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Thought for the Week: We touch other peoples lives simply by existing. J. K. Rowling

FISH & CHICKEN SUPPER

Liberty Center Community Church, formerly known as the Methodist Church will sponsor an all you can eat fish and chicken supper on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the church. The meat will be prepared by Dan's Fish Fry Service. The supper will be held from 4-7 pm. Adult ticket price is \$14.00, children 6-12 is \$7.00, 5 and under is free. All proceeds will go to church projects. The supper consists of fish/and or chicken, green beans, applesauce, drink and dessert.

FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY

Scarecrow Festival is This Week!

If it is FUN you wish to seek...

Then join us on the streets downtown

You could dress up and be a clown

Or you could be what 'ere you choose

If you don't show up, then you'll lose!

You'll lose an evening full of fun

As you'll agree, when day is done!

Circle October 24th on your Calendar 6-8pm!

Come One, Come All to Warren's Fall SPOOKTACULAR Event! Enjoy the Scarecrows & tasting the best Chili around. Kicking off the Festivities with a Costume parade at 6pm @ the corner of 3rd & Wayne Streets. Family Friendly activities and treats will be lining the streets. The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Scarecrow Festival and encourages local businesses and organizations

to participate. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a free game or activity and provide treats for the trick or treaters! Parents Bring Backpacks for Treats to keep your hands free for fun & games. Along with the Chili Cookoff & Local Restaurants there will be Food Trucks to keep your families happy.

For more information, please call Bippus State Bank of Warren @ 260-375-2265 or email pbustos@bippusbank.com. If you've been busy & craftiness is your style, please call to check if late Scarecrow or Chili entries are accepted!

This is an Outside Event only, weather permitting. The Event is Friday, October 24th, 6-8pm. Check out our Facebook page "Warren Scarecrow Festival" for updates.

VB TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Calling all little monsters... Van Buren will have Trick or Treat on Halloween from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM!

NEW DNR LICENSE SYSTEM

Be ready for deer firearms season with new DNR license system.

It's deer hunting season, with firearms season beginning on Nov. 15, just one month away.

DNR launched a new license system last December. The new system is accessible at GoOutdoorsIN.com. DNR anticipates very high traffic to this system during the

next several weeks, especially Nov. 14-16.

Hunters are encouraged to log in soon, verify their personal information, and familiarize themselves with the new site. This leaves time for hunters to reach out to DNR or visit a retailer if they encounter issues online.

The following resources are available to help hunters learn the new license system:

- * Help section of GoOutdoorsIN.com - bottom left of the home page (no need to log in)

- * How to link a youth account: PDF and video

- * For questions about checking in game, one's online account, or license-purchasing errors, call 317-232-4200 or 877-463-6367 or email INHuntFish@dnr.IN.gov.

VETERAN CELEBRATION

Inviting all Veterans, Active-Duty Military & their Families and Passed Veterans' Families to a Veteran's Celebration on Sunday, November 2nd.

Solid Rock Church is hosting the annual Patriotic ceremony. A complimentary dinner will be served at 5:00 pm followed by an Armed Forces Tribute opening with Huntington's JROTC Color Guard, The Erie Band, Hallelujah Hands, Larry Ryan, Bonnie Meyers, "A Few Good Men", and more! Please share your talents by playing an instrument, singing a special song, and or sharing a favorite verse to honor our Military.

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CO-ED SOFTBALL FINALS

The Warren Baseball & Softball league finished up their 2025 season with the co-ed adult Slowpitch Softball Championship on Tuesday, October 14th. This is a 17 and up league with all proceeds going directly to the kids of WBSL keeping entry fees low for parents.

First off I would like to Thank the Town of Warren for use of the facilities. The Town Council for their continued support, Park Workers, Solid Rock Concessions, Brandon Gardner for dragging the fields, and everyone else who helped with the diamonds in any way. Thanks to everyone who helped gather the field flags, mats and balls when each night's games was over. I really appreciate all who did this because it saved me a lot of walking at the end of the night.

