and lighting purposes and a man was opening an office in the downtown area. It was also said that the company would need a large force of men to dig trenches and lay pipes. The pay was to be \$1.25 for a ten-hour day and at that time the wage was considered good pay and there were many applicants. The company was the Huntington Light and Fuel Company and the man in charge was James O'Neal.

The announcement came near of breaking up of the high school, where a very large class of young men and

women had entered the freshmen class. No ambitious youngster would waste his time going to high school when he could make twelve and a half cents an hour for ten hours every day swinging a pick and shovel {not today's young people}. The next Monday, there were many vacant seats in high school. At that time there were no compulsory education laws or any restrictions against working for wages.

As the days went by, the pipelines reached further and further along the streets and the coal oil lamps at the street corners were replaced by gas lights which threw their beams much farther than the old kerosene burners.

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Aug 5-7	Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 9 6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 10 6:30p	SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 16 6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 18 7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Aug 23 6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 27 7:00p	Cook & Belle at Riverside Park
Sep 1 Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall

**Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC**  
**Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus**  
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### SENIOR LEAGUE

Dogwood Senior League results of August 5, 2021.

1st Place: Mark Laymon, Larry Harshman, Ez Harris, Craig Grove

2nd Place: Steve Caley, Clyde Griffith, Steve Laymon, Gary Sutton

Closest to Pin: #3 – Steve Laymon #6 – John Kennedy Long Drive #7: Jim Denman Longest Putt #8: Jack Harmon

### REVIEW YOUR IRA, 401(K) BENEFICIARIES

If you've had an IRA and a 401(k) for many years, you may occasionally ask yourself some questions: "Am I contributing enough?" "Am I still funding these accounts with the right mix of investments for my goals and risk tolerance?" But here's one inquiry you might be overlooking: "Have I used the correct beneficiary designations?" And the answer you get is important.

It wouldn't be surprising if you haven't thought much about the beneficiary designation – after all, it was just something you once signed, possibly a long time ago. Is it really that big a deal?

It could be. For one thing, what if your family circumstances have changed since you named a beneficiary? If you've remarried, you may not want your former spouse to receive your IRA and 401(k) assets or the proceeds of your life insurance policy, for

which you also named a beneficiary.

However, upon remarrying, many people do review their estate plans, including their wills, living trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care directives. If you've revised these documents, do you have to worry about the old beneficiary designations? You might be surprised to learn that these previous designations can supersede what's in your updated will and other documents. The end result could be an "accidental" inheritance in which your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone who is no longer in your life.

Furthermore, your retirement plans and insurance policy may not just require a single beneficiary – you may also be asked to name a contingent beneficiary, to whom assets will pass if the primary beneficiary has already died. As you can imagine, the situation could become quite muddled if stepchildren are involved in a remarriage.

To avoid these potential problems, make sure to review the beneficiary designations on all of your

accounts at some point – and especially after a significant change in your family situation. If you see something that is outdated or incorrect, contact your retirement account administrator – or your insurance representative, in the case of life insurance – to request a change-of-beneficiary form.

And if you really want to be on the safe side, you may want to enlist a legal professional to help you with this review to make sure the beneficiary designations reflect your current family situation and are consistent with what's in your estate plans.

In fact, if you're already working with an experienced estate planning attorney – and you should – you might also pick up some other suggestions for dealing with beneficiaries. Just to name one, it's generally not a good idea to name minor children as beneficiaries. Because children can't control the assets until they become adults, a court would likely have to name a guardian – one that you might not have wanted. Instead, you could either name your own custodian to manage the assets designated to the minor or establish a trust for the benefit of the minor,

which can distribute the money in several disbursements over a period of years – which is often a good move, since young adults aren't always the best at managing large lump sums.

If you're like many people, you have a strong desire to leave something behind. But you'll want to do it in the right way. So, pay close attention to your beneficiary designations – when you first create them and throughout your life.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Nicole Johnson.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### VILLANUEVA

Santos Ricardo Villanueva, 69, Warren, IN, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at his residence in Huntington.

Santos was born on July 27, 1952, in Wheatland, Wyoming to Santos C. and Anita (Salazar) Villanueva. His parents preceded him in death. Santos married Patty Drabenstot on January 4, 2002. She survives and resides in Warren.

Santos was a high school and college graduate. Santos served in the United States Army and in the Reserves of the Air National Guard. He worked and retired from Bendix as a Journeyman. He currently was working at DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance in Warren. He attended Mt. Etna United Methodist Church.

