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Thought for the Week: Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. Will Rogers

HISTORIC WARREN MAIN STREET  
presents the  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Walk  
& Festival of Trees**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
Downtown Warren • 5:00-8:00 P.M.

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Over 30 Decorated Trees, Drawings & Giveaways, Gingerbread House Displays, Live Reindeer, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Food & Drinks, Christmas Village Display, Snowflake Glass Ornaments, Ice Sculpture Carving, Pottery Demonstrations, Shopping & visiting local businesses

The Grinch & Cindy Lou Who, HNHS FFA Animal Trailer, Pony Rides, S'mores Fun, Cookie Decorating, Story Time at the Library, Salamonie Singers, Southern Wells in Harmony, Marketplace Shopping, Kids Crafts, Photo Ops

Join us in Warren for a magical evening!

## HISTORIC WARREN MAIN STREET INVITES COMMUNITY TO 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY WALK & FESTIVAL OF TREES

The holiday season will kick off in downtown Warren as Historic Warren Main Street presents the 14th Annual Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees on Friday, November 21, 2025. This much-loved community tradition brings families, friends, and neighbors together to celebrate the sights, sounds, and spirit of the season.

Visitors can stroll through downtown and enjoy a wide variety of holiday activities, including:

- \* Beautifully decorated trees and creative gingerbread houses
- \* Horse-drawn wagon rides, Pony rides and live reindeer
- \* Ice sculpture carving and a walk-through animal trailer
- \* Festive photo opportunities throughout downtown
- \* Cookie decorating and sweet treats, including hot dogs, apple dumplings, and hot chocolate
- \* Shopping throughout the downtown

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be live performances from Tab Beechler, Barry Jamison, Neil

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## WIZARD OF OZ

At the Pulse Opera House, downtown Warren. November 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and December 5, 6, 7.

Friday shows at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday shows at 4:00 p.m.

Ticket Reservations at pulseoperahouse.org

The storm is brewing and soon Dorothy will be whisked to the magical land of Oz. Performed by area youth age 7-18, the Wizard of Oz will be performed with puppetry and audience interaction. This is Wizard of Oz reimagined!

## AUDITIONS

The Pulse Opera House and Heritage Pointe are partnering to produce GUYS AND DOLLS, SR! That's right. This one is for those age 55+. Auditions are open to all seniors. Doesn't matter if you have performed in many shows or never stepped foot onstage, but would like to try. Would love to have a mix of Heritage Pointe residents, Pulse Players and new people from the community.

In addition to the roles, we need people to sing in the chorus. Specifically, gamblers, hot box girls and save-a-soul missionaries.

Rehearsals and performances will be at Heritage Pointe.

Memorization is not required. Rehearsals will be in the afternoon.

Those who would like to be considered for a role should audition on December 14. Bring a prepared song. Those who would like to be in the chorus do not have to sing for the audition, but should come on December 15 to sign up.

We are looking forward to this new and exciting project!!!

## FSSA ANNOUNCES END OF MDWISE PARTICIPATION IN INDIANA MEDICAID PROGRAMS

Indianapolis — The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) today announced that MDwise will no longer serve as a managed care health plan for Indiana Medicaid's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and Hoosier Healthwise programs, effective January 1, 2026.

This decision follows a comprehensive review of MDwise's performance and its ability to meet FSSA's standards for member services, provider support, and program accountability. FSSA determined that ending the contract with MDwise is necessary to ensure the long-term strength and sustainability of Indiana Medicaid.

"Indiana Medicaid exists to provide dependable, high-quality care for the Hoosiers who rely on it," said Mitch Roob, Secretary of FSSA. "Our review found that, of the four plans,

MDwise was both the most expensive and the lowest in quality. Federal rules require us to maintain at least three plans, and this decision allows us to meet those standards while safeguarding members' access to care."

What this means for members:

\* Coverage continues: Members will not lose Medicaid benefits.

\* New plan options: Members must choose a new health plan—Anthem, CareSource, or MHS—during open enrollment.

\* Automatic assignment: Members who do not choose will be assigned to a plan, with the option to change within 90 days after January 1, 2026.