Thank you to all who helped with umping in the tourney including James Loftis and John Stanley who ran things for the night as well, I appreciate you all!!

Tower Park saw well over 240 WBSL games this season and I give a HUGE Shout Out to WBSL Board Members James Loftis, Laura Mossburg, Jessica Stucky, and Matt Zavattaro for another successful season. Looking forward to 2026.

Finishing in 1st Place (pictured above) getting the big trophy as well as \$100 off next year's entry fee was "Fug-Fue" with team members: Jason Garrison, Mary Jackson, Cassie Staley, Autumn Staley, Tony Land, Zoey Stanley, Elliot Lesperance, Ian Brodrick, Cody Jones, Aidan Thornburgh, Nate Larkin, Scott Broderick, Natalea Tomlinson, Morgan Miller, Kaylynn Skinner,

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Should I Take Social Security Now, or at age 70?

Dear Rusty: I was born in April 1958, and my plan has been to take my Social Security at age 70. However, my sister-in-law says that it is smarter to take it now while I am still working. I will be 70 in 2.5 years. Her husband collects his SS and has kept working. She believes their strategy will net more money than mine due to the fact he has continued to pay into the system, and she believes it has super boosted his monthly benefit. What say you? BTW, Lord willing and the creek don't rise I plan on living at least till 87. Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning: You have already reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), so you can earn as much as possible without your SS benefit being negatively affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test. In fact, if your current earnings are among the highest over your lifetime, your SS benefit amount will continue to increase because of your higher current earnings. You are now also earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs), which will improve your monthly amount by .67% for each month (8% for each full year) you delay. That means that if you wait and claim at 70 you will get about 127% of what you would have gotten had you claimed at your FRA of 66 years and 8 months (plus you'll also get all COLA increases which occur between now and then). So your life expectancy is key.

It usually takes about 12 years to breakeven moneywise by claiming at age 70 vs. at FRA. In other words, if you claim at 70 instead of FRA, you'll have received the same amount of SS money after you are 82. Thus, if your life expectancy is greater than age 82, you'll get more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until 70 to claim. Of course, no one really knows how long they will live, so it is a judgement you need to make. "Average" life expectancy for a man your current age is about age 84, but if you'd like to get a more personalized longevity estimate you can use this tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>

Another thing to keep in mind is whether your wife will get a widow's benefit if you die first. A widow will get the higher of either her own SS retirement benefit, or the husband's benefit amount when he died. So, if you claim at age 70, your surviving spouse will benefit (if her own

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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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
Handicap Accessible
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 GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
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.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
727 N Wayne St, Warren
260-375-2811
office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
Pastor Mark Joyner
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
Bus Service 375-2510
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
3147 W 543 S, Huntington
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
1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

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Pastor Diane Samuels
Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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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
260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy
Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45
Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
375-2102
www.firstccw.net
Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
Takarra Myers, Youth Director
office@firstccw.net
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday School during
Worship Service
Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Slater, Pastor
Jim Knight, Superintendent
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30a.m.
Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
765-934-1431
Pastor Brad Hensley
vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45am
Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
Tara Bower - Secretary
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 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 Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Please call 260-375-4505 to schedule your talent and position in the entertainment lineup.

Our Veterans & Active Duty deserve support & praise always! We are excited to start November off by honoring our Veterans, Sunday, November 2nd to help bring awareness to Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11th.

You are welcome to wear your military uniform. Photos in Uniform, "In Action", or in a casual setting along with your Branch of Service, dates of when and where you are currently serving or have served, will be displayed along with 200 + Veterans' photos on a rolling video during the event. The photo and info may be emailed or scanned at Bolinger's Propane Service, located at 115 N. Wayne St. in Warren by Wednesday, October 29th @ 5pm. Please email ginac@agbest.com or call 260-375-4505 or 260-917-1707 to RSVP, send your photo & info, to schedule your talent. Currently there are 200+ Military troops on the Tribute Video; there is always room for More!