Along with his wife Patty, he is survived by one son, Joseph (Stephanie) Villanueva, Bluffton, IN; three daughters, Holly Villanueva, Huntington, Kari (James) Green, Kayla Ann Villanueva, both of Warren; one step-son, Brian Gray, Warren; one step-daughter, Christy Gray, Fort Wayne, IN; three brothers, Joe Villanueva, WY, Ray (Linda) Villanueva, Roanoke, IN, and Fidencio (Audelia) Villanueva, WA; one sister, Irene (Frank) Martinez, South Bend, IN; and 6 grandchildren.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Ernesto Villanueva; and one grandson.

A Memorial Service and burial will be announced at a later date.

### BAKER

John M. Baker, 77 of Huntington passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021.

John was a 1962 graduate of Jackson Township High School in Wells County. He was a 1964 graduate of International Business College. John worked in sales, selling commercial playground equipment.

John was born on May 7, 1944 in Cinda, Kentucky, the

son of the late Gus and Nettie (Thomas) Baker.

He was united in marriage to Frederica Sue Cook on November 23, 1966 in Blackford County, Indiana. She preceded him in death on December 23, 2006.

Survivors include three stepdaughters: Linda Kay Pederson of Bellaire, MI, Annette Turner of Bluffton, IN, Pam Kadrovach of Dayton, OH; three brothers: Dan Baker of Hartford City, IN, Tom Baker of Warren, IN, Clarence (Barb) Baker of Hartford City, IN; three sisters: Thelma (Sam) Lloyd of Englewood, FL, Gennie (Steve) Poff of Huntington, IN, Peggy (Dave) Tyler of Huntington, IN; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters: Ioleen Fear, Grace Baker, Fern Vincent and Helen Kay Baker.

There are no services.

Memorial donations can be made out to American Lung Association in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

### ANNIVERSARY

David Lawrence Brewer and Susan Carol Stinson were united in marriage on August 12, 1961 at the 43rd Avenue Presbyterian Church in Gary, Indiana. Reverend John Goodpasture officiated.

Mr. Brewer has been involved as a member of the law firm now known as Bowers, Brewer, Garrett & Wiley, LLP, with offices in Huntington and Warren, since 1963. He currently serves as of Counsel. Susan is currently a homemaker having been a teacher and a teacher's aide.

They are the parents of John Stinson Brewer (Jessica), Anne Marie Betterly, and Michael David Brewer (Virginia), all residents of Huntington County, Indiana.

They have four grandchildren, Trevor Brewer, Nolan Betterly, Arianna Betterly and Gabriella Betterly.

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Food production accounts for more than one-fourth of all greenhouse gas emissions, according to a report compiled by "Our World in Data." Learn how you can fill your plate with more earth-friendly foods by practicing these sustainable habits:

#### Grow Your Own Food

Gardening offers many benefits beyond the bounty of your harvest. Spending time outdoors in the sunshine is good for the soul while the foods you raise provide a convenient source of nutrition. Picking fresh produce from your backyard means you're bypassing transportation, packaging and many of the other aspects of food production that are detrimental to the environment. What's more, you get to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you're personally responsible for the food on your plate.

#### Reduce Food Waste

An estimated 30-40% of the United States' food supply goes to waste each year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Not only could this food be helping hungry people, it's taking up valuable space. USDA data shows food waste is the single largest category of material in U.S. landfills.

There are numerous easy ways you can do your part to ensure food is being used wisely. Be sure food is stored properly to prevent it from going bad before you eat it. At the grocery store, select "ugly" foods that may be misshapen or look unusual but are still fully edible. Plan your meals so you use ingredients (across multiple meals, if necessary) and either avoid leftovers or repurpose them into another meal. Avoid overeating, which has a negative impact on your health, wastes food resources and increases environmental impacts from processing and transportation.

#### Buy Climate-Friendly Foods

Choosing snacks that share your commitment to the

climate can make a big difference. Not only does it help you feel better about the foods you eat, supporting brands that make the environment a priority can raise the bar for others. One example is Airly crackers, which are made with 100% wholesome oats and grains, and grown through a farming process that removes carbon dioxide from the air. The company also invests in agricultural and forestry projects by purchasing carbon credits to offset its production and transportation footprint.

The carbon footprint is on the back of each box, so you can see how many grams of carbon dioxide you are helping to remove from the air while satisfying a snack craving. Look for four flavor varieties packed with sweet and savory notes including cheddar, sea salt, chocolate and salted caramel.