\* Continuity of care: Existing authorizations and treatments will be honored for a transition period.

Members will receive letters with detailed instructions on how to select a new plan. For assistance, they can contact the Enrollment Broker for HIP at 1-877-GET-HIP9 (1-877-438-4479) and Hoosier Healthwise at 1-800-899-9949

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Last Saturday I spent the day with mom taking her to see her sister, my Aunt Fimpy. This young lady is 97 years old and still has an amazing sense of humor. My aunt has always had a funny way about her whether it was something she said, a facial expression or just a reaction to something that was said, there was never a dull moment with her around. I can say I have never seen her mad, I'm sure she has but never seen her in that way.

Here lately her age has shown though with her mobility. She has taken some falls and is actually trying to heal an ankle she broke in four places. In about six weeks she will be trying to start putting weight on it and we will see where she goes from there. Most generally she bounces right back but this was quite the break, so with lots of hope and prayers and lots of therapy she will be able to try to walk again.

So, this week I will share with you one of her recipes that I fell in love with. Pecan pie is one of my favorites, but really anything with pecans is my favorite, well until I get the wrong type of pecans, then I have all sorts of issues. It's strange but there is one kind of pecan that I'm allergic to and as long as its Fishers or store brand I'm good, so it's a gamble every time I eat them, but I will pay the price, that's how much I love them.

**BROWNED BUTTER PECAN PIE**

½ c. butter  
¾ c. light corn syrup  
¼ c. honey  
1c. sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
1/8 tsp salt  
3 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1 c. chopped pecans  
1 unbaked pie shell

Cook butter in a pan for 6-8 minutes or till browned, do not stir. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a bowl, combine the next 6 ingredients, stir well. Stir in browned butter and pecans. Pour into pie shell bake 425 degrees for 10 minutes, reduce heat to 325 degrees and finish baking for 40-45 minutes or till filling is set.

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Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

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Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Daycare provided during Worship

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Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

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Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 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 Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Mon-Fri Chapel Services ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Catholic Mass ..... 1:00p.m.  
Thurs. Catholic Mass ..... 10:30a.m.

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260-375-2811  
office@warrenfirsbaptist.net  
Pastor Mark Joyner  
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
375-2510  
Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.  
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[www.warrennaz.org](http://www.warrennaz.org)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN**  
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375-3873  
John Boyanowski, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
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765.251.2322  
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  
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 COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Pastor Diane Samuels  
Fellowship Time .....9:00a.m.  
Morning Worship .....9:30 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.

**MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH**  
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Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy  
Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 - 9:45  
Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00  
Everyone is Welcome

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
468-2412  
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN**  
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[www.firstccw.net](http://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**  
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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 ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9am  
Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm

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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

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
765-618-0027  
Pastor Al Soultz  
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

TUTORING GRANTS  
NOW AVAILABLE

Eligible families can access \$1,000 grants, focused on English/language arts and math

Indiana families can now access tutoring grants through Indiana Learns, a statewide initiative that helps qualifying students strengthen their skills in English/language arts (ELA) and math. Enrollment is open through Friday, December 19, and families can begin scheduling tutoring sessions immediately.

“As a state, we continue to make progress in both reading and math. Indiana Learns is just one example of our commitment to keeping our foot on the gas pedal and improving outcomes for students,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “Indiana Learns specifically focuses on our most struggling students and provides them the opportunity to receive high-quality tutoring support, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay. This investment in our Hoosier families is an investment in the future of our state, and first and foremost, the future of our students.”

To qualify for an Indiana Learns tutoring grant, a student must meet the following criteria:

- \* Student resides in Indiana;
- \* Student completed ILEARN testing and scored below proficiency in either ELA or Mathematics;
- \* Student is enrolled in and is attending a CSI, TSI or ATSI-designated school as a third through eighth grade student; and
- \* Student qualifies for the federal free or reduced lunch program.

Families can check their eligibility and enroll today at [IndianaLearns.org](http://IndianaLearns.org).

Those who qualify can use their \$1,000 grant to access tutoring in ELA and math through approved Learning Partners statewide. Tutoring is available in-person, online, or in a hybrid format, giving families flexible options to meet their students’ needs.