Solid Rock Church is located at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, across from Heritage Point. Walk-ins are Welcome. Everyone is Invited to attend this Celebration to show support to our Military. Thank you, Veterans, and Active-Duty Military for ALL you do for our Country, God Bless America!

DONATE DEER

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Indiana hunters to donate harvested deer to help feed Hoosiers in need.

"Venison harvested through hunting is an important source of nourishment for Hoosier families," said Col. Steve Hunter, director of DNR Law Enforcement. "Through Hunt for Hunger, hunters can donate a deer

and expand that generous impact to even more Hoosiers in need across the state."

Hunt for Hunger, a program administered by the DNR Division of Law Enforcement, provides grants to the division's nonprofit partners, including Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, the Dubois County Sportsmen Club, and Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry, to pay for meat processing fees when hunters donate legally harvested deer.

Participating in the program is simple:

1. Enjoy a deer hunting experience.
2. Harvest a deer.
3. Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor.
4. Processing fees are paid for by Hunt for Hunger (no cost to the donating hunter).
5. The processor creates healthy venison burger to distribute to food banks.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Hunt for Hunger processors. The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries.

More than 500,000 pounds of venison have been donated by Hoosier hunters

since the program's inception in 2008.

For information on donating harvested deer and a list of participating processors, please visit on.IN.gov/huntforhunger.

HONOR ROLL

Students achieving Honor Roll status at Southern Wells Jr/Sr High School for the 1st quarter of the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

12th grade High Honor - Kolbie Beavans, Cambree Coleman, Jarin Frauhiger, Addison Gaskill, Kane Jenkins, Ronan Jump, Isabella Maul, Jonathan McMillan, Hayden Morgan, Lillian Pence and Kyah Thomas.

12th grade Honor - Peyton Bertsch, Bristal Chapman, Korbin Eltzroth, Kaitlynn Gardner, Miles Garrett, Lilly Gartin, Lillian Mahorney, Miley Martin, Anthony Mills, and MacKenzie Taylor

11th grade High Honor - Balzhan Adilova, Joshua Aulbach, Cash Banter, Aliah Carroll, Bento Barbosa, Joseph Ebey, Johnathan Osbron, Trinidy Robinson and Miranda Slobe.

11th grade Honor - Kelton Barr, AJ Bryant, DJ Clifton, Kaylea Coffel, Dirk Frauhiger, Milan Frey, Timothy Hamilton, Miranda Holloway, Gavin Howell, Landon Johnson, Samantha Kahn, McKenna King, Carson Liddy,

Aubree Meyer, Chanie McEvoy, Georgia McGalliard, Mounsey, Reagan Needler, Gracieann McGalliard, David Lillia Paxson, Elisabeth McMillan, Lyric McQueary, Penrod, Makyla Pryor, Aubrey Michael, Kylie Catalina Ramirez, Delinda Peterson, Annalyse Roe, Ella Schortgen, Emma Shepard, Schwartz, Timothy Smith, and Bailey Trosper. Logan Tarr, Louis Velasquez

10th grade High Honor - Adam Aulbach, Harlie 8th grade High Honor - Durham, Mallory Gifford, Josiah Bricker, Tenley Madison Grover, Sevoa Fiechter, McKynleigh Flowers, Harris, Olivia Kahn, Violet Liam Leas, Ellie Nichols, McClain, Laren Schneider, Harper Reynolds, Tiffany Drew Steffen, Mia Vanover Smith, Isaac VanDeman and Abigail Zaklikiewicz.

10th grade Honor - Kaleb 8th grade Honor - Carlie Boots, Kaylee Davis, Ellie Billman, Savannah Daughety, DeWeese, Hunter Durham, Ryker Engle, Elsa Franks, Briggs Fiechter, Hallie Alexander Gaskill, Carter Leas, Frauhiger, Jacob Hahn, Hazel Leas, Kegan Leas, Kameron Hawkins, Sophie Morgan Meyer, Aubree Heckman, Mary Huffman, Neuenschwander, Holly Ian James-McCarty, Bailey Pearson, Rhett Tucker, and Jenkins, Drew Lahr, Sarah Weston Zigler.