#### Be Conscious of Processing and Packaging

In general, foods with more packaging have a bigger impact on the environment. While some degree of packaging is necessary to safely preserve and transport food, choosing options with minimal recyclable packaging is a step you can take to help reduce how the food you eat affects the Earth.

#### Know Where it Comes From

Locally produced foods travel a shorter distance, which means they require less handling and transportation. That's good news for the environment and it's a simple way to support your community, too. Knowing more about the sources of your food goes beyond eating local. You can also make purchases from brands that promote sustainable agriculture and take meaningful steps to protect the environment, animals and natural habitats.

Learn more about foods that make a difference at [airlyfoods.com](http://airlyfoods.com).

### 5 TIPS FOR REMODELING IN TODAY'S MARKET

(Family Features) In the aftermath of the COVID-19 lockdown, labor shortages and access to certain products affects numerous industries, including remodeling. Even so, after extra time at home and delays caused by the pandemic, there is high demand for home renovation projects.

If you're planning a home remodel or construction project, consider these tips from professional remodelers to avoid frustration and ensure your vision comes to life.

**Do Research and Plan Ahead**  
Mapping out your project early and thoroughly can help you avoid delays. This is especially important when it comes to materials, said John Brown of Bliffert Lumber and Hardware.

"The quicker a homeowner can make selections, the sooner we can get it on order and get it in," Bliffert said.

Some contractors are adjusting the way they approach planning to offset delays. For example, selecting materials and finishes at the outset, instead of as you progress through the project like you normally would, may mean the materials are available when you need them.

"The design process has really changed," said Robi Kirsic of TimeLine Renovation and Design. "We're still designing based on homeowners' wishes and dreams, but we're also modifying by providing options based on what's available."

**Know Where You're Willing to Compromise**

Whether you're able or willing to compromise often comes down to why you're doing the renovation in the first place.

"Some homeowners are specific about what they want," Kirsic said. "They've been waiting for a long time to do this project and they're

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not doing it to compromise. Others have a time constraint for one reason or another; they don't have the luxury of waiting."

It's a sentiment echoed by others, who caution that you may be able to get an item you have your heart set on, but you may need to be willing to wait.

"If you have your heart set on a certain bathtub, it might be a 6- or 8-month wait, but another one might be available sooner," said Jason Hensler of Marvin Windows and Doors.

**Avoid Making Changes**  
Once your plans are set and your materials have been ordered, avoid unnecessary delays by changing your project scope or material selection. In this environment, project timelines are extremely tight and even minor changes can create significant disruptions, especially if there's a delay in obtaining different materials or your new ideas require a different crew that wasn't already scheduled for your job.

**Choose a Trustworthy Partner**

While these are unusual times, having a reliable contractor can make the project run more smoothly and help you feel more comfortable as the project progresses.

"Use someone you trust, someone who is part of a reputable group like the National Association of the Remodeling Industry," Brown said.

That way, if you encounter unexpected bumps along the way, you can be confident they will be handled professionally and appropriately. Brown

encourages his teams to communicate early and often, which helps homeowners understand and trust they're doing everything possible to keep the job on track.

**Be Patient**  
Above all, understanding these are unusual times can go a long way toward a more successful project.

"Patience will help it go a lot smoother," Hensler said. "That may mean accepting longer wait times than you anticipated and a later completion date than you hoped."

The sooner you get your project started, the sooner your contractor can start mapping out a project timeline. Find contractors in your area at RemodelingDoneRight.com.

**4 TIPS TO PREPARE A PET-FRIENDLY FIRE SAFETY PLAN**

(Family Features) After more than a year of nearly constant companionship, many pet parents are preparing to

leave their pets at home while they transition back to the office. With more time away from home, it's important for families to be prepared in the event of a fire.

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, a vast majority of pet owners (91%) said they will leave pets home alone more often, according to a survey commissioned by Kidde and conducted online by The Harris Poll. Of those, more than 1 in 3 (35%) said they are nervous about doing so.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, 500,000 pets suffer from smoke inhalation and 40,000 die due to home fires.

"We know people will do anything to keep their furry family safe," said Sharon Cooksey, fire safety educator for Kidde. "We're committed to ensuring pet owners are equipped with the right products, resources, tools and confidence to prepare their family members - both two- and four-legged - in the event of an emergency as we transition to more time out of the home."

To help protect your pets from the dangers of home fires and train them to respond positively to the sound of smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, consider these tips from Kidde.