Indiana Learns is administered by The Mind Trust on behalf of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). Since October 2022, Indiana Learns has enrolled more than 25,000 students, funded over 280,000 hours of tutoring, and maintained an attendance rate of over 80 percent – with data showing that students who engaged more frequently in tutoring had greater academic gains. An external study comparing students who participated in Indiana Learns students to those who did not participate found statistically significant results in ELA and math proficiency.

“Indiana Learns has proven that when students receive consistent, high-quality tutoring, they make real academic progress,” said Brandon Brown, CEO

at The Mind Trust. “We’re proud to continue this partnership with IDOE to ensure more families have access to the resources their students need to succeed.”

To enroll or to learn more about Indiana Learns, visit [IndianaLearns.org](http://IndianaLearns.org).

INDIANA ARTS  
COMMISSION  
ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
AMERICA250 GRANT  
PROGRAM

The Indiana Arts Commission announced today that the agency is accepting applications for arts projects, in any discipline, that celebrate American history and connect participants to that history in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Applicants can request up to \$5,000 through the America250 Grant Program. No matching funds are required.

The America250 Grant Program is a one-time program made possible through funding from the National Endowment for

the Arts and the Indiana General Assembly.

“We are grateful for the support of the National Endowment for the Arts to celebrate the nation’s Semiquincentennial here in Indiana,” said Miah Michaelsen, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. “Arts and creativity have played a vital role in shaping our nation’s culture and history, and we look forward to marking this milestone alongside our creative sector through grant-supported programming.”

The grant program is open to 501(c)(3) organizations, units of government, libraries, and schools. Applications are open through Monday,

December 15, 2025 for projects that take place between March 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. An Informational Webinar about the program will be held on Thursday, November 20 at 10AM ET. Register to attend the informational webinar at [www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/gJ-vqbkKRwOqiil4S0OQUQ#/registration](http://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/gJ-vqbkKRwOqiil4S0OQUQ#/registration).

Learn more about the America250 Grant Program and how to apply at [www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/america250/](http://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/funding/america250/)

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Laymon Trio and choirs from Salamonie School Singers and Southern Wells in Harmony, as well as a delightful Christmas Village Display.

Families will also have the chance to visit with The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, enjoy Story Time, and take in the joyful sights and sounds that make this event a holiday favorite.

“This event is all about community — celebrating the season together while supporting our local businesses,” “We invite everyone to come downtown, enjoy the festivities, and make holiday memories that will last for years to come.”

The Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees is a free, family-friendly event open to the public. Guests are encouraged to shop local and explore downtown businesses as they kick off their holiday shopping.

For more information, visit Historic Warren Main Street on Facebook.

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.

|        |       |                                          |
|--------|-------|------------------------------------------|
| Nov 19 | 7:00p | V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall     |
| Nov 21 | 5-8p  | W - Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees     |
| Dec 3  | Noon  | W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC   |
| Dec 3  | 7:00p | V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall     |
| Dec 8  | 5:00p | W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall |
| Dec 9  | 6:30p | W - SSF Meeting @ KBC                    |
| Dec 15 | 6:30p | W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC              |
| Dec 17 | 7:00p | V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall     |
| Dec 21 |       | FIRST DAY OF WINTER                      |

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](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)



Weekly Specials  
Nov 20 - 26

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| Sunday  | 1pm-5pm  | Thursday | 11am-7pm |
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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

### ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WARNING PARENTS ABOUT 764

Enough Is Enough (EIE) is warning parents about an online group called 764 that is targeting children for exploitation through social media platforms, gaming sites like Discord and Roblox, and mobile apps.

The FBI recently issued a warning about this violent online network, and others, that are increasingly targeting and exploiting minors online. The FBI says victims are usually between the ages of 10-17.

A 21-year-old Arizona man – a reported leader of 764 – was recently charged with participating in a child exploitation enterprise, producing and distributing child pornography, coercing and enticing minors to engage in sexual activity, cyberstalking, among other charges. A Maryland man with “loose ties to 764” is facing federal charges for allegedly using Roblox to “blackmail young girls, befriending them before coercing them to record video sex acts, to cut themselves, and to commit violent crimes.” The FBI says there are currently over 250 investigations related to 764 underway.