McFarren, Keely Miller, 7th grade High Honor - Marianne Pease, Evelyn Raelin Bower, Braelyn Boyer, Peterson, Abbie Powell, Charlene Felger, Zane Gates, Clayton Runkle, Chloe Sawin, Ellyann Heim, Olivia Caylee Slentz, Cadence Hoffacker, Sophia Kahn, Anna Watkins, and Kendal McFarren, Tyler Nichols, Elise Zavatarro. Schneider and Ethan Swartz.

9th grade High Honor - Avery Geesaman, Adelyn Barr, Hunter Baumgartner, Heim, Gabriella Hoffacker, Charlie Benedict, Gavin Gwyneth Howell, Logan Leas, Biberstine, Kaden Boxell, Lyla Lyons, Olivia Newman, Owen Boxell, Jaycee Carroll, Lucille Palmer, Amelia Keeton Carroll, Traesyn Dixon, Penrod, Jordan Reynolds, Kali Fiechter, Cash Frauhiger, Adelynn Robles, Grace Branson Kiel Karla Martinez-Rockwell and Grace Rogers Cano, Allie Miller, Vada Palmer, Cooper Reeves, Beavans, Brooklyn Blinn, McKenna Rittenhouse, Colton Caldwell, Landon Blakely Schortgen, Alexis Clifton, Alaina Edmonds, Sunderman, Nessa Weaver Mack Frauhiger, Rylen Gates, and Samantha Zavattaro.

Camryn Hamilton, Maysen Herndon, Kyan Johnson, Chase Kirkwood, Sawyer



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Oct 23 - 29

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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 24	6-8pm	W - Scarecrow Festival
Oct 31		HALLOWEEN
Nov 5	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Nov 5	7pm	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Nov 8	9-2pm	W - Arts & Crafts Marketplace @ KBC
Nov 10	5 pm	W - Town Council Meeting
Nov 11		VETERAN'S DAY
Nov 11	6:30pm	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Nov 17	6:30pm	W - KBC Board Meeting

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

SIGMA PHI

The Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held a regular business meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at the Knight Bergman Center.

Roll was called with members sharing what their favorite fall beverage is. Only one member was absent.

Minutes were read and the treasurer's report given. Several pieces of correspondence were read from International and Province officers.

Our Vice President, Dawn Fowler, will be presenting the chapter by-laws for review so we can make any necessary changes and submit them in November. We voted to assemble more birthday cake mix packages for the Warren Bread of Life Food Pantry.

A letter was received from Youth Services Bureau asking for donations for their annual style show. We voted to donate a raffle prize. The group recently catered a small class reunion for Southern Wells at Dash 90, it was reported all went well and others approached us for future events.

Our baked steak luncheon will be held October 19th from 11 – 1:00 at Knight Bergmann Center. We will meet the Saturday before to prepare the meat and everyone will be available Sunday to serve and clean up after the meal.

A couple of girls submitted artwork for review so we can

design and submit a new t-shirt/sweatshirt order.

The group will have a social meeting on October 21st where we will prepare our game for the Scarecrow Festival to be held on October 24th in Warren.

The next business meeting will be held November 4th.

CHAUTAUQUA

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 year for the Warren Chautauqua Literary Circle was held on October 3, 2025 at the Warren First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Thompson. The club Collect was repeated by the members.

The roll call was taken, with members answering what they are looking forward to. Nancy Bonham introduced her guest, Lee Ann Garrett.

The minutes were read from the last meeting, June 6th. They were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Carmen Anderson. Dues were collected and the 2025-26 program books were given to the members.

There was no old business. As new business, Robyn Groves was welcomed by the ladies as a new member.