Include pets in fire escape plans: Pets should always be included in a family's evacuation plan. Stay aware of their typical hiding spots or locations where they often nap in case you must evacuate quickly. When you are not home, keep pets in areas near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.

Train pets to appropriately respond to alarms. In the event of an emergency, ensure your pets are familiar with the sound of smoke alarms. According to celebrity pet trainer Sara Carson, you should pair the sound with a command that instructs your pets to proceed "outside" or whichever term you use to identify the best way for them to exit the home. As you practice the routine, reward your pets for positive responses.

"As a proud dog mom of five super collies, I know pets are like our family, so it's important we take proactive steps to keep them safe in the event of a home fire," Carson said. "To successfully train your pets, make sure you keep training fun, short and always end on a good note."

For a full demonstration on how to train your pet to respond positively to a smoke alarm, visit [kidde.com/petsafety](http://kidde.com/petsafety).

Use window clings to alert first responders: In an emergency, first responders need to be able to quickly assess the number of pets in a home. Consider attaching a non-adhesive decal to a window near your front door to let rescuers know how many animals are inside.

Maintain smoke alarms: Smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years. In addition to testing alarms once each week, check the manufacturing date on your alarms to make sure they are current. If they are older than 10 years, it's time to replace them.

**NAVIGATING YOUR HEALTH OVER 65**

(Family Features) Taking care of your health, especially over age 65, requires an understanding of your personal needs. Proper medical care isn't one-size-fits-all, so finding the right services and providers may take some research and thoughtful consideration as it relates to your unique circumstances.

Consider these tips from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to find the right care for you:

**Stay on top of your health.**  
An important part of managing your health is being aware of any current medical concerns or those that might affect you in the near future. That's why it's important to stay on top of your health care needs - like preventive services that could help identify any issues early. Arming yourself with knowledge can help you be better prepared to make decisions about the type of doctors or health care providers you need and how they work with your health insurance.

Shop around. Choosing a health care provider can be time consuming and confusing. Medicare.gov makes it easy to find and compare providers like hospitals, home health agencies, doctors, nursing homes and other health care services in your area that accept Medicare. On your laptop, tablet or mobile device, enter your location to search for local health care providers and services. A clean and uniform design makes it easy to review and compare providers.

Know what to look for. It's important to understand everything you're considering when searching for care for yourself or a loved one. Search filters allow you to personalize your search based on what's most important to you, like services offered, quality ratings, inspection reports

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and doctor affiliations. Other features include suggested next steps and checklists to help choose the best provider for you. Knowing what providers accept Medicare can also give you peace of mind.

Plan ahead. Don't put off researching your health care provider options. When you're feeling well is typically the best time to consider your health care needs. With a clear mind, you'll be able to thoroughly explore pros and cons about providers and facilities and get the information you need to find the best fit for you, such as practice locations, specialties, contact information and more. You can also save your favorite health care providers to refer to later when you're logged into your online Medicare account.

Make your wishes known. Whether you're planning ahead for yourself or finding care for a loved one, it's important to share your preferences with others who are part of your care team. This might include sharing which doctors you like, what hospital you prefer or selecting a nursing home close to family and friends.

Planning for medical care can seem like a challenge. By keeping tabs on your health and using available tools to research your options and compare providers, like the resources at Medicare.gov, you can create a plan that best fits your needs.

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### WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE KIDS AND MEDICATIONS

(StatePoint) The transition to campus life can often feel abrupt. Beyond adjusting to the rigors of a college curriculum, students must quickly develop the self-management skills needed to thrive on their own. One such skill that should be prioritized is staying on track with prescribed medications.

Accounting for up to 50% of treatment failures, around 125,000 deaths and up to 25% of hospitalizations each year in the United States, medication non-adherence can pose serious health risks.

In fact, a study which observed the experiences of students with ADHD found that adherence drops to just 53% when teens embark on their college careers. Adding to this, confidentiality rules often come into play for parents of young adults.

As students leave home for campus, parents can gain greater peace of mind by ensuring their student is prepared to take on more responsibility for their health and wellness. To help families plan for this new stage, Susan Peppers, RPh and vice president of Express Scripts Pharmacy, is offering these tips:

- Phasing out: Prior to leaving for campus, phase out resources and parental reminders that won't be readily available once classes begin. Your pharmacist can recommend medication adherence tools -- digital or otherwise -- that work best for young adults and students.