“Parents and caregivers need to know and understand that 764, a rabid online gang, is targeting children online on social media sites, online gaming platforms,

chat rooms, mobile apps. This group has demanded victims send them photos that are then used to extort them. It’s been reported that 764 will even host online gatherings so others can watch them torment their victims in real time. This is an extremely distressing threat to children online that both parents and youth need to be aware of. We applaud the FBI and DOJ for aggressively dealing with this group and setting a precedent that depraved criminals like 764 will be hunted down under the leadership of AG Bondi,” said Donna Rice Hughes, President and CEO, Enough Is Enough.

“The first step to protect children is for parents to know about this threat and other real and present online dangers to their children, as many are unaware of 764. It’s critical that Congress passes online child protection legislation like the Kids Online Safety Act, which will give online tech platforms a legal ‘duty of care’ obligation to prevent harms to minors, and require the strongest safety settings for youth and guardians,” said Hughes.

Discord and Roblox are both facing lawsuits related to harms their platforms have allegedly caused children.

### DOWNTOWN TRAIL NETWORK OPENS IN THE CITY OF MARION

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the city of Marion celebrated the opening of the Downtown Trail Network.

The 10-foot-wide, asphalt, multi-use trail was constructed by the city of Marion with help from a \$640,684 grant administered by the DNR.

“The Downtown Trail Network embodies the connections and spurred economic activity that come with trail development,” said Gary Schultz, trails coordinator with the Indiana DNR. “By linking downtown Marion with the Cardinal Greenway, we gain more connections to downtown businesses and more connections to healthy transportation on the greenway. DNR is proud to support this project.”

The Downtown Trail Network adds 0.57 miles of trail connecting Indiana’s longest trail, the Cardinal Greenway, into Marion’s downtown business district and its social and cultural landmarks. The trail is one segment of a larger city project identified in its 2019 Downtown Revitalization Plan that aims to extend the Downtown Trail Network

northward and connect with the Mississinewa Riverwalk. These trails will encourage economic development and connect the Marion community to its various districts and existing city amenities.

DNR has led the largest infusion of trails funding in state history, with \$180 million in dedicated trail funding administered through DNR that facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. A total of 56 of the 89 projects are complete, with another 15 under construction. With this opening, more than 162 miles of trail have been built since the program’s inception.

### A DISTRAUGHTFUL NIGHTTIME DREAM

by Larry Ryan  
This somewhat repeatable dream occurred between 6:15 and 7:30 am. on a Sunday morning. I knew the exact time because, even in a drossy state of mind, I had somehow glanced at the bedside clock prior to falling asleep again. Usually a person quickly forgets these middle-of-the-night episodes, but my retention of bits and parts (sometimes feeling like bites and darts) stayed in my brain for an unknown reason. So here it goes.

Sometimes I am lost in places and from people in dreams. Many of these seem to be similar to

previous occasions. In this current sleep state, again I was initially in a building and trying to navigate my way through it. A food service area was located with the apparent idea of returning to my hotel room with meals for my wife and me. The area was not a real dining room with multiple table and chairs, but a make-shift buffet line. It reminded me of a church pot-luck spread or a free, Thanksgiving assembly line service.

The first, featured item was a tray of three, whole, dark-colored fish which were displayed head to toe on their sides. Having trouble cutting a section in the middle of a selection, an elderly lady at a nearby table offered her piece. I had no idea how many time she had coughed on it and declined. Finally detaching a piece of seafood and placing it on my plate, the flimsy platter could not retain it. All the other food items that were placed on that receptacle fell off onto the floor. I left hungry. Apparently, my wife would suffer too.

Suddenly I found myself outside and riding in a car with people that I did not know. The automobile was headed in a direction that was unknown to me also. This adventure was quickly aborted when I informed the driver to return me to the hotel.