Eva Witkamp gave the program entitled, The History of Salamonie School. Starting with 1848, a school building was built where we now call, the Waterworks Plant. In 1864, a building was built where the present

school building now stands, known as the Knight Bergman Civic Center.

She had history of the Class of 1910, in which graduates were recognized as well as the grandparents and relatives. A vast amount of history was given by Eva on the teachers and the builders of the several schools that were built.

In 1925, the present school building was built on Nancy Street. She presented several school handbooks, and yearbooks from the Salamonie School. She read cheers from an early yearbook, lead by a couple members who had been cheerleaders. Eva presented postcards, pictures, and memorabilia from the many years of Salamonie School. She read from the Student Handbook dated about 1967. It stated the expectation for each student from the Huntington South and Huntington North campus.

The Salamonie School's last graduating class was in 1966. Salamonie School continued as grade school until about 1982. The building is now maintained by the volunteer Knight Bergman Civic Center Board and serves as a community building for many activities.

The next meeting will be November 7th at the W FCC Fellowship Hall. The president dismissed the meeting by reading: Happy moments praise God, difficult moments seek God, quiet moments worship God,

painful moments trust God, every moment thank God.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Julie Herron, Melody Williams, and Judy Lewis. Ladies enjoying the afternoon meeting were: Carmen Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Sharon Gebhart, Jean Pond Grasmick, Robyn Groves, Julie Herron, Linda Howell, Suellen Jones, Judy Lewis, Bonnie Meyers, Sandy Schwarzkopf, Mary Sell, Ann Spahr, Pam Stouffs, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Millie Whitinger, Eva Witkamp, Betty Yoder, Carolyn Sparks, and Lee Ann Garrett.

A MYSTERY TRIP TO KENTUCKY DAY 2, PART 1

by Larry Ryan
We awoke early on this Tuesday morning. TV service was limited at Li'l Abner Motel, so bedtime came early last night. After Nature Valley breakfast bars and a 6 oz. Dole Pineapple juice, we packed-up, wiped the heavy dew off the minivan's windows with motel towels, checked-out, and headed towards the

Natural Bridge State Resort Park. It was 8:30 am.

We were the first tourists to the parking lot. It was cool, so I layered clothing and

reluctantly gave my hooded sweatshirt to my wife. She actually needed it more than I did. There was no wind and sunshine was above the tree line; just not where we stood. I paid for two, \$15 veteran-eligible tickets at the gift shop and approached the sky lift.

A twenty something girl, strapped with a backpack, managed to slip in front of us. This allowed us to witness how she was scooped-up by the Riblet double-seated chair and hoisted forward. I was informed by the attendant to stand on the black square and my wife on the red one and slide onto the next chair lift. It happened! This 1967 machinery started us on a gradual incline up the 600 foot climb. It felt like we were floating on air! After the first two-thirds of the trip, the ascent instantly became steeper! The floating sensation ceased.

The attendant at the top instructed us to hop off, get our footing, and quickly move to the right. This final advice was to avoid having the seat hit us in the rear. It was a 20 minute ride. The travel speed was estimated at one-half mph.

After traversing a 150 foot level, but rocky trail,

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Amber Klopfenstein, Kaylee Murrell and Cody Slusher.

Finishing in 2nd Place (pictured below) and getting \$50 off their entry fee next year was "Getting Plowed with the Roush's" with team members: Kari Roush, Joy Bagley, Laura Farr, Dillon Farr, Monique Brown, Kyle Vaught, Clinton Rosen, Amanda Shaw, Kory Shaw, James Stoddard, Jared Wagener, Kevin Chappel, Tre Clemons, Rob Wade, Lauren Godfrey, Morgan Humphrey, Kayla Banter, and Brandi Booher.

Thank you to everyone for playing. See ya next year!

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GENEALOGY REPORT

KANEDY

Brian "Astro" Keith Kanedy, O.G., 64, of Gas City, passed away at 4:35 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Marion on Wednesday, May 24, 1961, to Chester Jones and Nova Mae (Reel) Kingery.