- Making the transition: Help your student develop a reliable transition plan and schedule, keeping in mind daily class schedules, social activities, changes in routine and school breaks.

- Planning ahead: Make sure your student knows how and where to get needed prescription refills. Locate the closest pharmacy or set up automatic refills that get delivered to your student's campus address using a service such as Express Scripts Pharmacy.

- Alcohol and medication: Alcohol usage is often prevalent on college campuses, even among students who are underage. Make sure your child is aware of the potential adverse interaction alcohol can have with their prescription drugs, as well as other health and safety risks associated with drinking.

- Getting school savvy: Well before the semester starts,

work with your student to learn more about the college or university's health service resources. Be sure they know how to schedule an appointment if they are sick, need mental health services such as therapy, or are otherwise in need of prompt care.

- Convenient care anywhere, anytime: Make sure your child knows where to call if they have questions about their medications; choose a pharmacy that has 24/7 direct access to a pharmacist, just in case. Should your child need to see a doctor when the school's health facilities are not open, online physicians are available 24/7 through telehealth services such as MDLIVE. Their physicians can provide chronic care management and write temporary prescription renewals should your child run out of medication, all from the convenience of your child's dorm room.

For more medication adherence resources and information, visit [www.esrx.com/AskYourPharmacist](http://www.esrx.com/AskYourPharmacist).

As your student enters this exciting new phase of life, take steps to ensure they have everything they need to stay happy and healthy. This should include making a plan that will allow them to stay on top of their prescription drug regimen.

### DIGITAL AND VIRTUAL WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO MILITARY AND VETERANS

(Statepoint) While there are certain holidays and events each year dedicated to members of the U.S. military, the need to support veterans and active-duty military members and their families is an ongoing effort.

The good news is that there are plenty of ways you can give back all year long from your smartphone:

Volunteer and Donate Virtually: Volunteering doesn't have to be in-person these days. Soldier's Angels has numerous virtual ways to make an impact in a service

member's life – from supporting deployed service members by collecting and sending care packages to adopting a family for the holidays and hosting virtual baby showers.

It's never too late to donate your quarantine wardrobe and de-clutter the house. Organizations like Vietnam Veterans of America accept gently-used clothing and household items and will even pick up donations safely from your home. Providing reliable transportation is another way to help. Programs like Vehicles for Veterans and Recycled Rides provide donated cars and vehicle maintenance and repair assistance for veterans in need of a ride.

Take Honor Flights to the Next Level: The Honor Flight Network enables veterans to visit war memorial monuments and museums at no cost, but for veterans unable to travel to Washington D.C., T-Mobile and virtual reality mental fitness solutions company Healium are bringing a virtual Honor Flight experience to veterans where they live. Veterans can tour the Washington D.C. war memorials from the comfort of their own homes using virtual reality goggles and a hotspot, powered by T-Mobile's 5G network.

Give a Gift the Gives Back: The next time you need to buy a birthday gift or stock up on household essentials, make a purchase you can feel good about. American-made apparel company Oscar Mike donates 100 percent of their proceeds to help injured military members stay active. Boss Dog provides tasty and nutritious food and treats for your four-legged companions while giving back to disabled veterans and service dog organizations like Victory Service Dogs and Pets for Vets. Providing a fun night out for service member families is a way to boost mental health and well-being. Non-profit organization Vet Tix provides tickets to concerts, sporting events and

more to families in need of a little fun.

How Your Business Can Help: Large or small, your business can make an impact. Offering a veteran or military discount at your business will not only show appreciation and support, but will also drive business. Companies like T-Mobile offer discounted military smartphone service plans and support programs like Hiring Our Heroes, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce initiative to help provide military members and their families with meaningful employment opportunities.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces have given so much of themselves. These are just a few ways we can continue to show our gratitude.

### PANDEMIC DISRUPTS

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#### CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(StatePoint) While young children have been less vulnerable to COVID-19 health dangers, a new study finds that they've been tremendously impacted by the disruption to preschool activities triggered by the pandemic.

The National Institute for Early Education Research study finds that pre-K participation has tumbled during the pandemic. What's more it finds that children are spending less time outdoors and on certain key learning activities at home with parents and caregivers, and more time in front of screens.

Education experts say early learning opportunities are critical for young children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development, as well as their mental health. New resources can help fill the preschool void and make this an enriching time for young children. To learn more, visit [www.pncgrowupgreat.com](http://www.pncgrowupgreat.com).

While the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for families with young children, building a love of learning early on can help pave the way for a great future.