After reentering the building, my anxiety level rose when I realized that

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GENEALOGY REPORT

TATE

Robert Jason Tate, 55, of Gas City, Indiana, passed away peacefully with his beloved bulldog, Eleanor by his side at 8:21 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at his parents' home in Van Buren, Indiana.

He was born on Wednesday, December 10, 1969, in Keego Harbor, Michigan to Robert L. and Diana L. Tate. Bob attended West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, Michigan and Eastbrook High School in rural Marion, Indiana. Bob was in the Ironworkers Local #147 and then went on to graduate from Indiana University with an associate's degree in science and radiology. He worked for MobileX USA and enjoyed going to concerts with friends and family and driving his golf cart around town. He will always be remembered for his hard work ethic and sense of humor.

Loving survivors include, parents Robert L. & Diana L. (Sloat) Tate, Van Buren, IN, Son Robert Jason Tate, Dry Ridge, KY, daughter Erin (Andrew) Nordheim, Erlanger, KY, brother David Tate, Roanoke, VA, sister - Robin (Todd) Holmes, White Lake, MI, granddaughter Izabella Tate and loyal companion, his bulldog, Eleanor. He was preceded in death by his infant son David K. Tate in 1991.

Robert was laid to rest with his son David at the Van Buren Cemetery on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with Pastor Tony Miner officiating an intimate family graveside service.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.



CLYMER

Latricia "Trish" Marie Clymer, 68, of Marion, passed away at 9:05 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, in her home.

She was born in Marion on Saturday, Aug. 10, 1957, to Frank Hall and Janet (Dakin) Hall.

Trish graduated from Eastbrook High School, Marion, and IU at Kokomo.

She worked as a registered nurse for many years with St. Joseph Kokomo and Huntington Hospital.

Trish enjoyed crocheting, completing jigsaw puzzles and playing piano.

She is survived by her father, Frank Hall, of Welton, Ariz.; her daughter, Clarissa A. (Michael) Drabenstot, of Huntington; her stepdaughter, Kristy Creech; two grandsons, Mason Herrberg, of Fort Wayne, and Tyler Herrberg, of Fort Wayne; two step brothers, William "Bill" Sullivan, of Marion, and Thomas "Tom" Sullivan, of Marion; her beloved grandpuppies, Mavis and Harper; many dear friends.

Trish was preceded in death by mother, Janet A. (Vern) Sullivan.

At her request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

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

PEASE

Christopher Wayne Pease, 46, of rural Bluffton, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Chris was born in Bluffton on February 24, 1979, to Robert "Rob" W. and Carol Ann (Taylor) Pease. Chris is survived by his father, Rob, of Petroleum. Chris married Lee Ann Holloway in Liberty Center on August 27, 2005; she survives.

A 1998 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Chris was a life-long farmer, helping his dad with the family farming business. He also raised cows and attended Petroleum Community Church. Chris loved his family and was a devoted father who did his best to never miss any of his daughter's activities and sporting events.

In addition to his wife and father, Chris is survived by his two daughters, Marianne and Carly Pease, both of Bluffton; a sister, Brandi Speece of Petroleum; two stepsisters, Danika (Casey) Springer of Monroe and Tylar (Drew) Klosterman of Berne; and his grandmother, Diane Pease.

Chris was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Ann Taylor, along with grandparents, Carl Pease and Randy and Carol Taylor.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 2:00 until 8:00 PM, at Goodwin - Harnish Funeral Home in Bluffton. Services will be held on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the funeral home, with one hour of visitation prior to the

service. Pastor Greg Andrews will officiate. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery in Wells County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wells County 4-H.

MANGES

Janice Kay Manges, 82, gently passed away to be with her Savior on Sunday morning, Nov. 16, 2025, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Kay was born in Garrett on May 12, 1943, to Thomas A. and Georgia (Kelham) Hively, who preceded her in death. She married Hans P. Manges at Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam, Indiana, on June 15, 1968. He preceded her in death Oct. 19, 2024.

A 1961 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, Kay later graduated from Manchester College with a bachelor's degree in education and University of Saint Francis with a master's degree in education, and a post-graduate degree in biology. She was a teacher at Crown Point, Goshen and Norwell high schools. Over the years she enjoyed coaching girls' basketball, track, volleyball and cheerleading for a variety of ages.