Brian married the love of his life, Sharyl Kanedy, who survives.

He graduated from Marion High School.

Brian was a truck driver with J Trans and SHF Trucking.

He owned and operated BoDawg Express for the last five years.

Brian was a proud member of The Black Hatchets MC, Marion.

He had a lifelong passion for motorcycles. He found joy and freedom on the open road, both as a rider and a dedicated truck driver.

Above all, Brian cherished his family - especially the time spent with his beloved grandchildren.

His heart belonged to his babies, his trucks and his bikes. He lived every day with love and loyalty to them.

Survivors include his wife, Sharyl Kanedy, of Gas City; children, Kristy Habiby, of Indianapolis, Daniel (Megan Warren) Kanedy, of Marion, Samantha (Chad) Holzinger, of Huntington, and Megan Ball, of Van Buren; grandchildren, Sophia, Hailey, Kaitlyn, Alannah, Chrystopher, Gracyn, Nova, Amaya, Steven, Karlie, Logan, Brooklynn and Kalena; siblings, Willa Dean (Jessie) Jones, Nora Ruth Jones, Loretta (Barry) Roach, Christian Joy Jones and Pamela (Rock) Donley; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; his beloved dog and best friend, Bo.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Chester Jones, mother, Nova Mae Kingery, son, Michael Dean Kanedy, sisters, Flora Porter, Mary Franklin, Gwyn Reel and Faye Perez, and brother, Gary Reel.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service,

North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Brian's life will begin at 2 p.m.

Pastor Greg Sweat will be officiating.

WATSON

Norma (Bogue) Kennedy Watson, 93, born on August 16, 1932, in Windfall to Francis Bogue and Afton (Tennell) Bogue, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025.

She grew up in the Gaston area.

Norma graduated from Van Buren High School and Fort Wayne Business School in 1950.

She married Marvin Lee Kennedy on September 29, 1950. They had two sons, Gregory Lee Kennedy, of Muncie, and Jeffery Allen Kennedy, of Muncie.

The family spent many years in the Gaston area attending athletic events and horse shows.

Marvin passed away on May 11, 1991, after 40 years of marriage.

Norma retired in May of 1995 after over 43 years in the accounting department at Borg Warner Corp., Muncie.

On August 10, 1996, she married co-worker, Wendell D. Watson. Together, they enjoyed 14 years of marriage, traveling and remodeling their home.

They were both involved in the founding of Living Hope Church, Gaston.

Wendell passed away on July 3, 2010.

In her free time, Norma enjoyed going to her grandchildren's events, gardening, card clubs, doing crossword puzzles and was an avid reader.

In 2022, she sold her home of 61 years in Gaston and moved to Westminster Village, Muncie.

She is survived by her sons, Gregory Kennedy and Jeffery Kennedy; grandchildren, Heather Coe, Gregory Kennedy Jr., Alicia Kennedy and Derek Kennedy Jr.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Norma also is survived by stepchildren, Chuck (Mary) Watson, of Red Banks, N.J., Marla (Doug) Perdue, of Noblesville, Curt (Linda) Watson, of Carmel, and Anni (Gary) Carter, of Noblesville; stepgrandchildren, Angie (Jason) Hoffman, Emily (Kevin) Keller, Kelen Perdue, Shaun Watson, Graham (Maria) Watson, Cameron (Sara) Carter, Ryan (Mackenzie) Carter and Aaron (Tiffany) Carter; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; stepbrother, Larry Shaw; many nieces and nephews along with their parents.

She was preceded in passing by an infant daughter, Victoria Lynn Kennedy, husbands, Marvin Kennedy and Wendell Watson, and her parents, Seb and Afton Shaw.

Norma will be remembered lovingly by her children and grandchildren for her homemade chicken/noodles and cookies.

Family and friends may gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, 4600 W. Kilgore Ave., Muncie.

A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, Muncie.