Kay was involved for several years with the Wells County 4-H Association and the Wells County Homemaker's Club. She competed at the Indiana State Fair multiple times in sewing and was a 4-H sewing and fashion judge for several counties. Her love of learning continued in fashion design at Harper College in Schaumburg, Illinois, where she and Hans spent many years commuting from Bluffton for his work. Kay also volunteered with the Wells County Mental Health Association, and she was a member of the Warren Church of Christ.

Kay loved spending time with her grandchildren, children, family and friends. She also enjoyed substitute teaching, being a Sunday School teacher, foster parenting, taking on new projects, new skills and had a love of learning for as long as she could.

Survivors include a son, Brian (Katia) Manges of Chesterfield, Virginia; a daughter, Kelly (Troy) Leye of Monroe; three grandchildren, Makayla (Jason) Cook, Curt Leye and Georgia (Jordan) Patterson; a great-grandchild, Axton Cook; and a sister, Mary Schlotterback of Albion.

In addition to her husband and parents, Kay was preceded in death by a sister, LaWanta Sue Weeks; two brothers, Thomas J. Hively and William "Bill" Hively; and a brother-in-law, Terry Schlotterback.

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at Goodwin - Harnish Funeral Home in Bluffton. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, immediately following the visitation, with retired pastor and chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorial contributions can be made to Heritage Pointe of Warren in honor of over six years of good care and encouragement from the staff, not only to Kay, but also her family.



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my room key had mysteriously disappeared. I had not memorized the room number. Instead of receiving help at the hotel registration counter, I chose an elevator that looked familiar, even though they all looked alike. This vertical conveyor had no panel for room stops! This added to my emotional turmoil! It went directly to the penthouse. No reservation—No entry! The descent lasted forever.

By this time I was becoming frantic, overwhelmed emotionally, and afraid that I would never be able to rejoin my wife. She might be worried about me, but was probably sleeping or watching TV. I was a mess and nearly crying when I located the hotel registration desk. A hotel employee checked my ID card, issued me a new room key, directed me to the proper elevator, and produced a small box of Kleenex. I was very thankful for that assistance and especially the latter item. It must have been appreciated because when the alarm went off at 7:30, my eyes had remnants of tears in them.

### BURST PIPES AND BUSTED LIGHTS: AVOIDING HOLIDAY HOME REPAIR DISASTERS

(StatePoint) As the weather turns colder and the holidays draw near, many of us are making a home maintenance list and checking it twice.

From weatherizing pipes to tackling simple fixes, T-Rex brand, a leading manufacturer of premium repair tapes, finds that nearly 60% of Americans live in “weekend project mode” or consider their house a full-time job in fall and winter. Despite their efforts, more than half of people say they’ve experienced a home repair disaster right before or during the holidays and they’ve even had to make an

urgent repair in the cold wearing pajamas “because it couldn’t wait.”

“We found the average American spends six to 15 hours a month this time of year on seasonal upkeep; yet, home hiccups still happen frequently when they least expect it, mainly due to extreme cold, rain and strong winds,” Kerry Haugh, director of marketing for T-Rex Tape, says. “Most people compare the stress of last-minute repairs to last-minute gift shopping, saying they both equally give them gray hairs around the holidays.”

To help you stay ahead of holiday home headaches, T-Rex Tape is sharing insights on how to be prepared when maintenance or repair issues inevitably arise.

#### Prioritize Like a Pro

The survey shows that Americans prioritize repairs like fixing leaky faucets and pipes (57%) and minor roof leaks (55%), while often skipping or delaying less urgent projects, like repairing clogged gutters and small cracks in walls or siding. With that in mind, break repairs into “fix now” and “fix later” lists. Tackle timely problems first, such as placing temporary patches and seals on leaks to stop further damage from occurring, then schedule less critical projects for a later date so that nothing is forgotten during the holiday bustle.

#### Embrace Your Inner DIYer

A tough repair doesn’t always require a tough bill. Seventy percent of people say they have \$300 or less set aside for surprise fall and winter fixes – so it comes as no surprise that 74% choose to DIY it when repairs are needed in colder weather, while more than half ask family and friends for help to save money. The good news is that many repairs are easy. For instance, foam weatherstrip seals and window insulation kits can be quickly and easily installed to block climate-controlled air from escaping through drafty doors or windows, while gutter guards can help

prevent clogs from leaves and debris.

#### Build a Simple Fix Survival Kit

Homeowners say gutters, roofs, car parts, snow shovels and outdoor lighting are the first to break when the first big cold front approaches. When seasonal repairs hit, more than 80% of people rely on heavy-duty duct tape as their secret weapon to make a quick fix. Among their must-have items to keep in the toolbox, 73% choose waterproof repair tape, like T-Rex Ferociously Strong Waterproof and Repair Tape, to go alongside recommended items like weatherproof caulk, tarps or plastic sheeting, a headlamp with spare batteries, and rock salt to prevent slips when DIY takes them outside.

For more information about T-Rex brand tape, visit [www.trextape.com](http://www.trextape.com).

“100% of survey respondents said they’ve experienced an ‘oh no’ incident that required an immediate repair, so it’s not a matter of ‘if’ it will happen, but ‘when,’” Haugh says. “Expecting the unexpected and understanding what’s most likely to break, as well as having the right fix-all tools and mindset, will keep you prepared to make reliable, fast fixes during the holiday season and beyond.”

### HOLIDAY HEALTH CHECK: TIPS TO PREVENT MUSCLE DECLINE DURING WEIGHT LOSS

(StatePoint) As the holiday season rolls in, with its festive feasts, travel plans and cozy indulgences, it’s easy to let your health goals slip into the New Year’s resolutions pile. But while you’re managing your weight or trying the latest trending diets, there’s one vital part of

your health that deserves extra attention this time of year: your muscles.

In today’s world of trending weight-loss hacks, shedding pounds has never seemed more accessible. But while the number on the scale may drop, there’s an important — and often overlooked — part of your health that might be taking a hit: your muscle mass.

From miracle diets to powerful GLP-1 weight loss injections, millions of people are embracing today’s science to achieve rapid weight loss — but many report significant muscle loss, too. In fact, studies show that up to 40% of weight loss can come from muscle, not fat.

And muscle loss isn’t just a fitness issue, it impacts your metabolism, energy levels, balance, and long-term ability to stay active and independent. During the holidays, when rich foods and busy schedules collide, supporting muscle health becomes especially important for staying strong, energized and resilient.

Whether you’re trying to maintain your weight through the season or jumpstart healthier habits, here are some smart ways to keep your muscle mass merry and bright:

- Prioritize protein in your diet
- Incorporate strength training at least 2–3 times per week
- Stay active daily — even light movement helps
- Focus on nutrient-rich whole foods over strict calorie counting
- Incorporate a krill oil supplement into your daily routine, it’s been shown to help preserve muscle and support sustainable weight loss

Krill Oil: Protecting Muscle During Weight Loss

Did you know that krill oil naturally supports muscle function, enhances movement and protects joints? It also helps combat aging, oxidative stress and inflammation at the cellular level. Backed by science, krill oil offers a proactive way to maintain muscle health — key to aging well.

Recent research has shown that krill oil supplementation can help preserve muscle strength and fat-free mass during dieting, particularly when paired with strategies like alternate-day fasting. In overweight and obese adults, krill oil supported functional strength, reduced inflammation, and helped ensure that weight loss did not come at the expense of muscle mass, protecting metabolism and long-term health.

Unlike typical omega-3 sources, krill oil delivers a natural complex of phospholipids, omega-3s, choline and astaxanthin in their most bioavailable form — nutrients that work synergistically at the cellular level to support muscle, metabolism and overall wellness.

To learn more, visit <https://www.superbakrill.com/blog/how-krill-oil-can-help-address-a-hidden-risk-in-weight-loss-muscle-loss>.

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of health: keep your muscles strong, your metabolism humming, and your body ready to take on the new year.

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