MITTLESTEDT

Connie J. Mittlestedt, 77, of Heritage Pointe, Warren,

formerly of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

She was born on January 8, 1948, in Bluffton to Robert Kay McFarren and Marcelle (Sleppy) McFarren.

On May 29, 1964, Connie married Donald L. Mittlestedt at Prairie Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on March 31, 2015.

She was a devoted homemaker who took great pride in caring for her family.

Connie enjoyed sewing and gardening and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life.

Survivors include her children, Robert A. (Tracey) Mittlestedt, of Bluffton, Matthew L. (Connie) Mittlestedt, of Bluffton, Lesia A. (Richards) Wood, of Bluffton, Micheal J. Mittlestedt, of Bluffton, and Christina M. Mittlestedt, of Bluffton; along with eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Connie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald, and her parents.

She was an only child and cherished the close bond she shared with her family throughout her life.

In accordance with Connie's wishes, there will be no services at this time.

A celebration of Life will be at a later date.

METTLER

William "Bill" R. Mettler, 77, of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday evening, October 19, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on December 29, 1947, in Bluffton to Robert E. and Virginia R. (Hughes) Mettler. Bill graduated from Bluffton High School in 1967 and continued his education at Ball State University. He worked as a mail carrier at the Bluffton Post Office for 37 ½ years.

Bill loved athletics and touched the lives of countless youth in the community through his years of coaching and encouragement. He coached in the Bluffton Youth Baseball Program for over 57 years. A proud Bluffton Tiger fan, Bill also coached boys' and girls' middle school basketball and high school girls' softball for many years.

He was a devoted New York Yankees fan and an enthusiastic supporter of Indiana University basketball and football—he never missed a game! Bill was also a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton for more than 50 years, as well as a member of the Elks Lodge #796 of Bluffton, the Bluffton Moose Lodge, and the American Legion Post #111 – S.A.L.

On December 1, 1991, at the First United Methodist Church, Bill married Janis S. (Bates) Mettler.

Survivors include his wife, Janis S. Mettler of Bluffton; a son, Shawn M. Mettler of Fort Wayne; and a daughter, Marci S.I. (Spencer) Copeland of Greenwood, Indiana. He was a loving "Grandpa Bill" to eight grandchildren: Trey Mettler, Kiersten Botts, Kayla Brooks, Lindsey Biers, Ethan Mettler, Sophia Copeland, Cora Copeland, and Callan Copeland. Bill is also survived by his brother, James "Jim" Mettler of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. Mettler (1985) and Virginia R. Mettler (1994); his son, Shane A. Mettler (2004); and his brother, Jack L. Mettler (2022).

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with Rev. Ed Fisher officiating. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

An Elks Lodge #796 Memorial Service will take place at the conclusion of calling hours on Friday at the funeral home.

To honor Bill's love for his New York Yankees and Indiana Hoosiers, friends are encouraged to dress in their favorite Yankees or Hoosiers attire.

Memorials may be made in Bill's memory to the First United Methodist Church or the Bluffton Youth Baseball Program and can be sent to the funeral home.

Thank You!

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complete with a wood hand rail, we reached the immense, sandstone natural bridge. There were no side barriers. It was at least 75 feet long, 8-10 feet wide, and 65 feet above the rest of the mountain. Water had washed out the understructure years ago. There were man-created steps to walk down under the bridge, but I vetoed that thought at my age. That trek also included a narrow-wall path called, "Fat Man's Squeeze." I wonder how many people have been stuck and needed EMS. Six walking trails descend from the bridge. Twenty minutes later, the sky lift was relocated and the descent was smooth sailing.

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

This Veterans Day, Indiana communities are invited to join a powerful national movement—Operation Green Light for Veterans—by illuminating buildings, homes, and landmarks in green from November 4–11, 2025.

Why Green?

The green light is a symbol of hope, support, and recognition for the sacrifices made by our veterans. It's a simple but meaningful way to show that they are seen, appreciated, and supported—not just on Veterans Day, but every day.

Let's light up Indiana in green and show our veterans they are not alone.

For more information and resources, visit naco.org/operationgreenlight

America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members have access to the resources they need to thrive.

This Veteran's Day, we will celebrate the fifth

anniversary of Operation Green Light. The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO) invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs to join us in showing support for veterans by lighting our buildings green from November 4–11, 2025. By shining a green light, county governments and our residents will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Indiana Unclaimed Property Division on pace to break all-time annual record, returning over \$77 million to Hoosiers already this year. Attorney General Todd Rokita says Hoosiers deserve their hard-earned money back in their pockets.

Attorney General Todd Rokita announced that with just 12 weeks remaining in 2025, Indiana's Unclaimed Property Division, led by Amy Hendrix, is on track to surpass its all-time annual record for returning unclaimed funds to rightful owners. The division has already returned over \$77 million in 2025, surpassing last year's amount of \$72 million, the second highest year, and is projected to easily exceed the 2023 record of \$81 million by year's end. Hoosiers across the state are reclaiming assets long held by the state.

Despite this success, Attorney General Rokita emphasized that many individuals remain unaware of funds waiting for them, driving the division's mission. "Our team is relentlessly driven to reconnect every dollar with its owner to provide a financial boost for hardworking families, businesses, and communities," said Attorney General Rokita. "Returning unclaimed property isn't just

our job—it's a mission to restore what's yours."

Examples of unclaimed property include:

- * Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safety deposit box contents
- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- Overpayments such as:
- Credit card balances
- Cell phone bills
- * BMV payments.

How to keep your property from going unclaimed:

- * Keep a record of all bank accounts.
- * Cash all checks promptly.
- * Change address form with the US Postal Service when moving
- * Open all the mail (in case there is a due diligence letter from the company holding their funds)
- * Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.
- * Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.

New property is added to indianaunclaimed.gov regularly. With nearly a billion dollars waiting to be claimed, Attorney General Rokita encourages everyone to spread the word to friends, family, coworkers, or others. Visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.in.gov.

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SS is smaller) because you waited until 70 for your higher SS amount. Just something else to keep in mind.

Yet another is whether your wife will be entitled to a higher benefit as your spouse while you are both living. (FYI, a spouse will get a "spousal boost" if her own SS retirement benefit at FRA is less than 50% of her spouse's FRA entitlement). If so, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit until you take your own SS retirement benefit. If your wife will be entitled to more as your spouse while you are both living, then delaying until age 70 means your wife cannot collect her higher spousal amount until you claim. Depending on your financial needs as a couple, that may affect your decision as well.

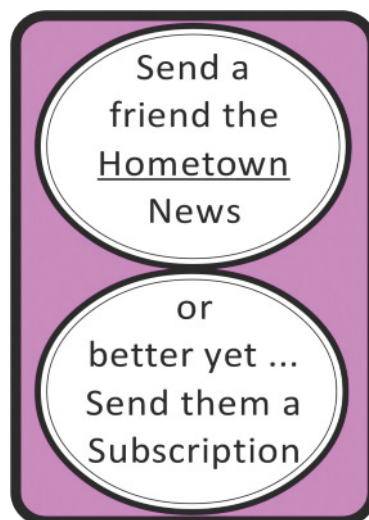
When to claim is always a judgement call which should consider your life expectancy, your financial needs, and your marital status. If you don't need the SS money now (while you are working) and believe you will, indeed, live "at least till 87," then waiting would likely be your best long-term decision. If you have doubts about your life expectancy, and/or if your wife will substantially benefit from a "spousal boost" if you claim earlier, then claiming now would also be a wise choice.

Finally, it's also important to understand that your SS benefits may be taxable by the IRS and, if you are still working, your IRS tax rate will likely be higher now than it would be after you retire from working. (Note: The so-called "one big, beautiful bill" provides only temporary tax relief (thru 2028) on SS benefits - the IRS will still tax SS benefits but also allow a separate tax deduction to offset those SS taxes you pay).

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